Australia

COUNTRY INDICATORS AND SDGS







International Renewable Energy Agency

7.a.1 Public flows to renewables







11.6.2 Air particulate matter (PM_{2.5})



TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)

Total energy supply in 2020



Renewable energy supply in 2020



Total Energy Supply (TES)	2015	2020
Non-renewable (TJ)	4 995 331	5 099 423
Renewable (TJ)	348 029	453 707
Total (TJ)	5 343 360	5 553 130
Renewable share (%)	7	8
Growth in TES	2015-20	2019-20
Non-renewable (%)	+2.1	+1.4
Renewable (%)	+30.4	+7.2
Total (%)	+3.9	+1.8

Primary energy trade	2015	2020
Imports (TJ)	2 002 468	2 090 390
Exports (TJ)	12 444 031	15 143 786
Net trade (TJ)	10 441 563	13 053 396
Imports (% of supply)	37	38
Exports (% of production)	78	80
Energy self-sufficiency (%)	300	342

RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)

Renewable TFEC trend





ELECTRICITY CAPACITY



Net capacity change in 2022 (MW)

Non-renewable		Hydro and marine	
	+1345		0
Solar		Wind	
	+ 3 922		0
Bioenergy		Geothermal	
	+ 1		0

Renewable capacity in 2022



Net capacity change (GW)



Capacity utilisation in 2021 (%)



ELECTRICITY GENERATION



5 Budget October 2022–23: Energy and emissions reduction





Emitted CO2 RE Avoided CO2



250

Elec. & heat generation CO2 emissions in



CO2 emission factor for elec. & heat generation



RENEWABLE RESOURCE POTENTIAL



100% 80% 60% 40% 20% <260 260-420 420-560 560-670 670-820 820-1060 >1060 Wind power density at 100m height (W/m²)

Distribution of wind potential

Australia

World

Biomass potential: net primary production



Indicators of renewable resource potential

Solar PV: Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity (kWh/kWp/yr). The bar chart shows the proportion of a country's land area in each of these classes and the global distribution of land area across the classes (for comparison).

Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m²) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

Biomass: Net primary production (NPP) is the amount of carbon fixed by plants and accumulated as biomass each year. It is a basic measure of biomass productivity. The chart shows the average NPP in the country (tC/ha/yr), compared to the global average NPP of 3-4 tonnes of carbon

Sources: IRENA statistics, plus data from the following sources: UN SDG Database (original sources: WHO; World Bank; IEA; IRENA; and UNSD); UN World Population Prospects; UNSD Energy Balances: UN COMTRADE; World Bank World Development Indicators; EDGAR; REN21 Global Status Report; IEA-IRENA Joint Policies and Measures Database; IRENA Global Atlas; and World Bank Global Solar Atlas and Global Wind Atlas.

Additional notes: Capacity per capita and public investments SDGs only apply to developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and years where no fossil fuel generation occurs, an average fossil fuel emission factor has been used to calculate the avoided emissions.

These profiles have been produced to provide an overview of developments in renewable energy in different countries and areas. The IRENA statistics team would welcome comments and feedback on its structure and content, which can be sent to statistics@irena.org.

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