

What is Jamaica's energy policy?

Jamaica's National Energy Policy, published in 2009, sets targets for renewable electricity generation, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas emissions to be met by 2030. The policy document outlines Jamaica's comprehensive long-term energy plan.

What is Jamaica's energy source?

This page is part of Global Energy Monitor's Latin America Energy Portal. Oil and natural gas continue to supply most of Jamaica's energy, supplemented by significantly smaller contributions from renewables. As of 2020, nearly 89% of electricity was still generated by fossil fuels.

What is the cost of electricity in Jamaica?

Jamaica's electricity cost is approximately \$0.39 per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This information is provided in the energy snapshot of Jamaica, an island nation located in the north Caribbean Sea. The utility rates are above the Caribbean regional average of \$0.33/kWh.

Who regulates electricity in Jamaica?

MSET (Ministry of Science, Energy, and Technology) is the government institution responsible for energy. NEPA (National Environment and Planning Agency) is responsible for permitting and tracking all environmental impact assessments. OUR (Office of Utility Regulators) is responsible for regulating Jamaica's electrical sector.

What percentage of Jamaica's energy is renewable?

As of 2020, Jamaica's use of renewables accounted for approximately 11 percent of its energy: 6.5 percent wind, 3.5 percent hydropower, and 1 percent solar power.

How does importation affect Jamaica's electricity prices?

The fact that these products are imported impacts both the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and the cost of electricity for consumers, many of whom are from low-income-earning households. According to Global Petrol Prices, as of March 2022, Jamaica's electricity charges are the sixth highest (out of 148 countries) worldwide.

A project in Jamaica, pairing utility-scale solar with battery energy storage at a microgrid could become "a model for other countries in the Caribbean and beyond", the head of the country's main utility has said.

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The Jamaica has a high solar potential and set a renewable energy mix target of 30% by 2030. Presently Jamaica's energy mix is comprised of 14% renewable energy on the public grid. Its electrical demand peaks at 660MW and its electricity prices are comparable relative to ...

Renewable energy generation in Jamaica benefits from several key policies, including a tax exemption for imports of renewable generating equipment. Also, JPS's Net Billing program provides bill credits at the utility's avoided cost rate for any excess energy exported to the grid by customer-sited generation.

ABB will supply an ABB Ability™ enabled microgrid and storage system to help integrate renewable solar and wind energy into the large tropical island's power supply, reducing the need for fossil fuels and lowering the carbon footprint.

In 2020, Jamaica generated 4767 GWh of electricity; fossil fuels were the main energy source (88.67%), supplemented by smaller contributions from wind (5.87%), hydro (2.85%), and solar power (2.60%). More than a quarter (26.5%) of Jamaica's electrical output is lost through poor transmission and distribution infrastructure.

This profile provides a snapshot of the energy landscape of Jamaica, an island nation located in the north Caribbean Sea. Jamaica has set a national target of producing 30% of the country's electricity from renewable energy by 2030.

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