

# Britain imports solar power



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## Overview

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New Drax Electric Insights report reveals that 20% of our electricity came from Europe in the second quarter of 2024, accounting for more than twice the volume generated by UK-based solar panels and almost as much as gas. What is bioenergy with. In our last report we set out the large emissions embedded in our imported goods, effectively masking the true size of the country's 'carbon footprint'. Electricity imported from neighbouring countries such as France, via undersea interconnectors, accounted for a record 16pc of consumption in the first. The UK is more dependent on imported electricity than at any point on record, with an average of 16% of supply coming from overseas this year, according to new analysis of National Energy System Operator (NESO) data by the Nuclear Industry Association. In the first nine months of 2025 Britain.

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### UK importing record quantities of power, worth £250m each month

'There's been a huge rise in the volume of solar power capacity installed on the continent. Germany has installed 14 times as much solar capacity in the last three years as the UK to ...

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### The UK can no longer power itself - 41% of our power now comes ...

Solar and wind turbines become useless and supply has to come from overseas or other form of power. It is only a matter of time before the countries that supply us also find their green ...



### Power surge: UK spends £250 million each month importing record ...

Imports accounted for more than double the volume of power generated by the country's solar panels, and even nearly overtook gas the first time ever. The UK's imported power is brought ...

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## UK More Reliant on Electricity

## Imports Than Ever Before

New NIA analysis shows the UK is more reliant on imported electricity than ever, with 16% of supply coming from overseas in 2025.



## Britain more reliant than ever on foreign electricity imports

July saw the highest monthly figure on record, when imports made up 19.5pc of the mix. The figures come after Mr Miliband pledged to overhaul the electricity system so that domestically ...

## Record year for wind and solar electricity in Great Britain in 2025

But solar-powered electricity rose by nearly a third on 2024 levels, helped by the UK's sunniest year on record and the expansion of solar panels around the country.



## UK electricity 'becoming more British', less import dependent

Looking back over the past 10 years, the UK has become less reliant on imported fuels to generate its electricity, largely due to the rapid expansion of wind and

solar power that use no fuels ...

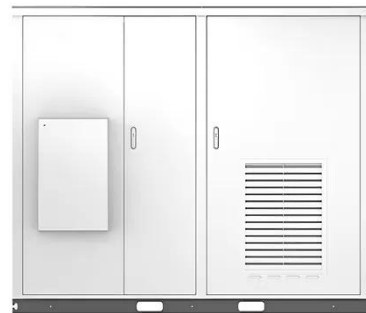


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### **Britain imports one fifth of its electricity , Q2 2024 Quarterly Report**

On the one hand, Britain's growing dependence on its neighbours for electricity goes against the government's push for energy independence. On the other hand, interconnectors help to balance out ...

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### **Renewables rollout making UK electricity supply 'more British'**

The UK's rollout of wind and solar power over the last decade has made its electricity supply "more British", with significantly less reliance on imported gas, analysis has found.

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A record 20% of the country's electricity

demand was met by imports from Europe during the second quarter of 2024. Imports accounted for more than double the volume of power generated

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