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Clean power replacing emissions-intensive fossil fuels

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## Highlights

 65%  
Share of clean electricity

 17%  
Share of solar and wind

 35%  
Share of electricity from fossil fuels

**SHARE**  
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Latin America and the Caribbean generated 65% of its electricity from clean sources in 2024, well above the global average of 41%. The region's combined wind and solar share (17%) was above the global average (15%), while hydro (41%)

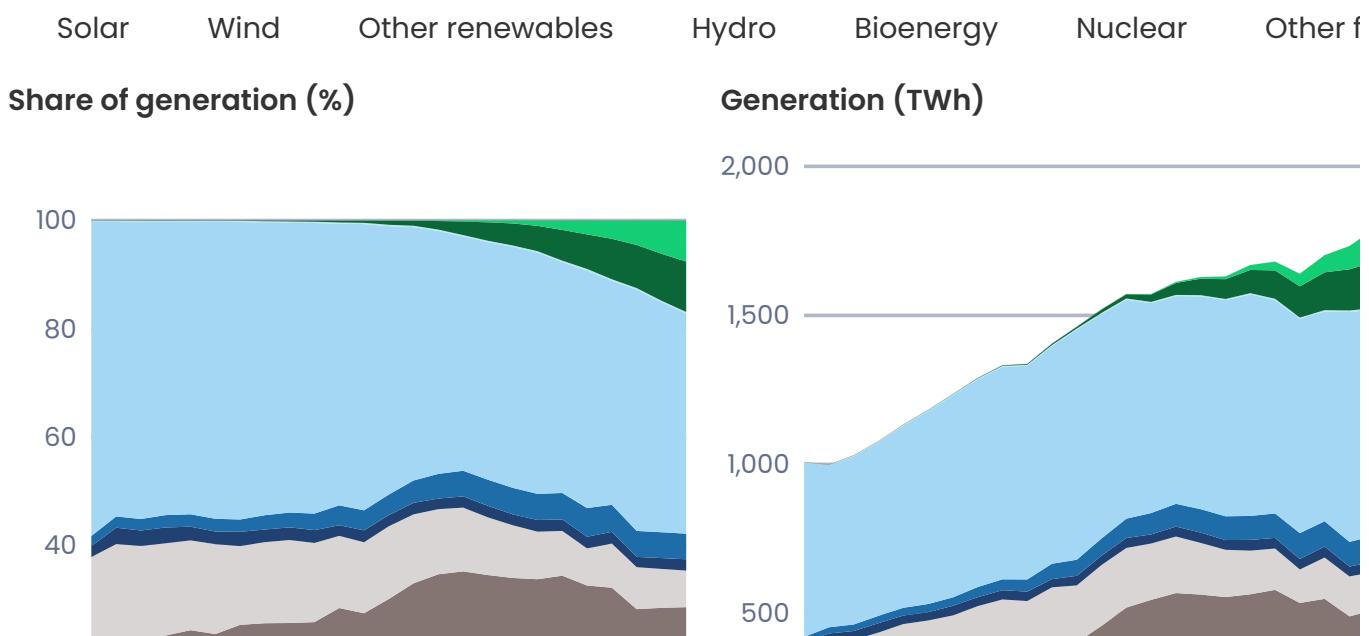
In the region, Chile (34%) and Uruguay (31%) have the highest shares of wind and solar. In 2024, Brazil added 36 TWh of wind and solar, accounting for 78% of wind and solar growth in the region and 7% of global growth.

In 2024, fossil fuels provided 35% of the region's electricity, down from 47% in 2015. This makes electricity less fossil fuel-intensive than the global average, with a lower carbon intensity (255 gCO<sub>2</sub> per kWh in 2024, compared with the global average of 473 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh).

Due to its growing base of wind and solar and large hydro resources, Latin America and the Caribbean has not developed a dependency on coal in the way that Asia has. Coal provided just 4% of the region's electricity in 2024. There are relatively small amounts of coal power in Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and the Dominican Republic, and there are virtually no new coal power plants planned. In the region, 24% of electricity is still generated with fossil gas, and in 2024 there was an increase of 21 TWh compared to 2023, mainly caused by intense droughts that affected hydroelectric generation in countries such as Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador.

Continuing to scale up clean power—particularly wind and solar—to keep pace with growing demand will be crucial for Latin America and the Caribbean. Growing investment in renewable generation projects will allow the region to increase energy access to remote communities, strengthen energy security and independence, and create new green jobs.

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