

Electricity 2024

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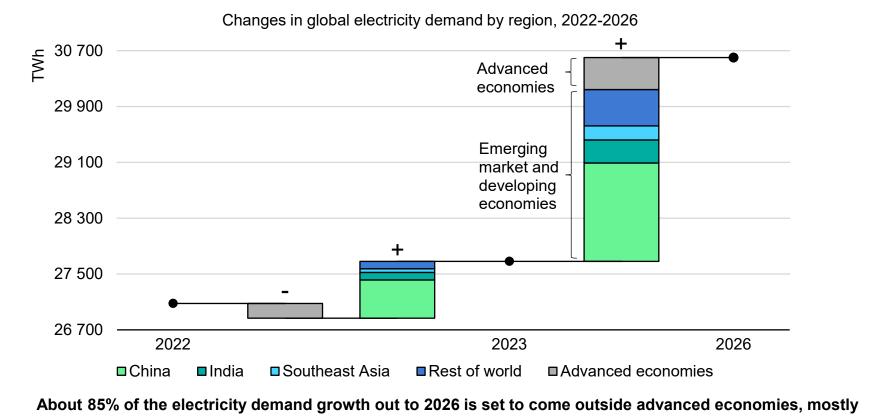
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1. Global Trends

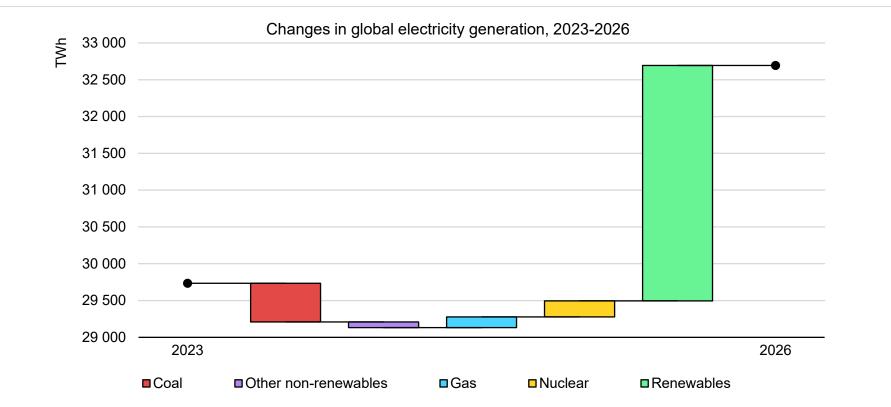
Emerging economies are the engines of global electricity demand growth





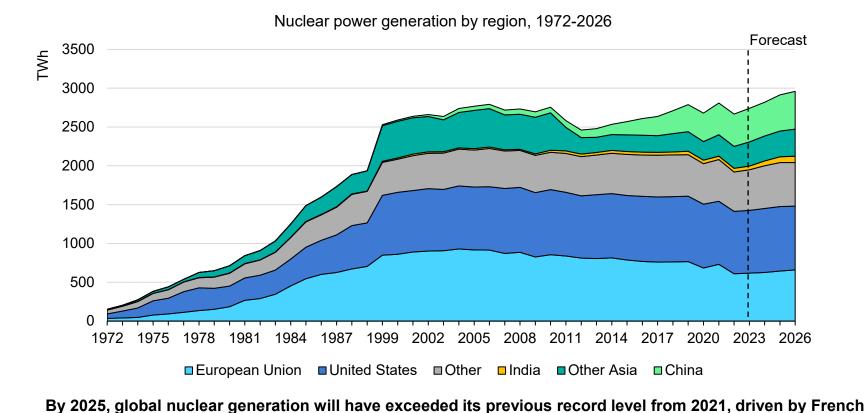
from China, India and Southeast Asia.

Clean electricity supply set to meet all additional growth out to 2026



Low-carbon sources are forecast to account for almost half of the world's electricity generation by 2026. Renewable generation set to overtake coal as the largest source of electricity in 2025.

