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How much does it cost to build a green communication base station



Overview

Setting up a 5G base station is expensive, with costs ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per site. This price includes hardware, installation, site rental, and maintenance. How much electricity does a communication base station use a year?

In 2021, the annual electricity consumption from communication base stations was 83,525.81 GWh, and it is estimated to rise to 458,495.18 GWh by 2030 (average across three scenarios), with an increase of 448.93% compared with 2021.

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[Click Here To Download It For Free!](#) Setting up a 5G base station is expensive, with costs ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per site. This price includes hardware, installation, site rental, and maintenance. Urban areas often have higher costs due to land prices and infrastructure challenges.

How does a communication base station upgrade affect emissions?

(D) Total emissions of major pollutants (CO₂, NO_x, SO₂, and PM_{2.5}) generated by the electricity consumption of communication base stations before and after the upgrade. Paired bars with the same color represent pre- and post-upgrade comparisons for the same pollutant. Emissions of all pollutants are significantly reduced after the upgrade.

Will communication base stations reduce electricity consumption?

Our findings revealed that the nationwide electricity consumption would reduce to 54,101.60 GWh due to the operation of communication base stations (95% CI: 53,492.10–54,725.35 GWh) (Figure 2 C), marking a reduction of 35.23% compared with the original consumption. We also predicted the reduction of pollutant emissions after the upgrade.

Can low-carbon communication base stations improve local energy use?

Therefore, low-carbon upgrades to communication base stations can effectively improve the economics of local energy use while reducing local environmental pollution and gaining public health benefits. For this research, we recommend further in-depth exploration in three areas for the future.

How much does a base station upgrade cost?

The upgrade costs include the base station equipment upgrade and platform construction (detailed cost breakdown in Table S8), totaling an estimated cost of 195.450 billion renminbi (RMB) to upgrade all communication base stations nationwide (detailed information by province in Table S9).

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