# *2021 RENEWABLE RESOURCES REPORT & PANDEMIC IMPACTS ON ELECTRIC LOADS*

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# *2021 RENEWABLE RESOURCES REPORT*



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## Renewable Energy & Electricity Generation

#### Renewables share of electricity generation is at its highest level

|                        | U.S. | Indiana |
|------------------------|------|---------|
| Total Energy           | 12%  | 6.8%    |
| Electricity Generation | 20%  | 7.1%    |

- Biomass (including biofuels, wood, and waste to energy) is the largest source of renewable energy locally and nationally
- Wind is the largest source of renewable electricity



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Data source: EIA

## 2020 U.S. Energy Consumption by Source

#### Major renewable contributors: hydro, wind, wood, biofuels



## 2020 U.S. Electricity Generation by Energy Source

#### Wind and hydro combined produce 80% of renewable electricity



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## Renewables Share of Indiana Electricity Generation

#### Wind provides 86% of renewable electricity in Indiana



## Indiana Wind Generating Capacity

#### Indiana ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in the country for wind capacity

- Over 3.4 GW of capacity online by the end of the year
- Indiana utilities have purchased power agreements for over 2.3 GW of wind
- Wind turbine prices have been declining since 2008





## Indiana Photovoltaics Generating Capacity

PV is expected to grow significantly

- An additional 650 MW of solar projects have cases pending at the IURC
- 17 solar farms of 100 MW or more are in some stage of development





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### Average Construction Costs on New Generation

#### Wind and solar costs continue to decrease



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## Organic Waste Biomass in Indiana

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> largest source of renewable electricity

- Landfill gas
  - 21 landfills can generate 73 MW
- Animal waste biogas
  - 6 digesters produce about 120,000 MWh annually
  - 5 digesters produce compressed natural gas for transportation use
- Wastewater treatment
  - Cities of West Lafayette and Jasper
- Wood and wood waste



## Hydroelectricity

Capital intensive; cost is very site specific

- 62 MW of existing hydropower in Indiana
- DOE estimates there is the potential for 454 MW of additional capacity at existing dams
  - 2/3 of that is at the Myers and Newburgh locks on the Ohio River





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Source: DOE

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## Indiana Electricity Sales

EIA monthly data for 2020 & 2021 is preliminary and subject to revision

- EIA has finalized annual sales data for 2020 but not monthly data
- There are some discrepancies between the two data sets for 2020, particularly in the industrial sector, where the preliminary monthly data is about 10% lower than the annual data
- While most of the differences are driven by economic and demographic factors, there are some differences due to weather, especially in the residential sector
- Monthly data is available through July 2021



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## Monthly Total Electricity Sales

#### Total sales are down 0.6% for first 7 months of 2021 vs. 2019



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## Monthly Residential Electricity Sales

#### Residential sales are up 2.3% for first 7 months of 2021 vs. 2019



## Monthly Commercial Electricity Sales

#### Commercial sales are down 3.4% for first 7 months of 2021 vs. 2019



## Monthly Industrial Electricity Sales

#### Industrial sales are down 1.2% for first 7 months of 2021 vs. 2019



## The Economy

Economic activity is the largest determinant of electric load

- Real U.S. GDP exceeded pre-pandemic levels for the first time in the second quarter of 2021
- Real U.S. personal consumption expenditures exceeded prepandemic levels in the first quarter of 2021
- U.S. employment still lags the pre-pandemic level by roughly 5 million
- Total U.S. labor force (employed and unemployed) is about 3 million below the pre-pandemic level



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Data sources: BEA, BLS

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