Global nuclear generation will reach a new record high in 2025

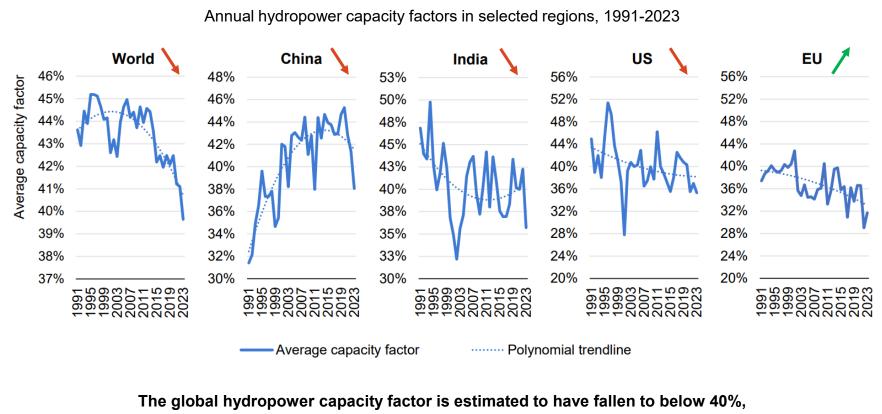


nuclear fleet recovering, restarts in Japan and new plants becoming operational in various regions.

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Reduced hydro output in 2023 in many regions due to weather impacts

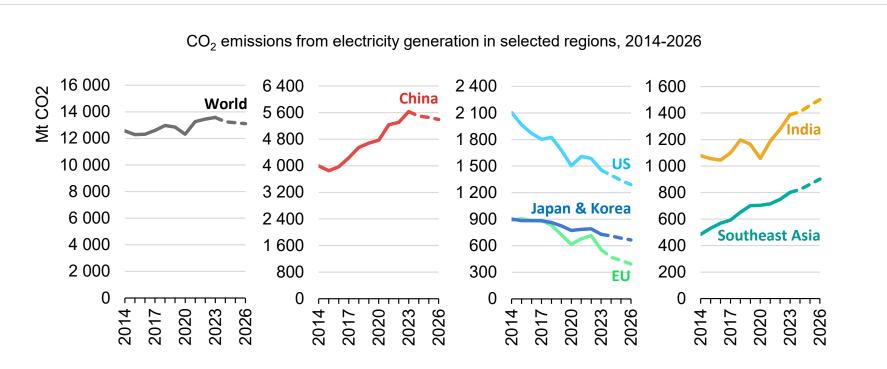




lowest value recorded since at least three decades.

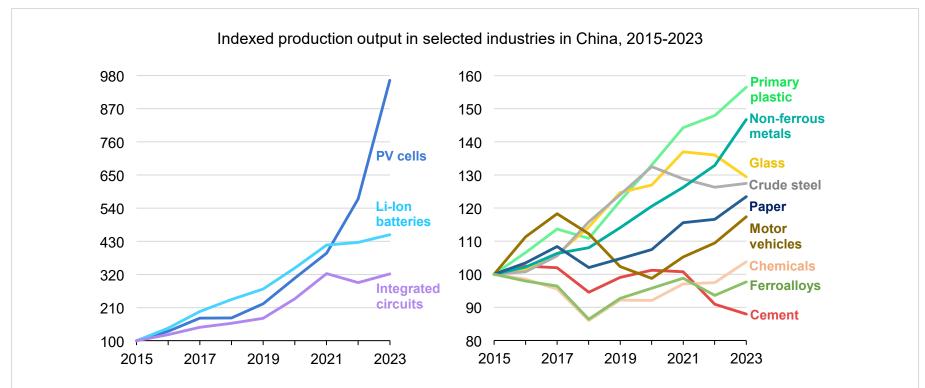
Global emissions from electricity generation are entering a structural decline





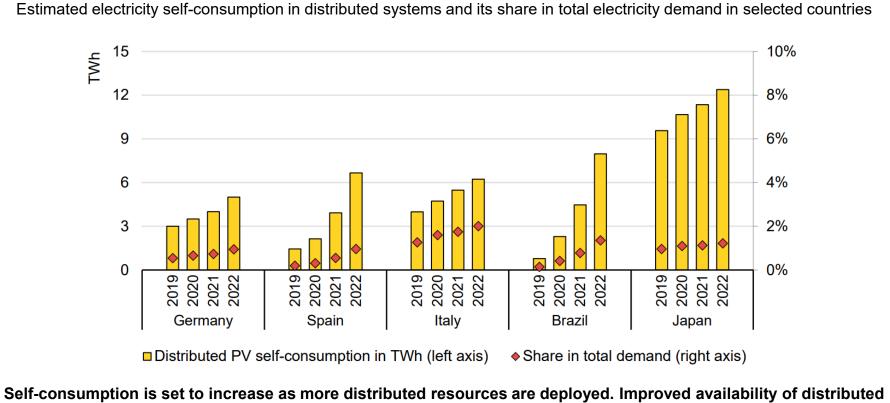
Rapidly expanding renewables are putting downward pressure on power sector emissions. Emissions are expected to fall by 2.4% in 2024 under normal weather assumptions, followed by small declines of 0.5% in 2025-2026.

