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What kind of energy does Chile use?

Chile has the potential to run exclusively on renewable generation, with an estimated energy mix of 46% solar, 31% wind, 12% hydroelectric, and 8% flexible natural gas power plants, as well as 23% of battery storage capacity. The remaining 2% is split between biomass, geothermal, and other less common energy sources.

Why is Chile pursuing energy storage in Antofagasta?

Chilean president Gabriel Boric (centre) at the inauguration of an energy storage plant in the northern region of Antofagasta in April 2024. Chile has strong conditions for wind and solar energy, and is pursuing storage to help overcome intermittent supply (Image: Ximena Navarro /Dirección de Prensa, Presidencia de la República de Chile)

How many energy storage projects are in Chile?

Currently, 36 of the 129 large-scale projects in Latin America with an energy storage component under development are in Chile, including 32 out of 71 of the region's early works projects. The storage technologies either in use or being considered include:

How much solar energy does Chile produce?

Optimal use of finite resources Solar energy represents 26% of the total electricity capacity of Chile, accounting for 9.0 GW (2023). In 2023, 20% of Chile's electricity generation was solar-based. In the case of the UK, 3.1 GW was produced in 2023 by solar power representing a 4.9% contribution to the UK national grid.

This study analyses renewable energy resources, infrastructure, and practical options to accelerate the energy transition and unlock Chile's potential as an exporter of renewable energy and ...

Chile is rapidly moving to build more power generation capacity, with much of that effort focused on renewable energy resources and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

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With high shares of solar and wind power, Chile is a pioneer in the global energy transition away from carbon, navigating the complex process of maintaining acceptable balance ...

Variable renewable energy reached its highest-ever share of Chile's power system, while grid connections hit their strongest level since 2021, driven mainly by the rapid deployment of battery ...

Chile will need new renewable energy storage systems to replace its current backup capacity of coal-fired plants and natural gas-powered combined cycle turbines and improve the ...

The importance of having enough energy storage capacity is clear from the rising amounts of curtailment observed in Chile's power grid. According to ACERA, Chile's National Renewable Energy Industry ...

Chile has emerged as a world leader in hybrid systems and standalone energy storage since implementing its Renewable Energy Storage and Electromobility Act in 2022. Ensuring projects ...

To keep up the momentum, policymakers enacted the Energy Transition Law in December 2024. The legislation includes measures aimed at speeding up investments in the power ...

Chile aims to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Power generation companies have formally committed to retiring thermal power plants by 2040. Also, among the top government programs outlined to support ...

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