

Wind and Solar Curtailment May 20, 2021

This report is produced daily to provide a detailed accounting of the wind and solar renewable generation that was curtailed and the reasons why¹. This report should be read in the context of the Renewables Watch report for a more complete understanding of both renewable curtailment and generation².

Wind and solar curtailments are grouped into the following categories:

1. Economic - Local: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate local congestion³.
2. Economic - System: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate system-wide oversupply⁴.
3. SelfSchCut - Local: Market dispatch of self-schedules to mitigate local congestion.
4. SelfSchCut - System: Market dispatch of self-schedules to mitigate system-wide oversupply.
5. ExDispatch - Local: Exceptional dispatch to mitigate local congestion.
6. ExDispatch - System: Exceptional dispatch to mitigate system-wide oversupply.

Note: Amounts smaller than 1 MW are filtered out for simplicity. Such small curtailments are occasionally observed when forecasts are lower than Pmin when market will de-commit the unit and send the 0 MW dispatch.

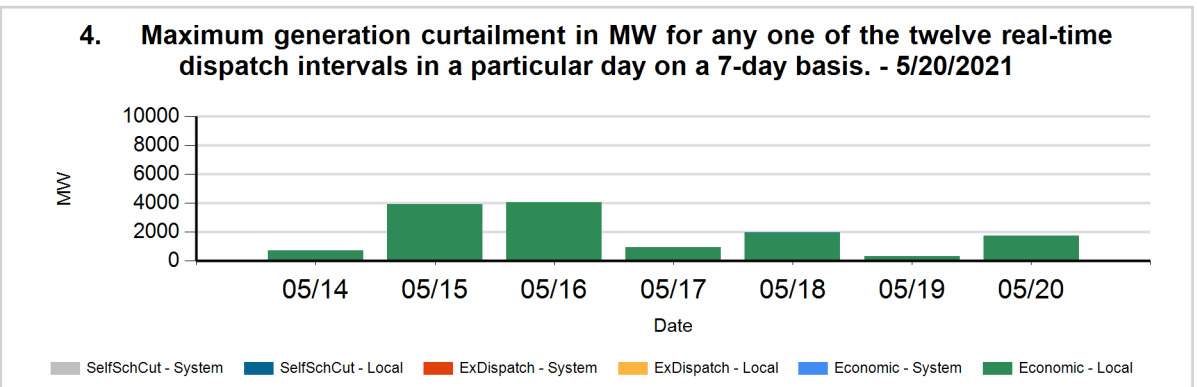
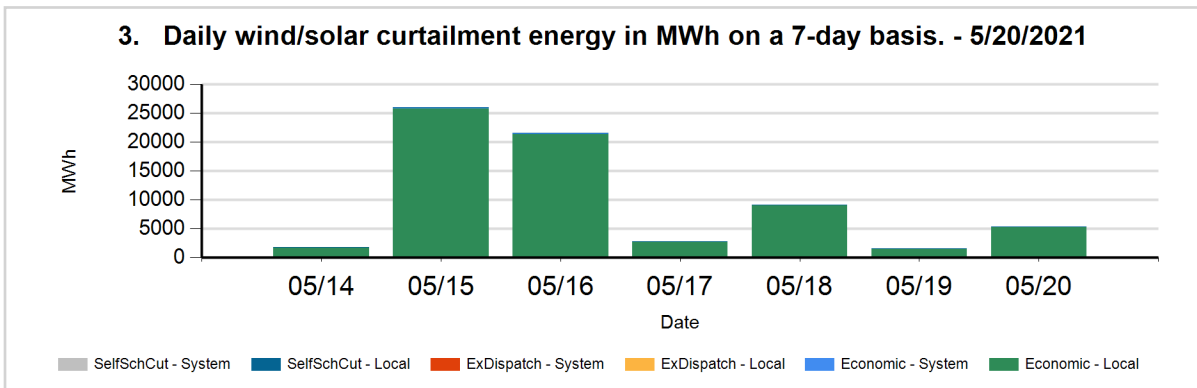
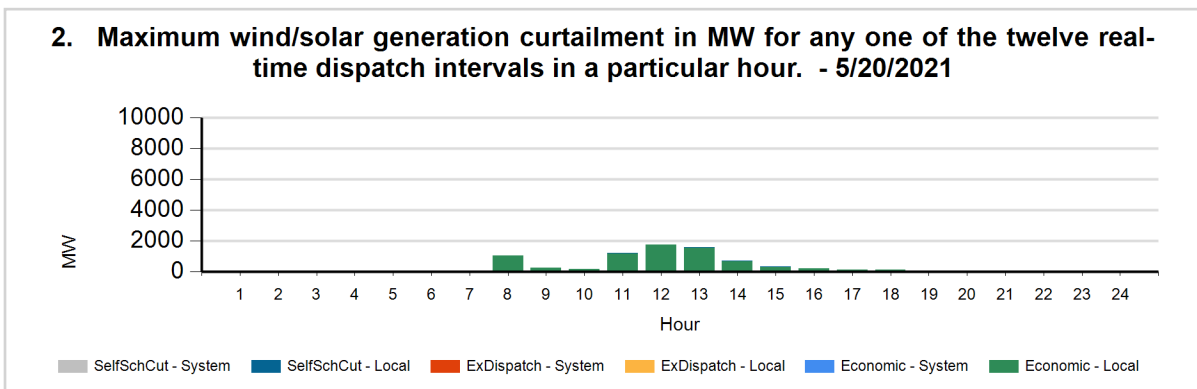
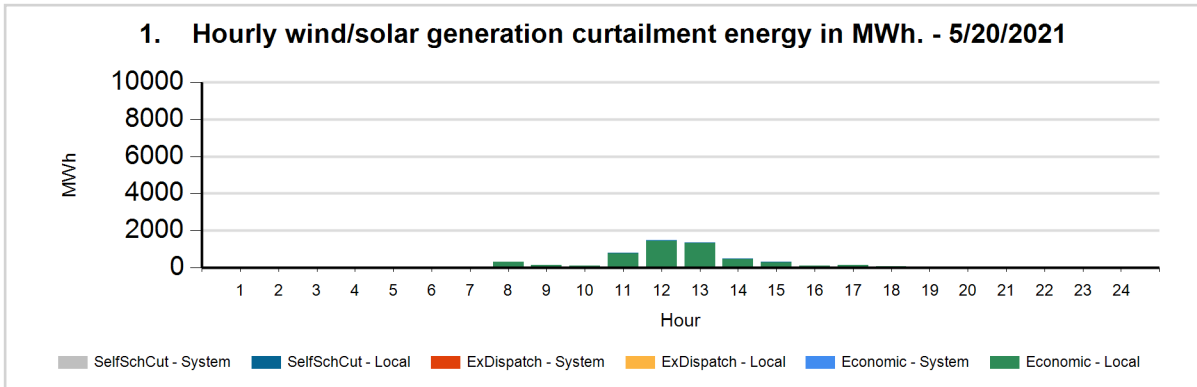
¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

²The Renewables Watch report provides daily actual renewable production within the ISO grid. It is available at: <http://www.caiso.com/green/renewableswatch.html>.

