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How much electricity does Ecuador need?

Ecuador had a peak demand of 5,110 MW in May 2025, and according to CENACE, electricity demand grows by 360 MW every year. Ecuador's energy shortage could result in a recurrence of power outages, particularly in the dry season of September through December. Ecuador has added minimal generation in recent years.

Where does Ecuador's electricity come from?

Ecuador's state-owned electricity company, CELEC EP, imports electricity from neighboring Colombia. CELEC is also increasing diesel purchases from Petroecuador to power its thermal electric power plants. Ecuador had a peak demand of 5,110 MW in May 2025, and according to CENACE, electricity demand grows by 360 MW every year.

What type of energy does Ecuador use?

Ecuador's renewable energy is comprised of hydro power (5,419 MW), biomass (1,550 MW), wind (71 MW), photovoltaic (29 MW), and biogas (11 MW). Hydroelectric power plants are in three regions: coastal (2 provinces), Andes (9 provinces), and Amazon (4 provinces).

What is Ecuador's energy outlook?

Ecuador's energy outlook has undergone a drastic change in recent times. The country is fast moving from conventional sources of energy to more clean, renewable-based energy, with a shift from heavy reliance on fossil fuels to nearly complete self-sufficiency through renewable energies, particularly hydroelectric power.

What is Ecuador's nuclear energy plan?

Ecuador's nuclear energy plan contemplates a 300 MW small modular reactor in the medium term and a 1 GW reactor in the long term. In May 2025, Ecuador became a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The next step is to enact the legal framework to oversee and regulate nuclear energy.

Who regulates the electricity sector in Ecuador?

The main regulatory body that regulates and controls all areas of the electricity sector in Ecuador is the Consejo Nacional de Electricidad (CONELEC). In 2015, the government reorganized its functions and renamed it Agencia de Control y Regulaci3n de Electricidad (ARCONEL).

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