

Wind Power

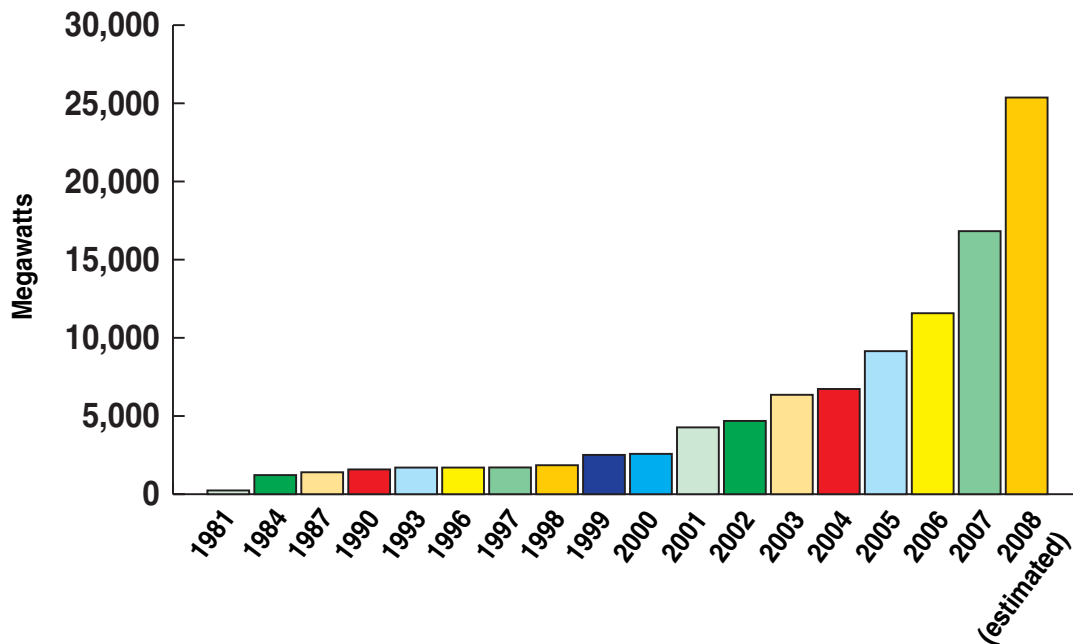


- In 2008, the U.S. wind industry brought online over 8,500 megawatts of new wind power capacity. Increasing the nation's cumulative total by 50%.
- The new wind projects completed in 2008 account for about 42% of the entire new power-producing capacity added nationally.
- Illinois has 744 megawatts of installed utility-scale wind power as of September 30, 2008.
- At the end of 2008, the U.S. had enough wind power generating capacity to supply 7 million households with a clean, inexhaustible, homegrown source of energy.
- In 2008, the U.S. overtook Germany as the country with the most wind power capacity installed.
- The wind industry added 35,000 jobs in 2008, resulting in a total of about 85,000 people employed in the wind industry, up from 50,000 a year ago.

Wind Power Lights the Statue of Liberty

The U.S. National Parks Service has contracted with Pepco Energy Services to purchase 27 million kilowatt-hours of wind power to cover the electricity needs for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Museum for a period of three years.

U.S. Installed Wind Power Capacity (Megawatts)



Source: American Wind Energy Association