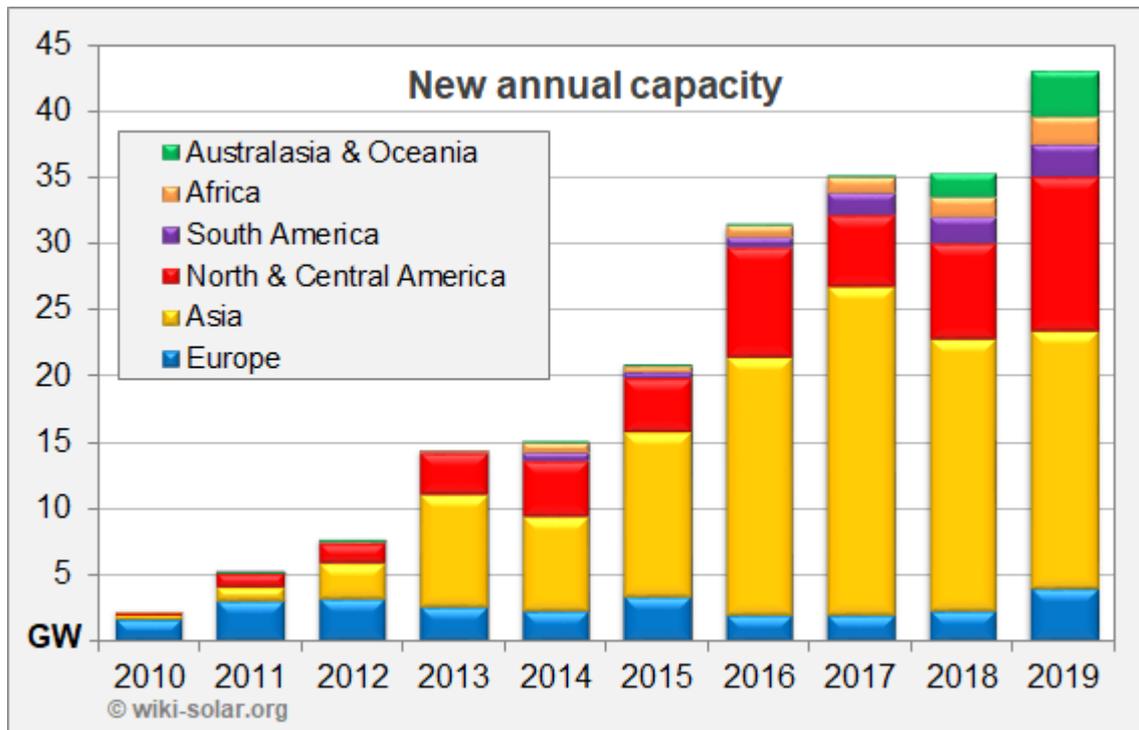


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Utility-scale solar tops 200-GW after another record year

Large scale solar passed the 200-GW_{AC} milestone in 2019, following another year of record deployment; according to preliminary figures released today by Wiki-Solar. New installations topped 40-GW_{AC} in 2019 making it the tenth consecutive year of rising figures.



Annual new utility-scale solar capacity by continent

“It took about a decade to reach the 100-GW record”, said Wiki-Solar founder Philip Wolfe; “the next 100-GW was achieved in just three years”.

Emerging markets led the revitalised growth, after a lacklustre 2018 struggled to maintain the annual records. “Significant contributions from countries like Australia, Vietnam, Mexico and Egypt have inspired this renewed growth”, says Wolfe. “Expect new entrants to the top-10 countries, when we publish the confirmed figures in March. China, USA and India will stay at the top, but it will probably be the last time the UK and Germany hold onto their 4&5 positions. We expect to see them being overtaken in 2020 by Australia, a resurgent Spain, and maybe also Mexico and Chile”.

Wiki-Solar will publish full 2019 figures with country-by-country installation figures in a couple of months, when all the data is in. It expects the overall outcome to be close to the preliminary figures, noting: “There are usually some new projects reported by official information sources, but this may be counterbalanced by delays to projects originally due for completion in 2019.”

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Notes for editors:

- [1] This release on the utility-scale solar market is available here:
http://wiki-solar.org/library/public/200108_Utility-Solar_tops_200GW_Another_record_year.pdf
- [2] Wiki-Solar defines 'utility-scale solar' as more than 4 MW_{AC} (~ 1,500 households in Europe) see: <http://wiki-solar.org/data/glossary/utility-scale.html>.
- [3] '*Solar Photovoltaic Projects in the mainstream power market*' was [published](#) in 2012.
- [4] Wiki-Solar is the leading authority on utility-scale solar with a database covering some 12,000 utility-scale solar projects, of which about three-quarters are operational, and others are in construction or development. These figures are based solely on operational capacity; projects under development are excluded until they have been commissioned.

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