



# Average BESS price per 1MW in Canada

How much does a Bess battery cost?

Factoring in these costs from the beginning ensures there are no unexpected expenses when the battery reaches the end of its useful life. To better understand BESS costs, it's useful to look at the cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) stored. As of recent data, the average cost of a BESS is approximately \$400-\$600 per kWh. Here's a simple breakdown:

How much does Bess cost?

The cost of BESS has fallen significantly over the past decade, with more precipitous drops in recent years: This is nearly a 70% reduction in three years, owing to falling battery pack prices (now as low as \$60-70/kWh in China), increased deployment, and improved efficiency.

How much does Bess cost in China?

It is nonetheless still eye-opening to note just how big those differences in cost are. The average for a turnkey system in China including 1-hour, 2-hour and 4-hour duration BESS was just US\$101/kWh. In the US, the average was US\$236/kWh and in Europe US\$275/kWh, more than double China's average cost.

What factors affect the cost of a Bess system?

Several factors can influence the cost of a BESS, including: Larger systems cost more, but they often provide better value per kWh due to economies of scale. For instance, utility-scale projects benefit from bulk purchasing and reduced per-unit costs compared to residential installations. Costs can vary depending on where the system is installed.

How do containerised Bess costs change over time?

How containerised BESS costs change over time. Grid connection costs. Balance of Plant (BOP) costs. Operation and maintenance (O&M) costs. And the time taken for projects to progress from construction to commercial operations. Other variables add costs to projects.

How much energy storage does Canada need?

Canada's current installed capacity of energy storage is approximately 1 GW. Per Energy Storage Canada's 2022 report, Energy Storage: A Key Net Zero Pathway in Canada, Canada is going to need at least 8 - 12 GW to ensure the country reaches its 2035 goals.

Current costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Feldman et al., 2021). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major ...



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