

# The cost of large-scale lithium-ion energy storage



## Overview

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In 2025, the typical cost of commercial lithium battery energy storage systems, including the battery, battery management system (BMS), inverter (PCS), and installation, ranges from \$280 to \$580 per kWh.

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### [Cost Projections for Utility-Scale Battery Storage: 2025 Update](#)

In this work we describe the development of cost and performance projections for utility-scale lithium-ion battery systems, with a focus on 4-hour duration systems. The projections are developed from an

### [Energy Storage Cost and Performance Database](#)

DOE's Energy Storage Grand Challenge supports detailed cost and performance analysis for a variety of energy storage technologies to accelerate their development and deployment.



### [The Real Cost of Commercial Battery Energy Storage in 2026: What](#)

What is the average cost of commercial battery energy storage in 2025? In 2025, the typical cost of commercial lithium battery energy storage systems, including the battery, battery

### **Historical and prospective lithium-ion battery cost trajectories from a**

LiB costs could be reduced by around 50 % by 2030 despite recent metal price spikes. Cost-parity between EVs and internal combustion engines may be achieved in the second half of this





## How cheap is battery storage?

Ember provides the latest capex and Levelised Cost of Storage (LCOS) for large, long-duration utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across global markets outside China

## [The Cost of Battery Energy Storage Systems \(BESS\)](#)

As of 2024, the average price for a utility-scale BESS is approximately \$148/kWh <sup>1</sup>. For a 1 GWh system, this translates to \$148 million. It's important to note that this cost includes not just the



## [Battery Energy Storage System \(BESS\) Costs and LCOS in 2024](#)

Over the past decade, lithium-ion battery costs have dropped by more than 80%, driving rapid global adoption. Subsidies, technological advancements, and economies of scale proceed to

## [Grid-Scale Battery Storage Cost Overview 2026](#)

The primary cost drivers are battery modules, balance of system, grid interconnection, permitting, and long-lead equipment. This article presents clear cost ranges in USD to help planners



## [2022 Grid Energy Storage Technology Cost and Performance](#)

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment



provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries,

## COST OF LARGE-SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE

COST OF LARGE-SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS PER KW Looking at 100 MW systems, at a 2-hour duration, gravity-based energy storage is estimated to be over \$ ,100/kWhbut



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