China's economic growth shifting away from heavy industry to new industries



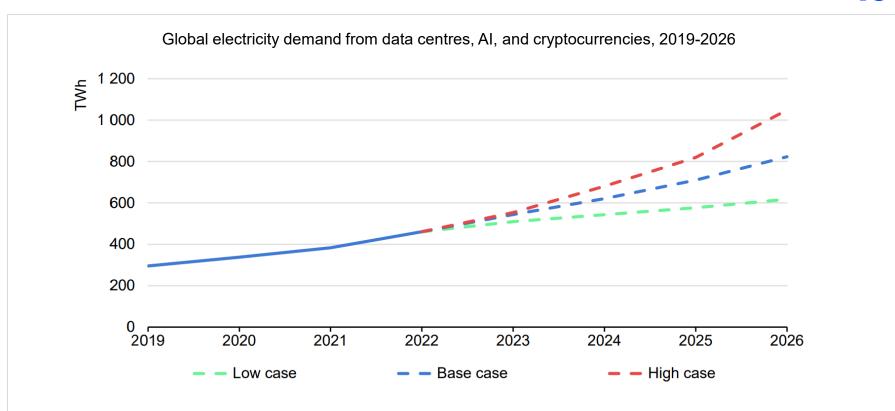
Electricity demand growth in China is forecast to slow down, but production of solar PV modules and batteries, and processing of related materials will remain significant drivers of demand.

Rising self-consumption in distributed systems and data collection challenges



generation and self-consumption data will be increasingly important for accurate demand forecasts.

Data centres are now main drivers of electricity demand in various regions

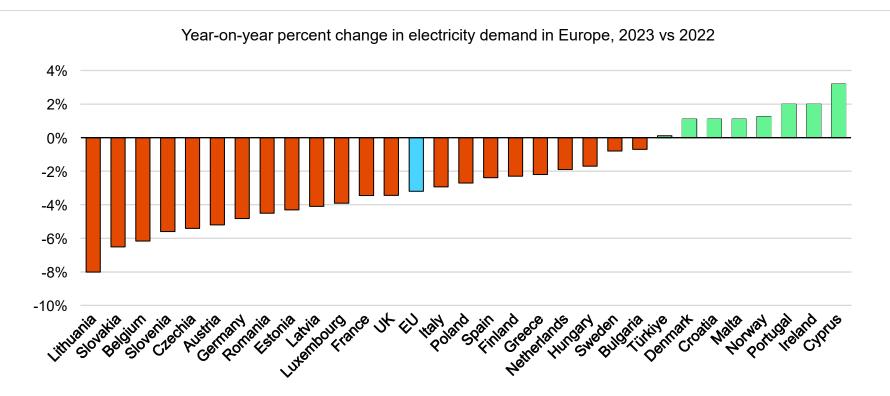


Global electricity consumption from data centre sector is expected to rise, but there is significant uncertainty regarding the pace of deployment, AI trends, and efficiency improvements.

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2. Spotlight: Navigating the uncertainties in the recovery of EU electricity demand

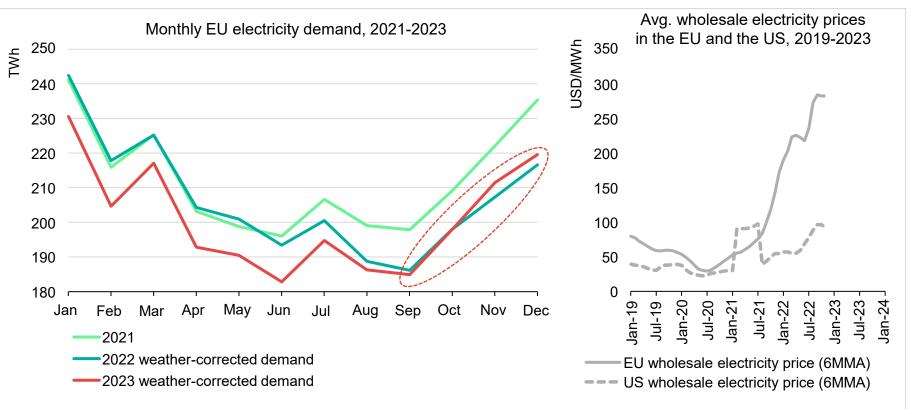
EU electricity demand fell 3% and is back at levels last seen 20 years ago



