Wind Power in the United States 2018

Data Visualization created using ShinyApps with R programming language

Live version of the app: https://cthemin.shinyapps.io/USWindProject/

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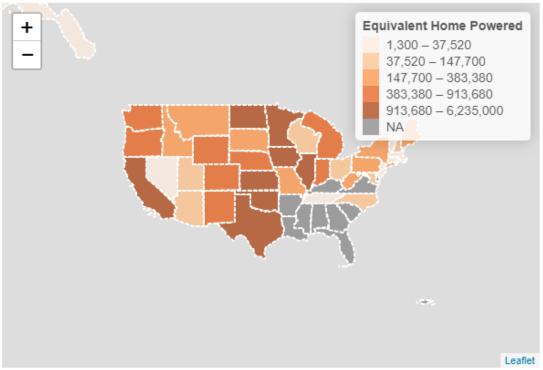
Interactive map

Ranking Bar Chart

Data Table & Reference

In the United States, it has been reported that the wind energy consumption is increased by 30% over the years. The government have recorded the data of the wind energy installated in each state with the total money invested. This report will analyse each state's Equivalent Home Powered (EHP), Installed Capacity in Megawatt (MW) and the Total amount of Money Invested. The data is collected from Choose Energy Inc.

The map below shows the size of each state, grouped by the number of EHP.



As can be seen, there are states that have more energy supplied than the others. Take the comparison between Texas and Oklahoma. The size of Oklahoma is 1/3 of Texas, the amount of money invested in Texas is \$42 Billion with 23,262 MW Installed capacity and 6,235,000 home powered. While in Oklahoma, it is invested with \$13,7 Billion, 7,495 MW Installed capacity and 2,268,000 home powered. The number is somehow reasonable.

However, if comparing Oklahoma to New Mexico where the size of New Mexico is slightly bigger than Oklahoma, the amount of money invested in New Mexico is only \$2,9 Billion with 1,682 MW installed capacity for 422,100 home powered. That is about 372% difference in money invested, power installed and home powered.

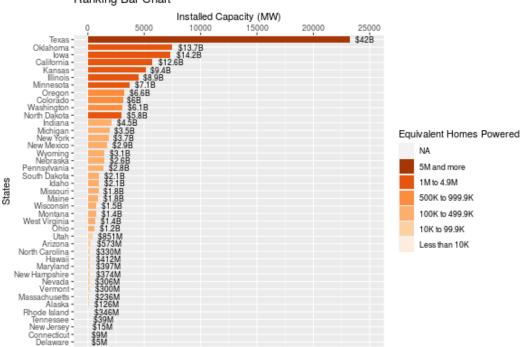
Next to the left of New Mexico is Arizona, which has similar size to New Mexico but it is invested with lower amount: \$573 million, 268 MW installed, and 54,600 home powered.

Further analysis can be done using Bar Chart on the next tab to see more detail on the Installed Capacity, EHP and the Amount invested

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The following Bar Chart compares the Installed Capacity (MW), Amount invested (\$) and Equivalent Home Powered. As can be seen, Texas is the highest in terms of money invested, energy supplied and EHP compare to the other states. Interestingly, North Dakota with only \$5,8 Billion money invested supplying 2,996 MW Installed Capacity for about 1 Million houses.

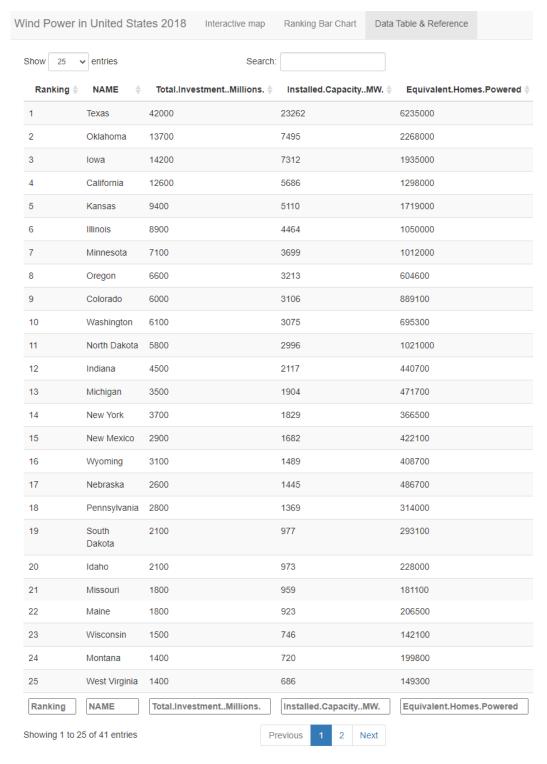
While Oregon, Colorado, and Washington received \$6 Billion each, supply less than 1 Million houses



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Conclusion

Both visualisations give a better insight for comparison between states in terms of money invested, power installed and equivalent home powered. This can help the government to make a better decision in the future for supplying energy for each state.



Data Reference:

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