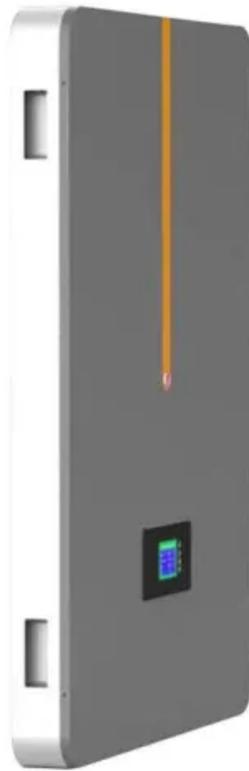


# How much power do ordinary power stations generate



## Overview

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A single large power plant can generate enough electricity (about 2 gigawatts, 2,000 megawatts, or 2,000,000,000 watts) to supply a couple of hundred thousand homes, and that's the same amount of power you could make with about 1000 large wind turbines working flat out. How much electricity does a power plant generate?

The amount of electricity that a power plant generates depends on its electricity generation capacity and on the amount of time the individual generators at a power plant operate at a specific capacity. A megawatt equals one million watts, and in practical terms, 1 MW can power roughly 1,000 homes in developed countries. Power plant output is influenced by: When. Power plants (also called power stations) pull off a similar trick, converting lumps of coal and drops of oil into zaps of electric current that can cook your dinner or charge your phone. When you hear of a 300 megawatt solar installation or a 1,300 megawatt coal plant, this is what those numbers refer to. Power stations are generally connected to an electrical grid.

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### Power station

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### How much electricity does a typical nuclear power plant generate?



The amount of electricity that a power plant generates over a period of time depends on the amount of time it operates at a specific capacity. For example, if the R. E. Ginna reactor operates at 582 MW ...

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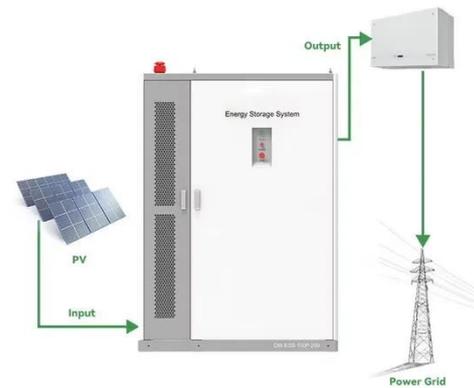
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## Electricity in the U.S.

Utility-scale systems include power plants that have at least 1 megawatt (MW) of electricity generation capacity. Small-scale systems have less than 1

MW (1,000 kilowatts) of electric ...

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Power plants may have one generator or multiple generators. The type of energy used plus the number of generators determines how much electricity a power plant can output.

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## How Many Megawatts Does a Power Plant Produce?

The output of a power plant is typically measured in megawatts (MW), a unit of power that indicates the rate at which



Most power stations in the world burn fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas to generate electricity. Low-carbon power sources include nuclear power, and use of renewables such as solar, ...

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