In the majority of EU countries, electricity demand decreased amid the sluggish macroeconomic environment and weak manufacturing & industrial activity. However, different demand trends were observed across the region.

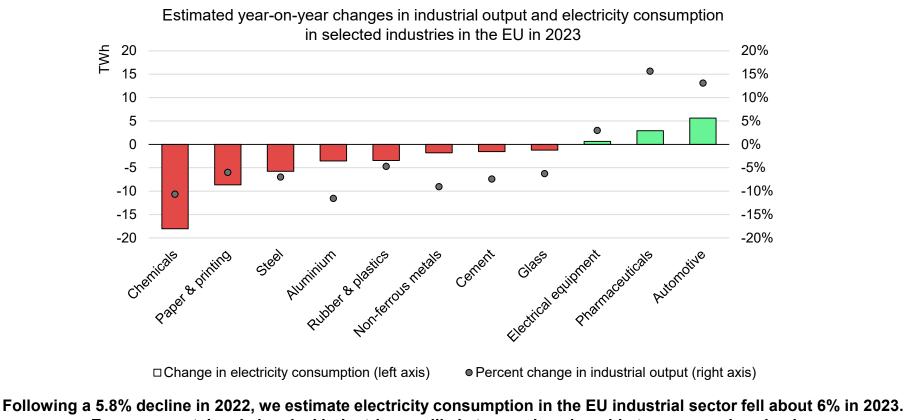
The fall in EU electricity demand seems to have stopped in Q4 2023

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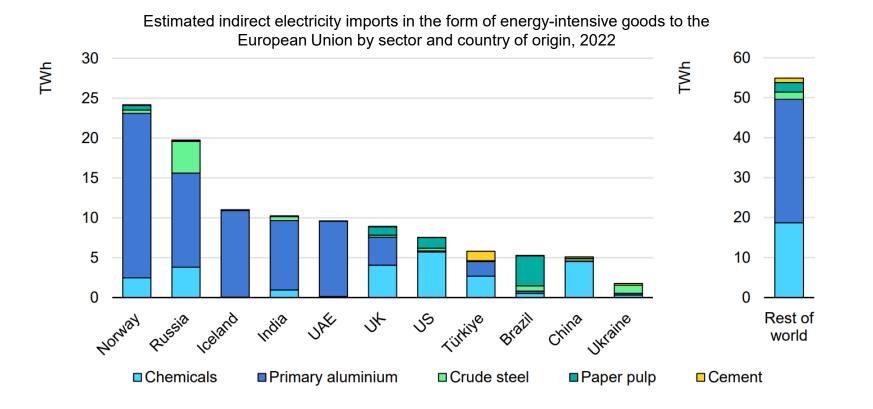
About 0.3 percentage points of the 3.2% decline in EU electricity demand is attributable to weather, which means that the year-on-year decline would have been 2.9% without the influence of weather.

Chemical and primary metal industries were particularly affected



European metal and chemical industries are likely to remain vulnerable to energy price shocks.

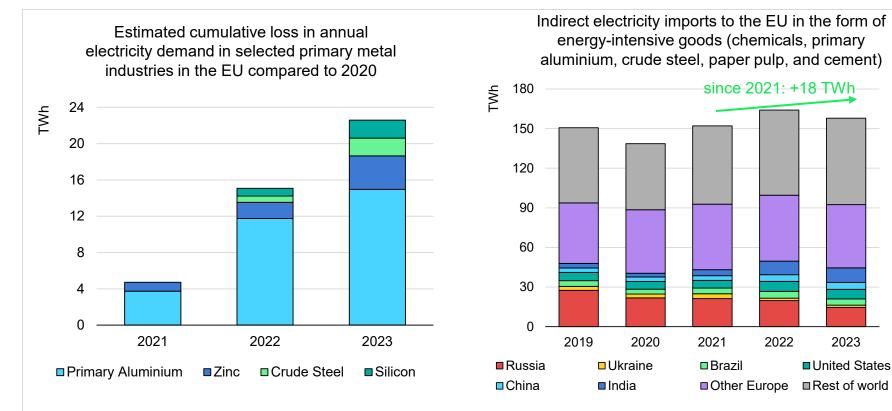
How much electricity does the EU import indirectly?



