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## **Southern Energy Storage Prices**

How much does energy storage cost?

Energy storage system costs for four-hour duration systems exceed \$300/kWhfor the first time since 2017. Rising raw material prices, particularly for lithium and nickel, contribute to increased energy storage costs. Fixed operation and maintenance costs for battery systems are estimated at 2.5% of capital costs.

How much does energy storage cost in 2024?

As we look ahead to 2024, energy storage system (ESS) costs are expected to undergo significant changes. Currently, the average cost remains above \$300/kWh for four-hour duration systems, primarily due to rising raw material prices since 2017.

Why are energy storage systems so expensive?

Energy storage systems (ESS) for four-hour durations exceed \$300/kWh,marking the first price hike since 2017,largely driven by escalating raw material costs and supply chain disruptions. Geopolitical issues have intensified these trends,especially concerning lithium and nickel.

What are energy storage technologies?

Informing the viable application of electricity storage technologies, including batteries and pumped hydro storage, with the latest data and analysis on costs and performance. Energy storage technologies, store energy either as electricity or heat/cold, so it can be used at a later time.

Which energy storage technologies are included in the 2020 cost and performance assessment?

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries, pumped storage hydro, compressed-air energy storage, and hydrogen energy storage.

Are battery electricity storage systems a good investment?

This study shows that battery electricity storage systems offer enormous deployment and cost-reduction potential. By 2030,total installed costs could fall between 50% and 60% (and battery cell costs by even more),driven by optimisation of manufacturing facilities,combined with better combinations and reduced use of materials.

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