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Port Vila Energy Storage BESS Price Trend



Overview

How much does Bess cost?

The cost of BESS has fallen significantly over the past decade, with more precipitous drops in recent years: This is nearly a 70% reduction in three years, owing to falling battery pack prices (now as low as \$60-70/kWh in China), increased deployment, and improved efficiency.

What are base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems?

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2023). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major components, including the LIB pack, the inverter, and the balance of system (BOS) needed for the installation.

Will Bess costs fall this year?

The most important takeaway is that the NREL estimates that BESS costs will start to fall this year in its 'low' and 'mid' cost projections, with an increase over the next few years forecast in its 'high' scenario, visualised in the graph above.

Will Bess projects have lower replacement costs in 2024?

With the reduction in costs, BESS project operators would be prudent to ensure the replacement costs of their assets are accurately valued for 2024 and declare updated values to their insurers. BESS projects operating for several years may have lower replacement costs in 2024 than they had earlier.

How much does Bess cost in China?

It is nonetheless still eye-opening to note just how big those differences in cost are. The average for a turnkey system in China including 1-hour, 2-hour and 4-hour duration BESS was just US\$101/kWh. In the US, the average was

US\$236/kWh and in Europe US\$275/kWh, more than double China's average cost.

How much will Bess cost fall in 2022?

This broadly matches up with recent analysis by BloombergNEF which found that BESS costs have fallen 2% in the last six months, as well as anecdotal evidence of reductions after spikes in 2022. Compared to 2022, the national laboratory says the BESS costs will fall 47%, 32% and 16% by 2030 in its low, mid and high cost projections, respectively.

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