



# Wind and solar energy American Samoa

Is American Samoa a renewable country?

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Can American Samoa develop wind power?

American Samoa is exploring opportunities for both offshore and onshore wind power generation. In 2022, federal legislation opened offshore waters around the U.S. territories (including American Samoa) to wind power development.

How does American Samoa generate electricity?

Some of its islands generate electricity from solar energy. 5,6 Pago Pago, one of the deepest natural harbors in the South Pacific, is among the territory's most important assets. It receives the imported petroleum products that American Samoa depends on to meet almost all of its energy needs. 7,8

Does American Samoa have a geothermal energy plan?

The 2016 American Samoa Energy Action Plan identifies some geothermal resources, but none of these are viable for commercial electricity generation. The 2016 plan instead emphasizes the development of wind and solar power (Ness, Haase, and Conrad 2016). American Samoa is exploring opportunities for both offshore and onshore wind power generation.

How much does electricity cost in Samoa?

Average U.S. and American Samoa Electricity Prices (2022) ASPA rates are down slightly as of January 2024--approximately \$0.41/kWh for residential and commercial customers and \$0.38/kWh for industrial customers. ASPA's total energy rates include a renewable energy flat rate charged at \$0.002/kWh across all service types (ASPA 2024).

How much solar power does American Samoa have?

Of the 5 MW of ASPA's grid-connected solar PV capacity, 4.1 MW is utility scale and 900 kW is distributed across rooftops. American Samoa's smaller islands are moving toward a combination of solar, batteries, and diesel generators.

This factsheet provides a high-level overview of American Samoa's power and transportation sectors - as well as territorial policies, challenges, and opportunities related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and resilience.

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The islands are mostly volcanic in origin and are rugged, mountainous, heavily forested, and surrounded by coral reefs. 4 American Samoa lacks fossil energy resources, but it has some renewable resources, especially solar and wind energy.

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In 2016, the American Samoa Renewable Energy Committee set a goal to meet 50% of American Samoa's energy from renewable energy resources by 2025 and 100% by 2040, primarily with solar energy. In 2022, per capita electricity consumption in American Samoa was about 30% of the U.S. average.

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

The strategic energy plan for American Samoa considers solutions that are needed in the near future. Therefore, the plan will initiate strategy and actions toward achievable goals to be completed by October 2016.

Content: This map shows wind farms from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) and annual average wind speed from 10m to 200m elevation developed by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for land and offshore wind energy planning.

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