CLEAN GRID ALLIANCE

FACT SHEET

Wind Works For Illinois

Cost

Wind costs $37-86/MWh, making it a **least-cost source of generating electricity in the Midwest.**

Wind is competitive with solar energy ($38-78/MWh).

Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis - Version 18.0

55% **decrease in the cost of wind since 2009.**

Costs have dropped 23% from 2024.

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Generation

In 2024, Illinois was the **fifth-largest wind power producer**. Wind energy powered **13% of Illinois' net electricity generation.**

U.S. Energy Information Administration

13% **of Illinois' electric grid is wind power.**

U.S. Energy Information Administration

Jobs

Wind Turbine Service Technician is the **#1 fastest growing job** in the U.S.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook

9,389 **wind jobs in Illinois.**

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Installed Capacity

Illinois has the **fifth-most** installed wind capacity.

More is on the way - MISO, the Midwest's electric grid operator, has over **10,620 MW** of wind power in the Illinois queue.

WINDExchange and MISO Generator Interconnection Queue

8,383 **MW of installed wind capacity.**

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