

# Wind power generation without subsidies

How much do wind and renewables get subsidized?

The wind subsidies were also about double the subsidies for natural gas and petroleum liquids and about 6.5 times greater than nuclear subsidies. Renewables received 46 percent of overall power subsidies, despite constituting a very small portion of overall power generation. This isn't subsidies per kilowatt hour of generation.

Can offshore wind power survive without subsidies?

Offshore wind power has often been assumed to be costly and dependent on subsidies to survive. Using the latest auction data from five European countries Jansen et al. show that in mature markets offshore wind is already competitive without subsidies.

Are offshore wind technologies subsidy-free?

We aggregate data on auction settings and results, showing that current offshore wind technologies at good sites in mature markets have implied prices of less than EUR50 MWh<sup>-1</sup>, which is likely to be subsidy-free or negative-subsidy depending on future power prices. Five countries in Europe have held auctions for offshore wind capacity.

Can wind farms be built without government support?

It is possible that future wind farm developers will aim to build 'merchant' offshore wind farms without financial support, completely free of government support. However, the development costs may rise as wind farms move to less favourable locations or to less mature technologies.

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But today, solar and wind are increasingly thriving on their own economic merits. According to Lazard's 2025 Levelized Cost of Energy+ report, utility-scale solar and onshore wind are now the most cost ...

Wind power is already competitive with fossil fuels without additional financial help, but other measures don't reach the same level. Commercialization attempts have failed, and despite ...

Wind and Solar Energy Are Cheaper Than Electricity from Fossil-Fuel Plants Even without subsidies, renewable energy is staying competitive with power from gas and coal

Rising demand, falling costs, and limited alternatives suggest renewables can stand on their own. The renewable energy sector has faced a major adjustment: long-standing subsidies for ...

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 modified those subsidies, creating a "temporary" production tax credit for wind power and certain types of biomass generation. Congress also enacted an ...

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vary. Wind power companies operating without subsidies or long-term contracts ...

Wind power generation has exploded over the last few decades! It's become a normal source of renewable energy across the world. What drove this growth? Heavy government subsidies. ...

The two main tax credits used by the wind and solar industries have been in place since 1992 and 2005, respectively. These have been kept alive through multiple extensions. But the latest ...

Here, we harmonize the auction results from five countries based on their design features, showing that offshore wind power generation can be considered commercially competitive in mature ...

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