Primary aluminium and chemicals make up most of the indirect electricity imports into the EU.

There are signs of some permanent electricity demand destruction

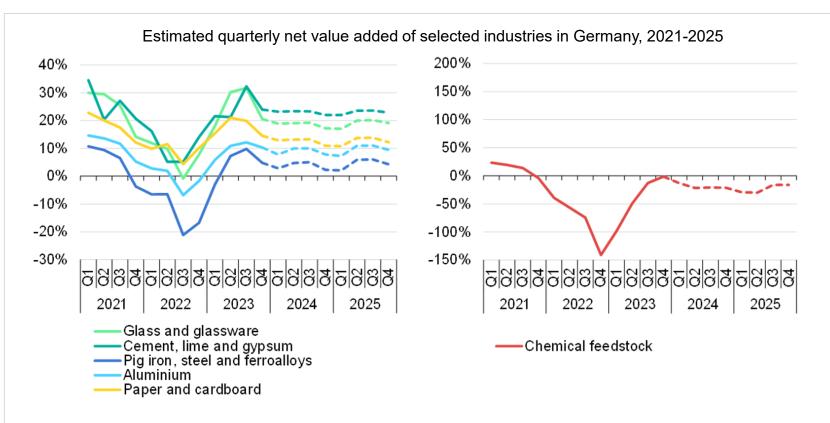




Around 30% of EU primary aluminium production capacity has been suspended since 2021 due to curtailments and closures. This corresponds to an estimated loss of about 15 TWh of annual electricity demand.

Chemicals and primary metals are more exposed to increasing energy cost

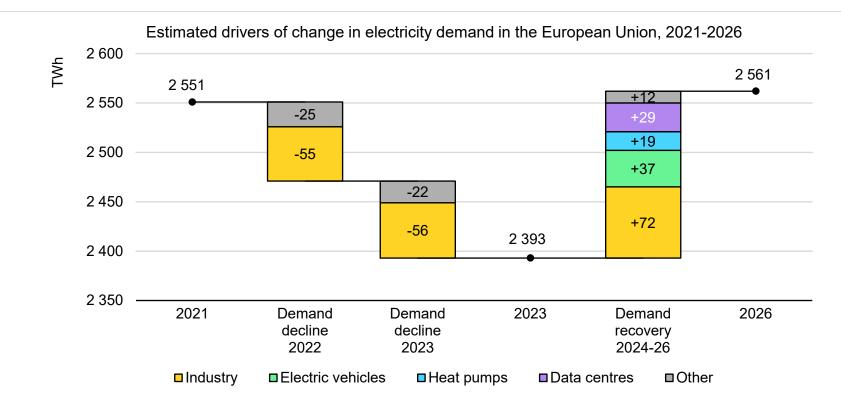




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Slim chances for a quick recovery in the EU energy-intensive industries

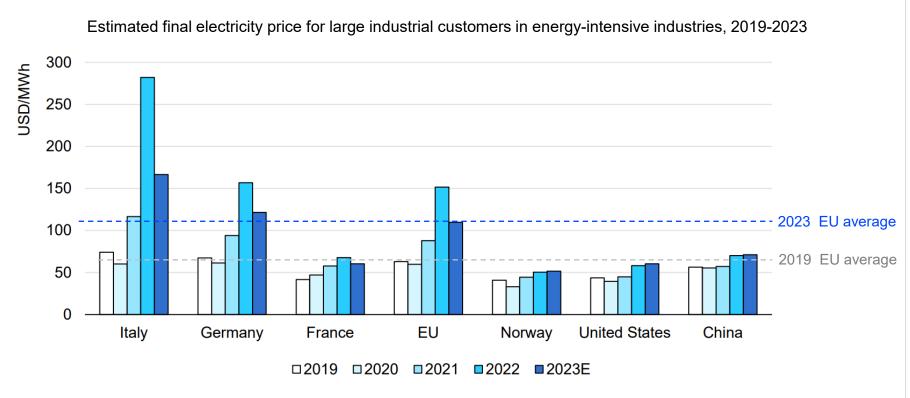




Electricity demand in the EU is expected to return to 2021 levels in 2026 at the earliest, given a gradual recovery in industry. Electric vehicles, heat pumps and data centres will account for around half of the total demand growth.

