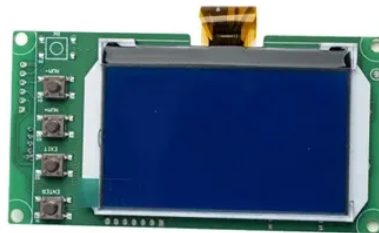
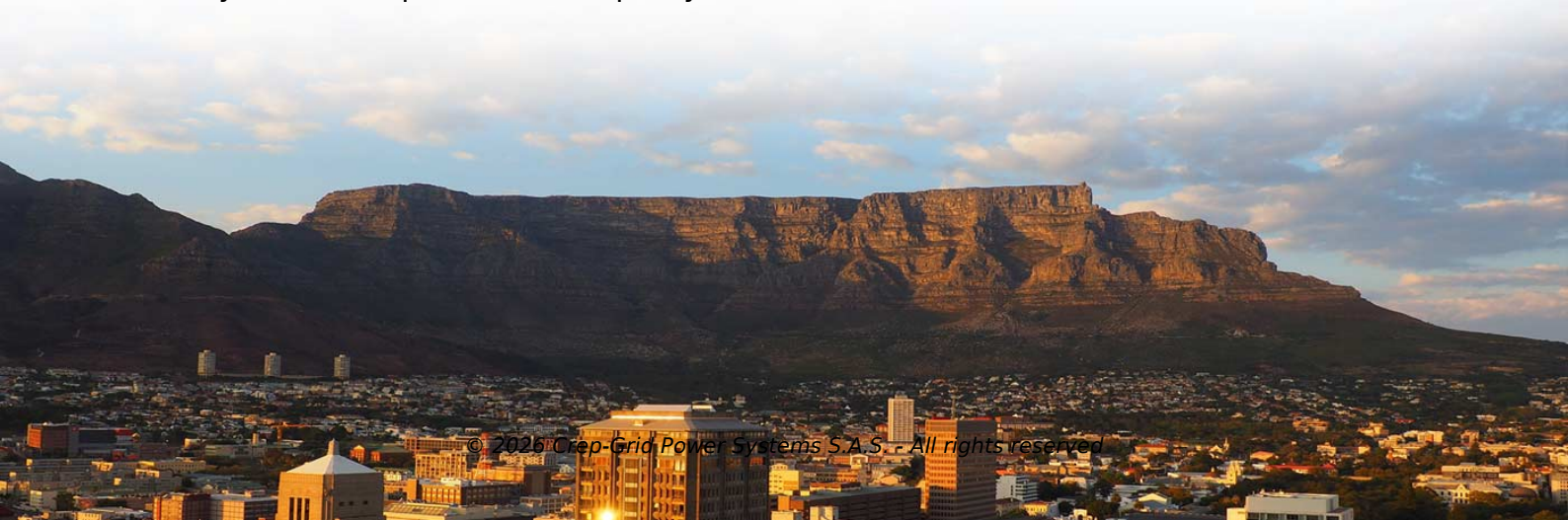


How many GW of solar panels are there



Overview

Global solar capacity reached ~2,392 GW by end-2025, after the addition of 510 GW in a single year — the largest annual addition ever recorded for any energy technology, according to IRENA's Renewable Capacity Statistics 2026. Cumulative capacity of solar panels (photovoltaics) in gigawatts (GW). The renewable power capacity data represents the maximum net generating capacity of power plants and other installations that use renewable. Ember's analysis of the latest data on monthly capacity installations shows that the world is on track to reach 593 GW of solar installations by the end of this year. This would once again surpass most industry forecasts, and comes after 2023 showed record growth in solar installations of 86%. The world currently has a cumulative solar energy capacity of 850. 4% of our global energy comes from solar power. China generates more solar energy than any other country, with a current capacity of 308. IRENA (2025) – processed by Our World in Data The renewable power capacity data. Solar photovoltaics added 510 GW of new capacity in 2025 alone — more than all the solar capacity humanity had installed in the entire period before 2016 — pushing global installed solar capacity to approximately 2,392 GW and generating around 2,800 TWh of electricity, over 8% of global power. In 2025, global annual renewable capacity additions increased by 16%, reaching 800 GW despite challenges linked to supply chain strains, grid connection delays, financial pressures and policy shifts.



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Ember estimates that at the current rate of additions, the world will install 593 GW of solar panels this year. That's 29% more than was installed last year, maintaining strong growth even

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There has been an uptick in imported solar cells and panels from Ethiopia in the last year. Toyo recently completed a 4-GW cell factory in the country and has been importing its own

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How Many Solar Panels To Produce A Gigawatt? (October 2025)

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It's estimated that 1.5 GW to 2 GW of floating solar PV power was installed globally in 2025, and that brought the cumulative installed capacity to more than 10 GW.

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