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# **What does the energy storage EPC price include**



## Overview

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Let's spill the tea on 2025's cost trends – no PhD in electrochemistry required. The 2025 Price Tag: What's Driving EPC Costs?

Let's cut to the chase: The average utility-scale battery storage system now costs \$280-\$350/kWh for EPC (Engineering, Procurement, Construction) [3] [5]. How much does energy storage cost?

Energy storage system costs for four-hour duration systems exceed \$300/kWh for the first time since 2017. Rising raw material prices, particularly for lithium and nickel, contribute to increased energy storage costs. Fixed operation and maintenance costs for battery systems are estimated at 2.5% of capital costs.

How much does energy storage cost in 2024?

As we look ahead to 2024, energy storage system (ESS) costs are expected to undergo significant changes. Currently, the average cost remains above \$300/kWh for four-hour duration systems, primarily due to rising raw material prices since 2017.

Why are energy storage systems so expensive?

Energy storage systems (ESS) for four-hour durations exceed \$300/kWh, marking the first price hike since 2017, largely driven by escalating raw material costs and supply chain disruptions. Geopolitical issues have intensified these trends, especially concerning lithium and nickel.

What is the Energy Storage pricing survey (ESPs)?

3. Purpose The annual Energy Storage Pricing Survey (ESPS) is designed to provide a reference system price to market participants, government officials, and financial industry participants for a variety of energy storage technologies at different power and energy ratings.

What are the different types of energy storage systems?

The survey methodology breaks down the cost of an energy storage system into the following categories: storage module, balance of system, power conversion system, energy management system, and the engineering, procurement, and construction costs.

What is a PPA for new energy storage resources?

Some PPAs for new energy storage resources have been structured as capacity-only contracts in which the developer is responsible for the sale of energy and all costs associated therewith—including the costs of the required energy procured from the utility.

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