Where Do We Get Electricity?

" Not only will atomic power be released, but someday we will harness the rise and fall of the tides and imprison the rays of the sun. "

Thomas Edison, 1847–1931

Electricity is generated from many different natural resources today. A combination of renewable and nonrenewable resources power electrical generators that distribute electricity throughout the state and beyond. Power stations in Minnesota are part of a grid that extends across state lines and into Canada. During periods of high demand, electricity is imported to or exported from other states and Canada.

Petroleum, Natural Gas: 7%

Renewables: 6%

Other: 1%

How much electricity comes from each source?

Coal, a nonrenewable resource, is the source for the majority of electricity produced in Minnesota. By 2025, the state will require energy companies to provide 25% of their power from renewable sources such as wind, solar, hydro, and biomass.

Roseau
Baudette
Warren
Thief River Falls
Winton
Grand Marais
Halstad
Bemidji
Virginia
Hoyt Lakes
Hibbing
Cohasset
Grand Rapids
Two Harbors
Averill
Moorhead
Hawley
Detroit Lakes
Duluth
Cloquet
Aitkin
Moose Lake
Pillager
Sylvan
Fergus Falls
Little Falls
Alexandria
Mora
Pine City
Melrose
Cambridge
St. Cloud
Princeton
North Branch
Benson
Becker
Monticello
Elk River
Maple Lake
Willmar
Litchfield
Delano
Minneapolis
Bayport
St. Paul
Silver Lake
Hutchinson
St. Bonifacius
Hopkins
Inver Grove Heights
Granite Falls
Glencoe
Shakopee
Burnsville
New Prague
Red Wing
Hendricks
Fairfax
Redwood Falls
Marshall
Montgomery
Sleepy Eye
New Ulm
Faribault
Kenyon
Lake Benton
Springfield
Ruthton
Mankato
Janesville
Owatonna
Woodstock
Westbrook
Madelia
Lake Crystal
Dodge Center
Rochester
Pipestone
Chandler
Mountain Lake
Windom
Truman
Blooming Prairie
Luverne
Willmont
Wells
Spring Valley
Lanesboro
Adrian
Lakefield
Preston
Worthington
Fairmont
Blue Earth
Austin
Hills