



How Much Wind Power Does China Actually Produce? The U.S. Department of Energy Contradicts President Trump's Remarks.

During a January 9, 2026, meeting at the White House with top oil executives, President Trump made the following statement during the meeting.

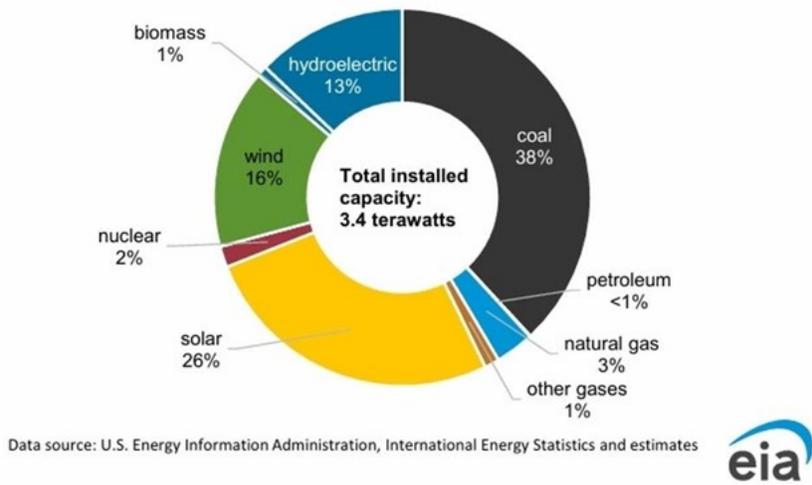
All you have to do is say to China, how many windmill areas do you have in China? So far, they are not able to find any. They use coal, and they use oil and gas and some nuclear, not much. **But they don't have windmills**, they make them and sell them to suckers like Europe, and suckers like the United States before."

See the video of his remarks re: wind power in China [here](#) and the video of the entire meeting released by the White House [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Energy Says Otherwise.

China has more wind and solar capacity than any other country in the world. The [country analysis brief on China](#) released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration in May of 2025, shows that **China added 76 gigawatts of wind energy in the year 2024**. A full 16% of all electric generation in China comes from wind, as shown in the EIA chart below.

Figure 7. China's installed generation capacity, 2024



The U.S. International Information Administration provides [a full picture of China's energy generation statistics](#) that show that China has more wind and solar capacity than any other country in the world. And the [Global Energy Monitor](#) details that China has deployed more wind turbines than any other country in the world, and when compared to all the other countries in the world, **China has twice as much wind energy capacity under construction** than all the other countries in the world.

Operating wind farms in China

Locations of operating wind power installations, circles sized by megawatt (MW) capacity



Note: Data includes wind project phases with a capacity of 10 MW or more

Source: Global Wind Power Tracker, Global Energy Monitor



The Largest Wind Power Project in the World. The Jiuquan Wind Power Base, otherwise known as the [Gansu Wind Farm](#), is the world's largest wind power complex; is located in the Gobi Desert near Jiuquan in China's Gansu Province; has 7,000 turbines with a planned 20GW capacity; enough to provide electricity to a small country (more than 7.5 million homes). Started in 2008, this multi-phase project is a major symbol of China's renewable energy ambitions.

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