

# Why doesn't Japan generate electricity from wind power



## Overview

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While Japan's government increasingly considers wind energy a viable option, the progress is still sluggish. Accelerating it requires addressing various administrative burdens and introducing more ambitious policies. Electricity generation rose from 9. However, annual growth rates have declined, curtailment reached a record high of 1. This highlights an imbalance between capacity expansion and electricity system integration, driven by grid inflexible utilities. A facility generating electricity through solar and wind power in Rokkasho village in Aomori Prefecture (Asahi Shimbun file photo) Renewable energy sources accounted for 25 percent of Japan's overall electricity output in 2023, but the country's standing is still lower than the average global share. In Japan's electricity sector, wind power generates a small proportion of the country's electricity. It has been estimated that Japan has the potential for 144 gigawatts (GW) for onshore wind and 608 GW of offshore wind capacity. In recent years, Japan has come to focus on wind power generation because there are limited locations for solar panels, causing Japan to take. Toward realizing Japan's net zero by 2050 pledge, it is necessary to expand the introduction of renewable energy that emits no CO<sub>2</sub>.

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### Key Barriers in Japan's Renewable Energy Development

Structural challenges, including electric utilities' reluctance to invest in renewable energy, the underutilization of Non-Fossil Certificates (NFCs), grid constraints and curtailment, and the lack of ...

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It is wind that is the biggest gap to Japan's current electricity plan, and particularly offshore wind, which Berkeley forecasts can supply 18% of Japan's electricity.

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Japan is also facing the problem of having no domestic manufacturers of large-sized wind turbines. It is necessary to address these challenges from the perspectives of both energy policy and

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Renewable energy sources accounted for 25 percent of Japan's overall electricity output in 2023, but the country's standing is still lower than the average global share of more than 30



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