

# **Ecuadorian power generation side energy storage**





## Overview

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How is electricity generated in Ecuador?

The use of wind, solar, and biomass for electric power generation in Ecuador is still in the early stages. In 2021, wind farms accounted for 0.2% of total electricity generation, solar accounted for 0.1%, and biomass accounted for 1.3%. In Ecuador, biomass is primarily produced from sugar cane, African palm, and rice husks.

Will Ecuador's energy shortage cause a recurrence of power outages?

Ecuador's energy shortage could result in a recurrence of power outages, particularly in the dry season of September through December. Ecuador has added minimal generation in recent years. In 2020, the Energy Ministry awarded two projects to the private sector: a 110MW wind farm (Villonaco), and a 200MW solar plant (El Aromo).

What type of energy is used in Ecuador?

In Ecuador, biomass is primarily produced from sugar cane, African palm, and rice husks. Ecuador's government released the Electricity Master Plan 2019, which outlines a series of planned projects to meet the country's electricity demand and encourage private investment. In 2021, Ecuador had 5.3 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity.

How is electricity generated in Ecuador in 2021?

The imported volume was used to replace 14,000 gallons of diesel for industrial processes, according to Ecuador's government. Aside from hydropower and fossil fuel-fired generation, Ecuador's remaining electricity in 2021 was generated by non-hydro renewables, including wind, solar, and biomass.



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