

## Solar Energy South Africa

# National ranking of photovoltaic panel exports



## Overview

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How has global solar PV manufacturing capacity changed over the last decade?

Global solar PV manufacturing capacity has increasingly moved from Europe, Japan and the United States to China over the last decade. China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity – ten times more than Europe – and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011.

Which country exports the most solar panels?

In 2021, the United Kingdom accounted for the largest share of solar panels exported from the European Union, with roughly 23 percent of extra-EU exports. The United States was the EU's second largest trade partner for solar panels, with an export share of 15 percent. Get notified via email when this statistic is updated. \* For commercial use only.

Which countries export solar panels in the EU?

The largest extra-EU export destination for wind turbines was the United Kingdom (30%), followed by the United States (18%). China (98%) was by far the largest partner for extra-EU imports of solar panels in 2023 (see Figure 5). The largest extra-EU export destinations for solar panels were Switzerland (31%) and the United Kingdom (25%).

What are China's solar PV exports?

In 2021, the value of China's solar PV exports was over USD 30 billion, almost 7% of China's trade surplus over the last five years. In addition, Chinese investments in Malaysia and Viet Nam also made these countries major exporters of PV products, accounting for around 10% and 5% respectively of their trade surpluses since 2017.

How many solar panels does China Export in 2023?

Solar modules, which are fully assembled solar panels, accounted for 90% (\$23.8 bn) of China's total solar exports by value in the first half of 2023. Over the last 12 months, China exported 111 GW of solar modules to Europe, the same amount as the total installed PV capacity of the United States.

Which country produces the most cost-competitive solar PV supply chain?

China is the most cost-competitive location to manufacture all components of the solar PV supply chain. Costs in China are 10% lower than in India, 20% lower than in the United States, and 35% lower than in Europe. Large variations in energy, labour, investment and overhead costs explain these differences.

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