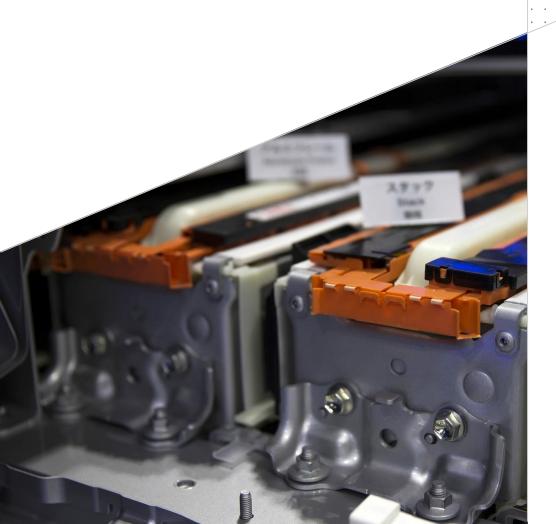
# 2024 Lithium-Ion Battery Price Survey

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# Section 1. Executive summary

### \$115/kWh

BloombergNEF's 2024 volume-weighted average lithium-ion battery pack price

#### -20%

Change in pack prices compared to 2023

#### **18%**

Latest observed learning rate for lithium-ion batteries

BloombergNEF's annual battery price survey has found that the volume-weighted average price for lithium-ion battery packs was \$115 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) this year. This is a 20% drop yearon-year, the biggest since 2017. Cell manufacturing overcapacity, economies of scale, low metal and component prices and the ongoing shift to lower-cost lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries have all contributed to this drop. This year's price survey includes 343 data points from passenger electric vehicles, e-buses, commercial electric vehicles, two- and three-wheelers, and stationary storage.

- 2024 price dynamics: Battery pack prices fell by 20%, while cells dropped by 30% to \$78/kWh. The drop is partly due to significant overcapacity, with battery manufacturers offering very low prices to beat competition and gain market share. Battery manufacturers have aggressively expanded production capacity in anticipation of surging demand, but EV sales, one of the biggest demand drivers for batteries, have grown at slower pace than some expected. This year we recorded the lowest pack price to date, at \$45/kWh, in China for an energy storage system.
- Price outlook: Metal prices may well rise in the next three years, as geopolitical tensions, tariffs on battery metals and low prices stalling new projects could disrupt supply and demand dynamics. Additionally, tariffs on finished battery products may lead to distortionary pricing dynamics and slow end-product demand. However, higher adoption of lithium iron phosphate (LFP), continued market competition, improvements in technology, material processing and manufacturing will exert downward pressure on battery prices. BNEF expects pack prices to decrease by \$3/kWh in 2025. For our long-term outlook, lower pack prices this year have led us to adjust our estimated learning rate to 18%, up from 17% last year. This implies a quicker drop in battery pack prices in future.
- Passenger electric vehicles: Battery electric vehicles (BEVs) continue to have the lowest pack prices in the passenger EV segment, at \$97/kWh, a 27% decrease on 2023 prices, passing below the \$100/kWh mark for the first time. At the cell level, average BEV prices were \$73/kWh, representing 75% of the total pack price. Pack prices for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) were \$320/kWh, 230% higher than BEV pack prices.
- E-buses and commercial vehicles: Batteries used in e-buses and commercial vehicles are priced very differently in China compared to the rest of the world. In China, the volume-weighted average pack price came in at \$90/kWh, less than half the average for outside China which was \$190/kWh. The difference is down to the chemistry choice, order volumes and pack design. China is still the largest e-bus and commercial EV market and is about 61% and 60% of global battery demand in 2024 for the two sectors, respectively.
- Stationary storage: The volume-weighted average rack price for stationary storage systems in 2024 was \$125/kWh, 19% lower than in 2023. The sector saw aggressive cost reductions, driven in large part by intense competition in China, massive oversupply of battery cells, and increasing adoption of low-cost LFP. Additionally, the movement to larger cell and system sizes has driven costs down.
- Reaching \$100/kWh: Average battery prices for fully electric vehicles are now below \$100/kWh, an oft-cited rule of thumb for where EVs reach price parity with internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEs). In some segments, EVs have indeed reached price parity

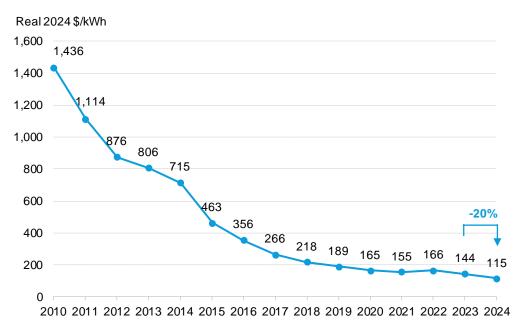
but this varies by region, vehicle segment and automaker. EVs are still significantly more expensive than comparable combustion cars in many markets. We expect more segments to reach price parity, as lower-cost batteries become more widely available outside of China.

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• This year we observe an 18% learning rate on the experience curve, one point higher compared to last year. This means for every cumulative doubling of lithium-ion battery packs deployed, prices have come down by 18%.

# Figure 1: Lithium-ion battery price survey results: volume-weighted average pack prices, all sectors



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Historical data has been adjusted to real 2024 dollars. kWh = kilowatt-hour.

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