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Electricity prices for energy-intensive industries differ among regions

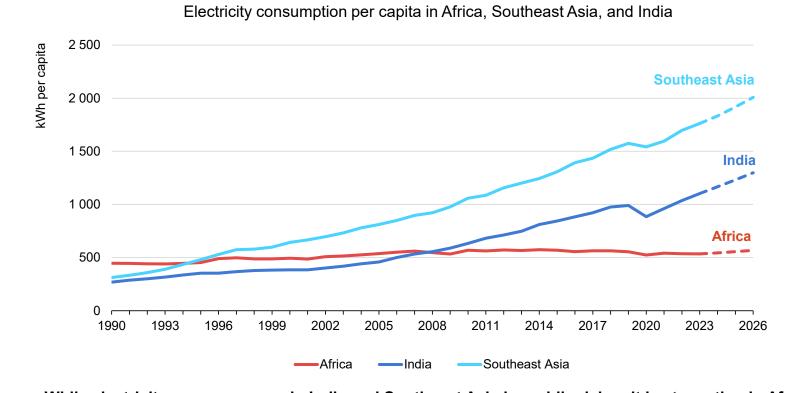


Despite decreasing from their 2022 highs, electricity costs for energy-intensive industries in the EU continued to be higher in 2023 than in other countries such as Norway, United States, and China.

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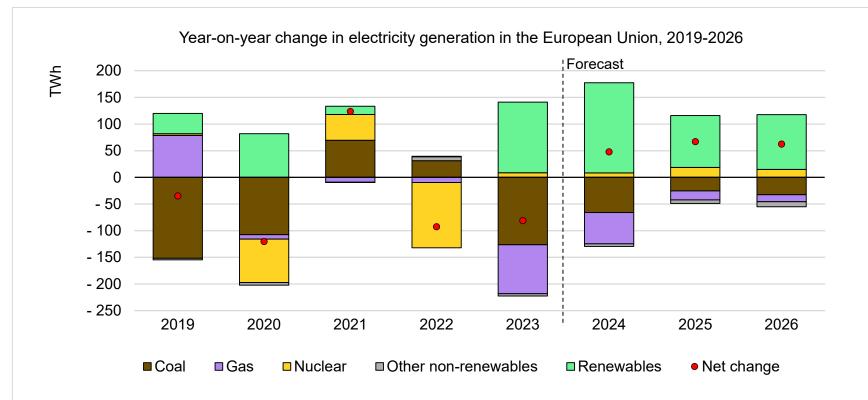
3. Regional Overview

Africa lags far behind in electricity consumption per person



While electricity use per person in India and Southeast Asia is rapidly rising, it is stagnating in Africa. Per capita electricity use in Africa is expected to recover to its 2010-2015 levels end-2026 at the earliest.

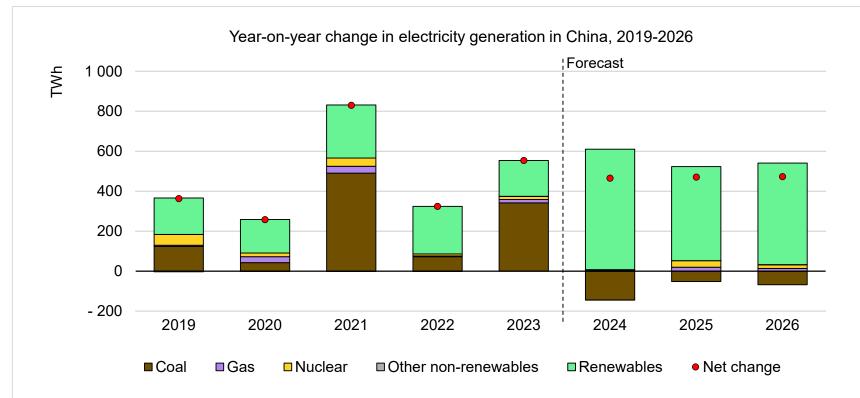
In the EU, clean electricity share in generation is set to surpass 75% in 2026



Over the outlook period, renewable generation is expected to grow at an average rate of around 9%, offsetting all of the additional electricity demand and displacing fossil-fired generation.

