

# COUNTY COLOURS DASHBOARD

## For Wind Energy Across Ireland

The breakdown of wind energy generation and associated benefits across the 26 counties are contained in an interactive new website launched by Wind Energy Ireland., which shows that Kerry was the top wind energy generator during 2023, followed by Cork, Tipperary, Galway, Mayo and Donegal.

The platform offers detailed insights into each county's wind energy contributions, including carbon emissions savings facilitated by local wind farms and the economic impact of community benefit funds and commercial rates paid to county councils.

In 2023, wind energy supplied 35% of Ireland's electricity. Wind Energy Ireland's new dashboard now provides a county-by-county breakdown of this achievement, enabling users to explore region-specific data.

Leading the way in wind energy generation in 2023, Kerry produced 1,664 GWh of energy, followed by Cork (1,421 GWh), Tipperary (890 GWh), Galway (833 GWh) closely followed by Mayo (829 GWh) and finally Donegal (711 GWh). For context, one gigawatt-hour (GWh) equals the power consumed annually by approximately 230 Irish families.

These achievements reflect the collaborative efforts of local communities and stakeholders in driving Ireland's renewable energy transition. Noel Cunniffe, CEO of Wind Energy Ireland, explained that the platform empowers communities, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to better understand and appreciate the substantial contributions each county is making toward our national renewable energy goals.

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

"It also highlights the significant economic benefits associated with wind energy generation, such as county council rates and community benefit funds," he added. As Ireland works toward achieving 80% renewable electricity by 2030, Cunniffe emphasised the need for continued investment and supportive policies to sustain momentum in the wind energy sector.

"We've made significant progress in our wind energy journey. Counties that have contributed so much to Ireland's wind



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energy output should be proud of their achievements. However, we still have a long way to go.

"The County Colours Dashboard shows notable variance in wind energy output across the 26 counties. While some counties generate significant amounts of energy, others are yet to develop wind projects. So, there's tremendous opportunity for more counties to contribute to Ireland's clean energy future and benefit from the associated economic opportunities.

"Not only does this mean cleaner, more secure, and cheaper energy for the people of Ireland, but history also shows that energy abundance drives prosperity at the local level. We're committed to collaborating with communities, policymakers and industry partners to deliver more wind farms and ensure an affordable, resilient and sustainable energy future for everyone."



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