



# The idea that wind energy is “expensive” is a MYTH.

- Today, wind is one of the [least expensive options for new sources of electric generation.](#)
- **Installed cost comparison (per kW):**
  - Wind: \$1,500-\$2,000 (...no fuel costs!)
  - Coal: \$2,500-\$3,500 (...plus fuel)
  - “Clean” coal: \$2,900-\$3,900 (...plus fuel)
  - Nat. gas combined cycle: \$800-\$1,000 (...+fuel)
- **Yes, fossil generators have higher capacity factors...BUT, the installed costs above don't include FUEL**
- ...and let's not forget about the other costs (carbon tax, air/water pollution, global warming) associated with fossil fuels.