

# What is the power supply situation of South African base stations



## Overview

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The country is grappling with frequent power disruptions despite state-owned utility Eskom, which supplies over 80% of the national electricity demand, attempting to manage the load through improved maintenance strategies and plans for expanding power generation capacity. Eskom generates, transmits and distributes electricity to industrial, mining, commercial, agricultural and residential customers and redistributors. Additional power stations and major power lines are being built to meet rising electricity demand in South Africa. 4% per year, supported by GDP growth of 2. The latest Medium-Term System Adequacy Outlook (MTSAO) presents a complex view of South Africa's electricity landscape between 2026 and 2030. Failure to increase grid capacity is now the single biggest factor limiting new power generation, slowing economic growth and potentially prolonging the risks of load shedding. (Photo: Julia Evans) For all the talk of ending load shedding permanently, South Africa's greatest . South Africa's electricity supply remains in a precarious state, with continuous power outages and significant challenges in electricity generation and infrastructure maintenance posing a critical risk to the economic stability of the continent's most industrialized nation. While recent milestones have signalled progress, setbacks continue to expose deep-rooted challenges, negatively impacting households and businesses. This was revealed in a briefing by Eskom on its Just Energy Transition (JET) plan .

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### System status reports

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### ENERGY ACTION PLAN

NECOM's current focus is on implementing measures that will incentivise households and businesses to feed excess power into municipal and Eskom distribution grids and drive increased uptake.



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South Africa does not have an energy supply problem - it has a grid problem. The private sector is ready to invest, but without a functioning and independent transmission system, we

### South Africa's Energy Crisis: Current Status and Solutions

One of the greatest challenges facing the expansion and transition of South Africa's electricity supply is the grid bottleneck. Most of South Africa's coal-fired power plants were built in Mpumalanga, where





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Eskom, the state-owned power utility, has long been at the centre of the struggle to provide a stable and reliable electricity supply. While recent milestones have signalled progress,

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Compiled by the System Operator in accordance with the South African Grid Code, the report evaluates whether the power system will have sufficient resources to meet demand over the



## **South African energy crisis**

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stations by 2040, with the embattled SOE planning to ramp up renewable, gas, hydro and nuclear

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