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Solar on-site energy storage 8 million



Overview

What is the largest solar & storage facility in the US?

AES just completed the first half of Bellefield, which will become the largest solar + storage facility in the US. The 1,000-megawatt (MW) Bellefield 1 project in Kern County, California, includes 500 MW of solar and 500 MW of four-hour battery storage, all under a 15-year contract with Amazon.

How has solar-plus-storage helped keep the lights on?

Adding 19 GW of solar and 6.2 GW of storage since 2019 helped keep the lights on – an 800% increase in solar and 5,500% increase in battery storage over that period. Solar-plus-storage is solving demand growth by providing reliable power when the grid needs it most – during peak hours.

What percentage of new residential solar capacity is paired with storage?

Over 28% of all new residential solar capacity was paired with storage in 2024, compared to under 12% in 2023. California's shift in net metering policy and state incentives for solar+storage in other markets have driven attachment rates up in recent quarters.

Can solar-plus-storage meet rising demand without gas?

Energy Innovation analysis shows clean energy can come online fast enough to meet rising demand without needing gas to fill the gap, and solar-plus-storage has stepped up.

How has natural disasters impacted solar storage?

Loss of power during natural disasters has also driven demand for storage. Over 1.1 GW of residential solar were installed in Q1 2025, a 4% decline compared to Q4 2024 and a 13% year-over-year drop. Demand has been driven by increasing electricity bills and power outages.

Is solar energy the cheapest and fastest-to-build option?

Many utilities have embraced gas, or promoted restarting closed coal or nuclear plants, but that overlooks the cheapest and fastest-to-build option – solar energy combined with battery storage, also known as solar-plus storage.

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