**ASIA: CHINA** 

# Gansu

GDP: \$103.4bn

Five-year economic growth rate: 16.5%

Population: 25.9m

Total clean energy investment, 2009-2014: \$36.9bn

Installed power capacity: 37.3GW

Renewable share: 33.9%

Total clean energy generation: 22.4TWh

Top energy authority:

**Provincial Development and Reform Commission** 

**CHINA RANKING** 

**OVERALL SCORE** 

2014 2015 2015

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## **OVERVIEW**

Gansu is located in northwest China and in 2014 contributed a relatively modest 1% to the country's overall nominal GDP with \$110.1bn, up from \$103.6bn in 2013. However, the province plays a disproportionately large role in China's overall clean energy industry.

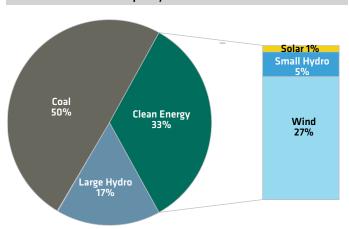
As of year-end 2014, Gansu had an installed power generating capacity of 41.9GW, of which 44.1% (18.5GW) was thermal, 24% (10.1GW) wind, 19.4% (8.1GW) hydro, and 12.3% (5.2GW) solar PV. In 2014, 58.9% of the total 124.1TWh power generated in Gansu came from thermal sources. The balance was supplied by zero-carbon technologies, including large hydro, wind and solar.

To better align the zero-carbon technology industry development with overall local economic growth, the Gansu government released in 2011 the 12th Five-year Development Plan for New Energy and Renewable Industries. It sets installation targets of 17GW, 8GW and 5GW for wind, hydro and solar PV by year-end 2015. By 2014, Gansu had already achieved theses targets for hydro and solar PV, but not for wind.

Today, the main challenge for Gansu's clean energy development is improving utilization efficiency for its existing fleet of solar PV and wind projects. Gansu's wind curtailment rate was 15% in 2014, well above China's 8% national average. Steps are being taken to address this as an 800kV direct current ultrahigh-voltage line starting from Gansu and ending in Hunan has been approved for construction.

## **INSTALLED POWER CAPACITY BY SOURCE, 2014 (%)**

#### 37.3GW total installed capacity

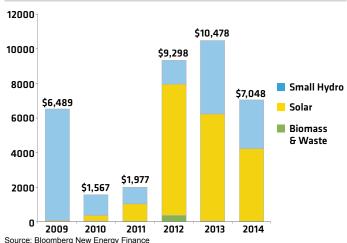


Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, National Energy Administration, Ministry of Water Resources, China Wind Energy Association, China Electric Power Yearbook Note: Negligible values for oil & diesel cannot be graphically represented due to scale, see source data for the complete numbers.

A new National Plan to Tackle Climate Change in Gansu through 2020 was announced by the provincial government at the end of 2014 and aims to cut CO2 intensity of the provincial economy 42% against 2005 levels by 2020. For the power sector, a carbon emissions cap was set at 650g/kWh for large power plants.

# ANNUAL INVESTMENT IN CLEAN ENERGY, 2009-2014 (\$m)

#### \$36.9bn total cumulative investment



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance
Notes: Total investment includes: Asset Finance, Corporate Finance and Venture Capital /
Private Equity Commitments.

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