

## U S Virgin Islands off grid wind turbine system

What is the cost of wind energy in St. Croix?

The cost of wind energy in St. Croix ranges from \$0.08 to \$0.14 per kWh. The localized cost of energy from utility-scale wind projects ranges from this amount. St. Croix has moderate potential to generate 3 MW to 5 MW of energy from biomass because the majority of the island is covered with forest. Landfill gas has an expected capacity of about the same.

How much of the US Virgin Islands' electricity is generated by solar?

In 2020, about 20% of the US Virgin Islands' electricity was generated by renewables. Approximately 80% of this renewable capacity came from customer-installed, small rooftop solar panel systems, while the remaining 20% came from utility-scale solar energy facilities.

How many wind turbines are there in the United States?

From 2003 through 2020, over 87,000 wind turbines were deployed in distributed applications across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam, totaling 1,055 megawatts in cumulative capacity. Iowa, Minnesota, Massachusetts, California, and Texas lead the country with the most distributed wind capacity currently installed.

What is the primary source of energy in the USVI?

In the USVI, about 70% of all energy is provided by imported petroleum products, with 28 Distillate fuel oil and residual fuel being the main contributors. These petroleum products are primarily used for electricity generation and the production of drinking water supplies.

What is distributed wind energy?

Distributed wind energy refers to wind technologies deployed as distributed energy resources. These technologies are place-based solutions that support individuals, communities, and businesses transitioning to carbon-free electricity.

Why is solar power important in the USVI?

The USVI's abundant solar resource, with a global horizontal irradiation of nearly 6 kWh/square meter-day, makes solar power economically attractive in the USVI.

The U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), part of the Leeward Islands of the Lesser Antilles, became a U.S. territory in 1917 and is located in the Caribbean Sea, about 1,100 miles southeast of Miami, Florida. 1,2 The USVI has no fossil energy reserves, but does have some renewable resources, particularly solar energy. 3,4,5 The USVI imports petroleum ...

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and related governmental agencies to build an onshore megawatt class wind turbine installation. A facility capable of producing commercial quantities of clean renewable electric wind generated power at long-term competitive prices for the ...

Respondents supported off-grid solar PV and onshore wind for electricity generation, a desire for increased reliability of the grid, more deployment of EV and energy efficiency educational and awareness programs - potentially to overcome the constraints of the USVI energy sector.

To view a list of wind research and development projects in U.S. Virgin Islands funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Energy Technologies Office, visit the Wind R& D Projects Map and select U.S. Virgin Islands from the dropdown menu.

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The Bovoni Point wind turbine facility will ultimately provide reliable competitively priced power for many years to the US Virgin Islands community in a proven, durable and reliable fashion. The wind power system is timely and exactly the renewable energy component missing in the overall power mix needed for the island.

Advance Power has worked with a number of US Virgin Island government agencies over the years. Planning for a wind project like the one proposed for Bovoni Point requires an enormous amount of advance work on the ground and in the community.

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