



# United Kingdom Benefiting from Solar Energy

Why is the UK relying on solar energy?

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How much solar energy does the UK use?

In 2023, solar energy produced 13,826 gigawatts of electricity. In 2013, the UK consumed more than 1.44 exajoules of renewable energy - a unit of measurement equal to 10<sup>18</sup> joules of energy. As of April 2024, around two-fifths (40.6%) of the UK's energy and half (50.4%) of the UK's electricity came from renewable sources.

What are the benefits of solar power?

Apart from the financial benefits that solar offers, the environmental benefits are huge - lowered greenhouse gas emissions, the ability to generate power even on cloudy days and lower reliance on foreign energy sources such as gas or oil.

Are solar panels a good investment?

In fact, in the UK, properties that have installed solar panel systems can sell up to 20% quicker than other properties. There are multiple significant benefits of solar energy, but solar is not a perfect energy source and there are several considerations to keep in mind before investing in a system or buying solar panels for your property.

How much energy does the UK produce in 2024?

In April 2024, around three-tenths (29.7%) of the UK's energy was produced by wind power. Solar energy made up 4.5% of the UK's energy production in April 2024. Throughout 2022, England produced just over half (52%) of the UK's renewable energy.

Will the UK be powered entirely by 'clean electricity' by 2035?

The Strategy includes the ambition for the UK to be powered entirely by 'clean electricity' (which includes from nuclear power as well as renewables), subject to security of supply, by 2035.

With supportive policies and incentives for consumers and suppliers alike, the UK can carve out its place at the forefront of the global move to net zero by adopting solar energy as a core component of the country's energy portfolio.

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The summer heatwave of 2022 meant that solar power also increased its contribution, to 4.4%. Biomass accounted for 5.2%, and hydro 1.8%. Generation from solar photovoltaics has benefited from government subsidies and the declining cost of panels over the last decade, with capacity increasing from

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