Renewables and nuclear are set to meet all of the demand growth in China

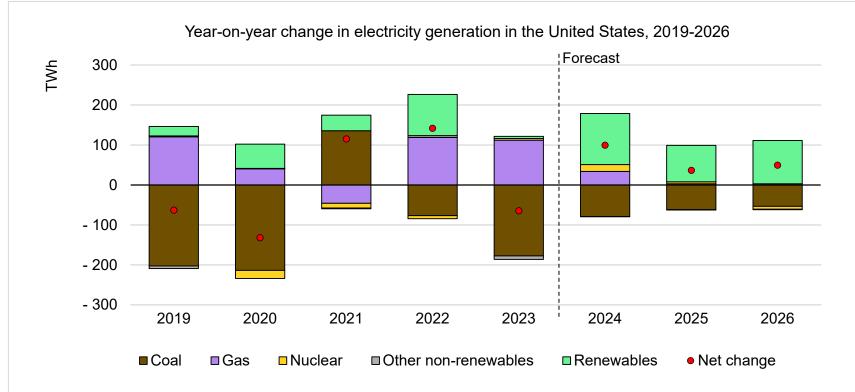




We forecast an average annual decline of around 1.5% in coal-fired generation over 2024-2026. The weather and the extent of the slowdown in demand growth remain the main sources of uncertainty in the forecast period.

US electricity demand fell in 2023 due to milder weather, but is set to grow

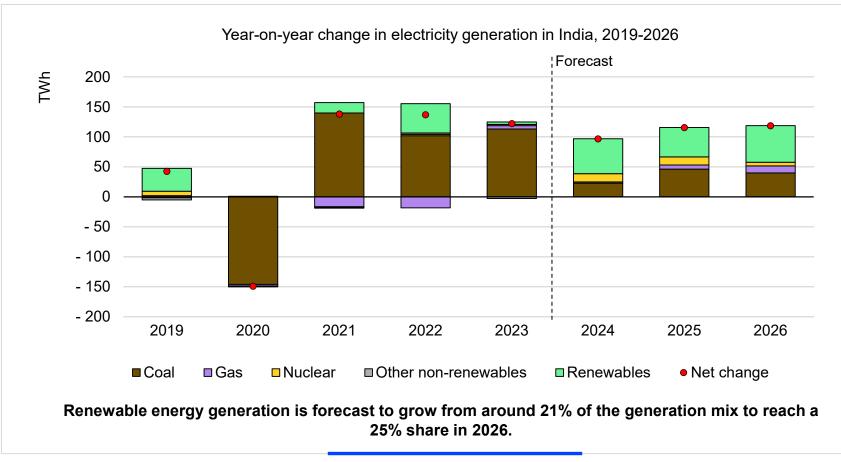




From 2024 to 2026, we expect a return to growth in electricity demand of 1.5% on average, fuelled by increased manufacturing activity, data centre sector and electrification in the transportation and building sectors.

