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Uruguay Thermal Power Plant Outdoor Power Supply



Overview

The electricity sector of Uruguay has traditionally been based on domestic hydropower along with thermal power plants, and reliant on imports from Argentina and Brazil at times of peak demand. Investments in renewable energy sources such as wind power and solar power over the preceding 10 years allowed the country to cover 98% of its electricity needs with renewable energy. Electricity coverage (2019) 99.85% (total), (total average in 2007: 92%) Installed capacity (2020) 4.6 Share of fossil energy 2% Share of renewable energy 98% (including large hydropower) Electricity supply and demand Installed electricity capacity in Uruguay grew significantly from around 2,500 MW in 2009 to 5,267 MW in 2024. Of the installed capacity, about 29% is , accounting for 1,538 MW which includes half of the c.

How does the electricity sector work in Uruguay?

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Where does Uruguay's electricity come from?

Half of Uruguay's electricity is generated in the country's dams, and 10% percent comes from agricultural and industrial waste and the sun. But wind, at 38%, is the main protagonist of the revolution in the electrical grid. But how did the country achieve it?

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How does Uruguay generate 97 percent of its electricity from renewable sources?

Going for gales: Wind turbine farms are one of the ways Uruguay managed to generate 97 percent of its electricity from renewable sources. (Courtesy of Natasha Hakimi Zapata).

Is Uruguay a net importer of energy?

Once a net importer of energy, Uruguay now exports its surplus energy to

neighbouring Brazil and Argentina. In less than two decades, Uruguay broke free of its dependence on oil imports and carbon emitting power generation, transitioning to renewable energy that is owned by the state but with infrastructure paid for by private investment.

How much green energy does Uruguay use?

In 2016, even before several more renewables projects went online, it hit 94.5 percent green energy. In 2019, according to an analysis by the Uruguayan company SEG Engineering, the country ran on 98 percent renewable energy.

Why is Uruguay a 'relative energy sovereignty'?

Once reliant on exorbitantly priced fossil fuel imports for nearly half of its energy needs, Uruguay has gone from suffering frequent blackouts and power cuts to relative energy sovereignty based almost entirely on electricity generated from a stable mix of wind, solar, hydroelectric, and bioenergy sources.

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