

Identification of Trends in Growing Turbine Size, Capacity, and Other Developments Using the US Wind Turbine Database

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Abstract

This article's goal was to examine information about developments in wind energy around the country. There is no known independent, credible, or up-to-date overview of these variables, despite the fact that governments, academics, and the commercial sector are usually aware of patterns of wind turbine growth (i.e., turbine size and capacity expanding in recent years). Using data collected by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and partners, this study used descriptive statistics to show turbine development and growth patterns from 1981-2019. The newly created United States Wind Turbine Database (USWTDB) represents the most comprehensive account of wind turbine information and was updated in January 2020. Variables I am interested in here are turbine manufacturer, state of project, turbine and project capacity, and turbine size. Findings provide empirical evidence to support the common, yet previously unrefined statements that wind turbines are growing larger in number, size and capacity. This growth is varied over spatial and temporal scales. I also provide evidence to show patterns of turbine manufacturing, with GE Wind dominating much of the US wind energy landscape today. I hope this work provides a timely resource for those interested in a variety of questions surrounding wind energy development in the United States. Perhaps more importantly, this analysis will hopefully inspire others to use what the USWTDB provides and answer larger questions surrounding wind energy futures.

Keywords

Wind Energy, Wind Turbines, USWTDB, Renewable Energy, Turbine Capacity, Turbine Size

1. Introduction

Responding to intersecting problems including global climate change, air pollution, and domestic energy insecurity, wind energy has emerged as a major source of low-carbon electricity generation. In the United States alone, there are now more than 60,000 utility-scale turbines, representing nearly 100 gigawatts of wind energy capacity and 15% of the global total [1] [2]. Much of this has been introduced over the past decade, and yet up until recently, there was no publicly accessible dataset that described wind turbines and their characteristics (e.g. size, capacity, location). Recognizing this void, researchers across three organizations—the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)—came together in 2018 to create such a dataset. Aptly named The US Wind Turbine Database (USWTDB), information is provided on turbines dating back to 1981 and is updated on a quarterly basis. Apart from the USWTDB Viewer [3], which provides a simple and interactive way for anyone to visualize wind turbines across the country, there is no known resource for those who want to un-

derstand trends in US wind energy growth. More specifically, the Viewer and any other known resources do not provide any way to understand summarized and/or precise changes to US wind energy landscapes.

In this paper, I use the USWTDB to analyze patterns of US wind energy growth over four decades. For government, this will help those who debate and design policy. In industry, this may help businesses of all sizes understand current (and perhaps future) landscapes of the sector. For academics, I see this paper as providing an important starting-point for discussions around the clustering, size, and growing capacity of wind turbines. Echoing the benefits described

by Rand *et al.* [2], this paper may also provide important context for groups interested in: climate change and air quality [4], local health and well-being [5], grid impacts [6], land requirements [7], local surface temperatures [8], sound and noise [9], property values [10] [11], renewable energy potentials [12], and acceptance research [13] [14] [15].

For all of these groups listed above—and more—there is a general understanding that turbines are getting larger in both in size, capacity and overall number. Yet, there is still a need for a study that analyses these trends in a systematic way. I answer what I see is a call for this kind of resource. In doing so, I provide a clear, accessible, and available-to-all report.

2. Methods

United States Wind Turbine Database

A full description of the USWTDB, including its process of creation, can be found in a recent publication by Rand *et al.* [2]. Here, I simply wish to clarify some important issues that directly relate to the variables used in this analysis. First, for many of the most pertinent variables, the USWTDB authors provide us their level of confidence (0 = not verified; 1 = no confidence; 2 = partial confidence; 3 = full confidence) regarding turbine characteristics (e.g. size, capacity, model, project name) and turbine location (coordinates). Of the total of 63,003 turbines, there was full confidence in turbine characteristics of 81% (9.5% with partial and 9.5% with no confidence). In terms of location, there was full confidence throughout 92.8% of the data (0.6% with partial and 6.5% with no confidence). This leaves us confident in the characteristics of 51,037 turbines and in the location of 58,494 turbines [2].

In most of the analysis here, I include only those turbines/projects with the highest level of confidence. This ensures transparency and should increase the reader's trust in the findings. Exceptions are seen when characteristics of wind turbines are not necessary (*i.e.* total number of turbines). As per the USWTDB, dismantled turbines are not included, but decommissioned turbines are. Residential-scale turbines (usually less than 65 kW and 30 metres in height) are not included in the dataset. Some exceptions to this may include smaller wind turbines built in California before 1990. At the time, these were considered to be utility-scale and thus are retained in the USWTDB.

Data Analysis

On March 28 2020, the USWTDB data was downloaded and input into SPSS 24 software. Based on Rand *et al.* [2] and verification of the data itself, the USWTDB included all turbines built and constructed by the end of 2019. The oldest wind turbines date back to 1981 (no confidence in turbine characteristics) or 1982 (full confidence in characteristics or any confidence in turbine location).

