



# Energy storage installed capacity forecast for the next few years

What is the future of energy storage?

Global installed energy storage is on a steep upward trajectory. From just under 0.5 terawatts (TW) in 2024, total capacity is expected to rise ninefold to over 4 TW by 2040, driven by battery energy storage systems (BESS). Last year saw a record-breaking 200 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of new BESS projects coming online, a growth rate of 80%.

How much energy storage is being deployed in 2024?

Over 12.3 GW and 37.1 GWh of energy storage was deployed in the U.S. in 2024, Wood Mackenzie and the American Clean Power Association (ACP) reported. This represents 33% and 34% growth respectively over 2023 totals. Grid-scale storage deployments alone are expected to reach 13.3 GW in 2025.

Should energy storage be developed?

Developing energy storage has become a global consensus. It was announced at COP29 in late 2024 that global storage capacity will increase to 1,500 GW by 2030, more than six times the 2022 level. As a result, InfoLink maintains a cautiously optimistic outlook for the medium- to long-term development of energy storage systems.

How did energy storage perform in Q4 2024?

Residential energy storage had a boom year for growth, deploying 1.25 GW in 2024, a 57% leap above 2023 totals. Residential battery installers had a record quarter in Q4 2024, rising 6% quarter-over-quarter by deploying 380 MW. Community, commercial and industrial storage also grew year-over-year, rising 22% to 145 MW deployed.

Will 9% of energy storage capacity be added by 2030?

We added 9% of energy storage capacity (in GW terms) by 2030 globally as a buffer. The buffer addresses uncertainties, such as markets where we lack visibility and where more ambitious policies may develop that we haven't predicted. We revised our buffer calculation methodology in this market outlook.

How big will energy storage be in 2025?

Grid-scale storage deployments alone are expected to reach 13.3 GW in 2025. Across all segments, Wood Mackenzie expects 15 GW of storage deployments, growing another 25% over the record year of 2024. "Energy storage has entered a new phase of growth with its first year of double-digit deployment.



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