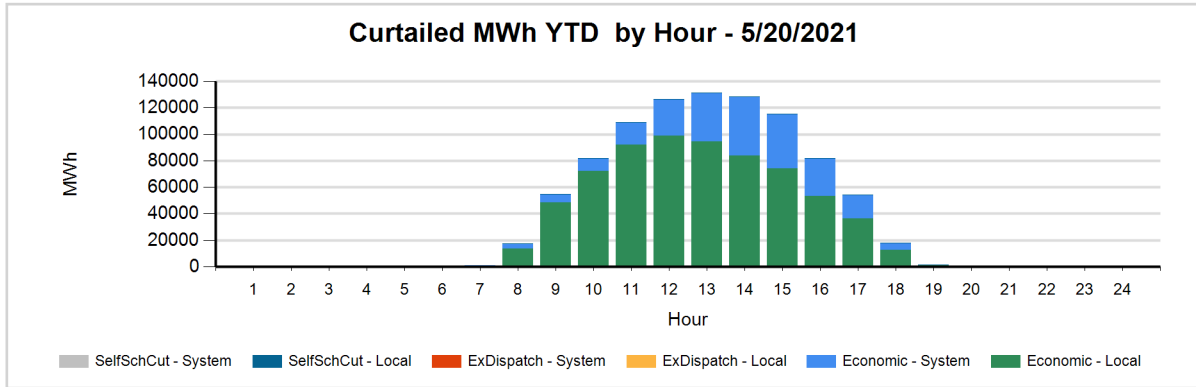
³Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

⁴For more information on oversupply conditions, please see: https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables_FastFacts.pdf

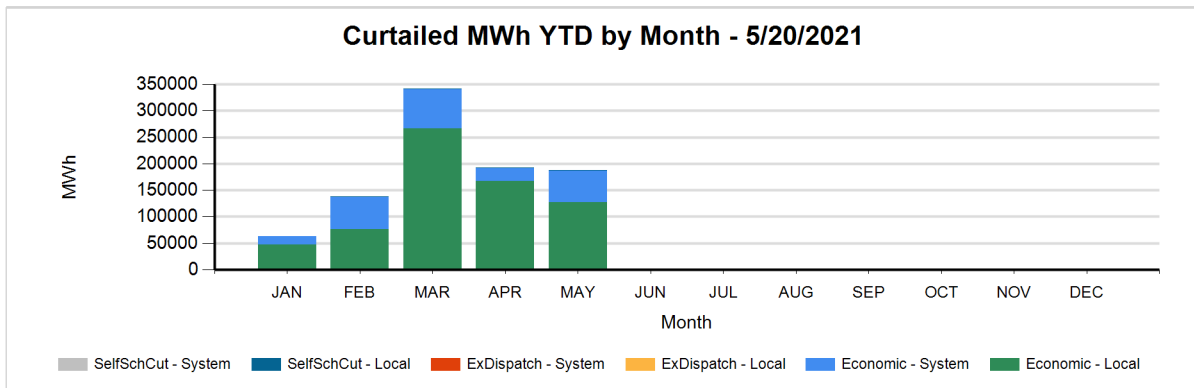
The following charts show the daily and 7-day wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



The following charts show hourly year to date wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



The following charts show monthly year to date wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



TYPE	YTD CURTAILED MWH - 5/20/2021
LocalEconomic	682,943
LocalSelfSchCut	2,748
SystemEconomic	236,514
TOTAL	922,204

Data used to produce hourly chart

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
05/20	7	Economic	Local	SOLR	14	44
05/20	7	Economic	System	SOLR	0	
05/20	8	Economic	Local	SOLR	302	1018
05/20	8	Economic	Local	WIND	2	13
05/20	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	144	246
05/20	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	112	159
05/20	10	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	0	
05/20	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	798	1169
05/20	11	Economic	Local	WIND	2	8
05/20	11	Economic	System	SOLR	7	26
05/20	11	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	2	8
05/20	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	1442	1666
05/20	12	Economic	Local	WIND	26	70
05/20	12	Economic	System	SOLR	17	
05/20	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	1313	1441
05/20	13	Economic	Local	WIND	24	111
05/20	13	Economic	System	SOLR	11	
05/20	13	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	5	16
05/20	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	447	662
05/20	14	Economic	Local	WIND	20	48
05/20	14	Economic	System	SOLR	2	
05/20	14	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	7	4
05/20	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	309	343
05/20	15	Economic	System	SOLR	9	
05/20	15	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	4	5
05/20	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	103	220
05/20	16	Economic	System	SOLR	0	
05/20	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	130	141
05/20	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	79	107
05/20	18	Economic	System	SOLR	0	
05/20	19	Economic	Local	SOLR	19	42

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