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# New energy storage in Guatemala





#### **Overview**

What is Guatemala's energy source?

This page is part of Global Energy Monitor 's Latin America Energy Portal. In 2018, Guatemala derived 57.43% of its total energy supply from biofuels and waste, followed by oil (29.54%), coal (7.68%), hydro (3.22%), and other renewables such as wind and solar (2.12%).

How is Guatemala tackling the energy crisis?

To ease the current energy crisis, the Guatemalan government has turned toward stricter measures to prevent electricity wastage and is also requiring that private businesses invest in renewable energy in Guatemala.

How much electricity does Guatemala have?

As of 2020, Guatemala had 4110 MW of installed electrical capacity, based primarily on hydro power (38.38%), fossil fuels (30.36%), and biomass (25.20%). Other renewable sources represented a much smaller percentage of capacity, including wind (2.61%), solar (2.25%) and geothermal energy (1.20%).

How does hydropower work in Guatemala?

Hydropower uses fast-flowing water to turn turbines and power machines, efficiently combining one of the world's largest natural resources, water and the enduring force of gravity, to create energy. As of 2019, Guatemala had already installed 1,559 MW of hydropower capacity, which contributed to 41% of the nation's total energy production.

Why is Guatemala a good place to live?

Guatemala has the highest level of chronic malnutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), ranking fourth-highest globally. Energy poverty is also prevalent, but renewable energy in Guatemala has the potential to lift citizens out of poverty. A key contributor to mass food production and distribution is



the availability of energy.

Are 76% of Guatemalans living in energy poverty?

A recent paper published in Energy Economics estimated that 76% of Guatemalans are living in energy poverty, a term defined as a lack of access to "adequate, affordable, reliable, high-quality, safe and environmentally benign energy services to support economic and human development."



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