

# Wind Resource Temporal Variability Report

Diurnal and monthly variability of wind resources based on data from the NREL  
Wind Toolkit

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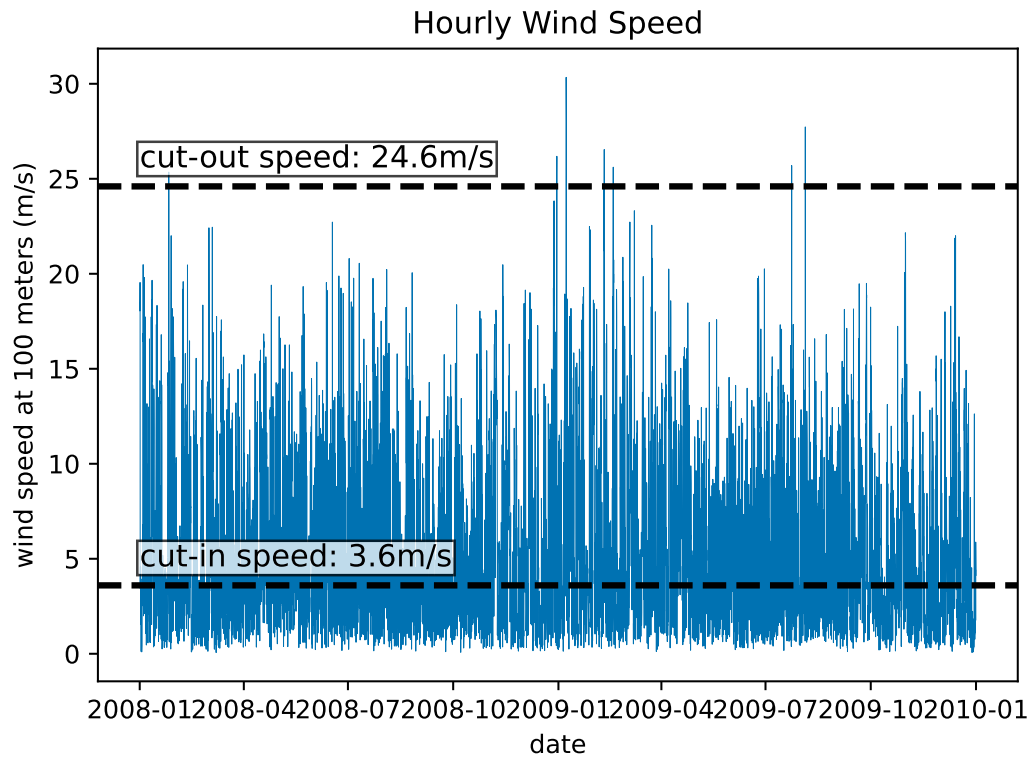
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## Introduction

This report provides an overview of wind resources for Golden, CO from 2008-01-01 to 2010-01-01. This analysis is based on the wind speed at 100 meters dataset within the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Wind Integration National Dataset (WIND) Toolkit.

## Analysis

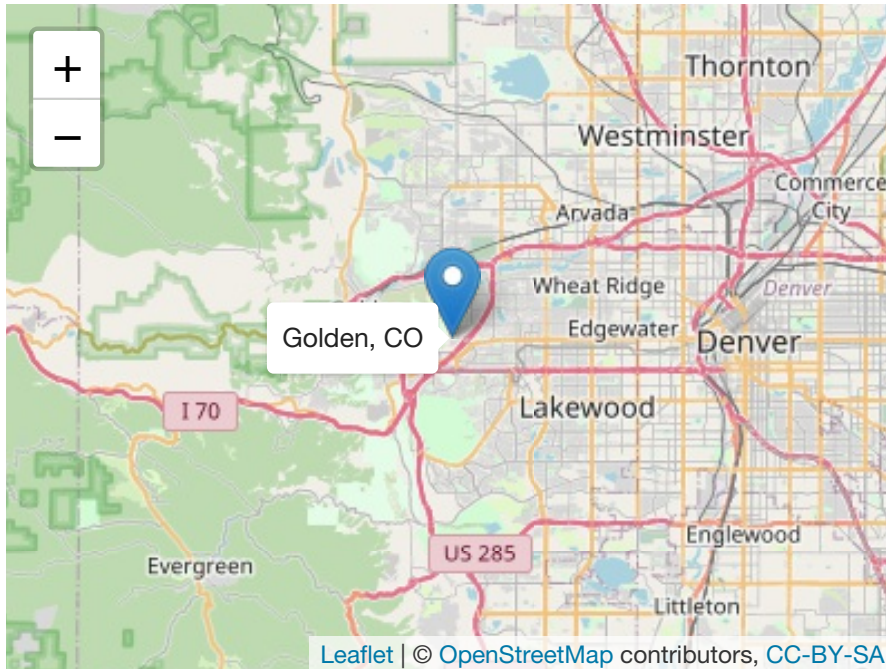
The graph below shows hourly wind speed for Golden, CO and the selected time range. Wind speed values are show in relation to the specified turbine cut-in and cut-out speeds.



The annual average wind speed for Golden, CO was 5.45 m/s. This is BELOW the value of 5.8 m/s recommended by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Wind speed was below the cut-in speed of 3.6 m/s for 7,631 hours. Therefore, wind turbines could not operate 43.5 percent of the time due to lack of wind. Wind speed exceeded the cut-out speed of 24.6 m/s for 19 hours. Therefore, wind turbines could not operate 0.11 percent of the time due to strong wind. Between 2008-01-01 to 2010-01-01, wind speeds at this location were within the acceptable operating range of 3.6 m/s to 24.6 m/s for 9,894 hours. Therefore, turbines could operate 56.39 percent of the time.

## Site Map

The map below shows the location of Golden, CO.



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