

Electricity Market Report 2023

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Global electricity demand growth slowed only slightly in 2022



Demand grew by 2%, slightly slower than the average growth rate in 2015-2019 (2.5%) before the pandemic.

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One third of world's electricity will be consumed in China by 2025



From 2022 to 2025, more than 70% of the additional electricity demand comes from China, India and Southeast Asia.

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Low-carbon sources cover almost all the demand growth over 2023-2025



Renewables and nuclear will meet on average more than 90% of the additional demand over the next three years. Nevertheless, an accelerated global economic rebound may change the trends in demand and fossil-fired supply.

The share of fossil-fired generation in Japan is set to decrease





Low-carbon technologies—renewables & nuclear—are expected to make up 36% of the generation mix by 2025, more than double their share of 15% in 2015.

Global power generation emissions reached an all-time high in 2022





CO₂ intensity of power generation increased in the EU in 2022



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Reserve thermal power plants were reactivated in Europe



For security of electricity supply, Germany delayed the closure and reactivated plants that make up 15% of its current fossil-fired generation capacity.

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Wholesale electricity prices increased substantially in many regions



Electricity markets were impacted differently across the world — Europe being hit the hardest.

Key takeaways

- Global electricity demand growth slowed only slightly in 2022 amid the energy crisis and exceptional weather in some regions.
- Low-emission sources will cover the entire total growth in demand from 2022 to 2025, unless an accelerated economic rebound changes the fossil-fired generation trends.
- Power generation emissions reached all-time high in 2022, and are set to plateau through 2025.
- Global CO₂ intensity of power generation decreased in 2022 and will continue to decline. It increased in the European Union in 2022 due to lower nuclear and hydro output.
- Affordability of electricity has emerged as a major concern among governments
- Electricity demand and supply is becoming increasingly **weather-dependent**, calling for increased attention to **electricity security**.