Coal remains the mainstay in India, but RES share in supply rises strongly

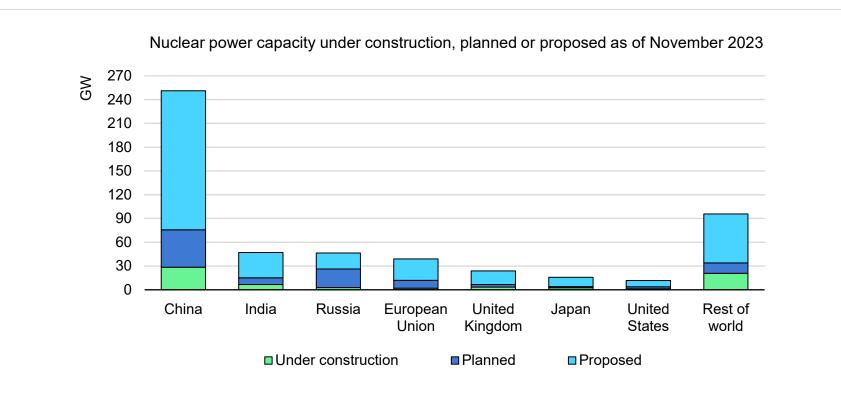






4. Spotlight: Trends in global nuclear power

Asia remains the epicentre of growth in nuclear power



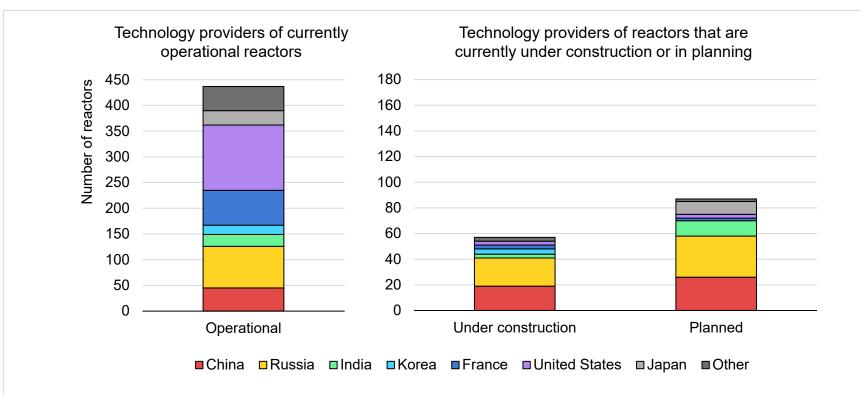
There is currently 68 GW of nuclear power capacity under construction globally.

Until 2026, we expect 30 GW of this to start commercial operation, more than half of which will be in China and India.

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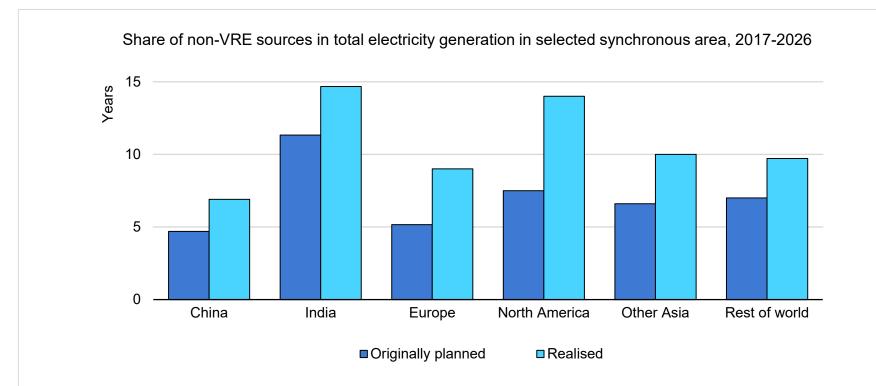
Technology providers in nuclear power generation is shifting





The technology providers for 70% of the reactors currently under construction were China and Russia.

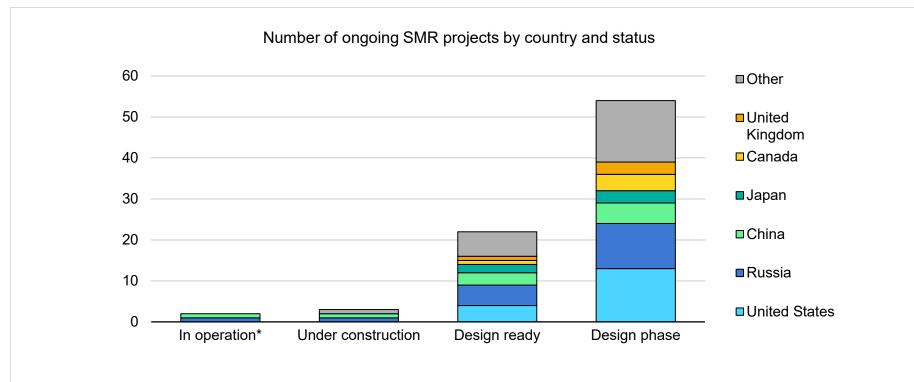
Construction risk of nuclear projects remains the largest hurdle for financing



For projects that started between 2010 and 2020, China had an average delay of just over 2 years. The global average, excluding Chinese projects, is 3.5 years, with some projects up to 8 years behind schedule.

SMR deployment is still limited and has challenges, but R&D is picking up





The largest players in developing new technologies are the United States, China and Russia, together accounting for more than half of projects in the design phase.