Before analysis took place, the dataset was cleaned to remove any missing variables. This was done for the variables of project year operational, project capacity, turbine capacity, turbine hub height, turbine rotor diameter, and turbine rotor swept area. I then used simple descriptive statistics to identify trends in the dataset. Based on a combination of what I saw as gaps in the literature, and what the dataset provided, this includes: leading turbine manufacturers, turbine capacity by year, the (physical) growth of wind turbines, and wind energy development by state (by year and decade). Below I present figures and tables that summarize such findings. Complete results of each section (via tables) can be found in the **Appendix A-H** [3].

3. Results

Wind Turbine Manufacturers

As of the end of 2019, General Electric (GE) Wind was by far the leading manufacturer of wind turbines across the United States (see **Figure 1**). Of the more than 51,000 turbines with full characteristics confidence, the company produced 21,774 (41.5%). Vestas (including Vestas North America; 24.1% or 12,322) produced the next highest number. At 4901 (9.6%), Siemens came in third. Though due to a 2017 merge with Gamesa (which later became Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy), it may be argued that the new company is actually responsible for a total of 8137 turbines (15.9%) as of 2019. Mitsubishi (5.5%), Gamesa (5.2%), Suzlon (2.6%), Nordex (1.8%), Acciona (1.5%), NEG Micon (1.3%), Clipper (1.3%), Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (1.1%), and Repower (1.1%) represent the top 12 and include all those with at least 1% of turbines. A list of all those companies with at least five turbines as of 2019 (0.1% of total) can be found within the **Appendix B**.

We can also look for recent changes in the above trends. As of 2009, things were much the same. GE Wind was still the leader (36.2%). Vestas was second (22.5%), followed by Mitsubishi (11.6%) and Siemens (6.1%). Going back two decades to 1999, Vestas was the undisputed leader with near a third (32.5%) of all turbines. Enron (20.5%) and NEG Micon (17.6%) followed.

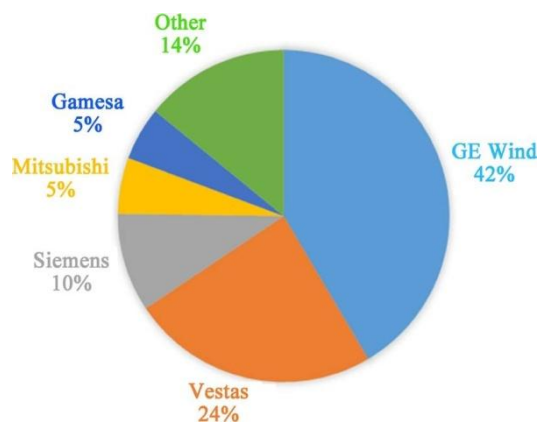
Growth of New Turbine Capacity and Total Number of Turbines

Figure 2 shows the annual growth of average new turbine capacity and the annual number of new turbines. Because of gaps in data for turbine capacity through the 1980s and 1990s, here I include both the values given with full and partial confidence. The full dataset that makes up **Figure 2** can be found within the **Appendix C**.

. Of the 51,036 turbines with full confidence in capacity, the average (mean) turbine capacity

was 1831.85 kW (1.85 MW). Though as the figure shows, this has varied throughout time. In 1990, the average turbine was just 218.16 kW (0.218 MW). In 2005, this reached nearly 1.5 MW. In 2014, this rose to 1.93 MW and finally in 2019, the steady rise continued, with the average turbine having a capacity of 2.56 MW. The turbine with the largest capacity (of all years) became operational in 2016 and had a capacity of 6 MW. It was associated with a five-turbine project called Block Island (Washington County, Rhode Island).

Using an expanded set of all development, we see the number of turbines has generally grown year over year—but with some notable spikes and valleys. Up until 2000, new turbines averaged just under 300 per year. There were just two years in this set of 18 that saw more than 1000 turbines becoming operational— 1985 (n = 1596; all of which occurred across 16 wind farms in California), and



*Of the total number of wind turbines as of 2019 (n = 51,036). Though there were 51,037 turbines with full confidence in turbine characteristics, we found one turbine manufacturer as “missing”. This may have been caused by a coding error.

Figure 1. Wind Turbines by manufacturer (percent of total*).

*For the year 1989, there was no information about average turbine capacity so I chose to insert a value that is equal to the average of the three preceding years. There were no turbines built in 1993 throughout the entire database, and so that year is not given a value (*i.e.* the year is ignored).

Figure 2. Number of wind turbines and average capacity (by year)*.

1999 (n = 1005; where 33 wind farms were built in 10 states).

From 2001 to 2019, the average number of turbines was 2897/year—though again with great variation. 2001 saw 1876 new turbines—a value that was not exceeded until 2007 when 3200 turbines became operational. This growth would continue until 2010 (n = 5780), when average turbines built from 2010-2011 dropped to just 3232. A recovery in 2012 marked the highest number of turbines ever built (n = 6774). Aside from a severe drop the following year (n = 610), new turbines have been relatively stable in recent history. This includes an average of 3366 turbines from 2014 to 2019.

Wind Turbine Development by State

Given our understanding of the general growth of wind energy, it is important to recognize the geographic distribution of wind turbine development (*i.e.* by state; see **Figure 3** and **Appendix D**). Using the USWTDB's list of all turbines with a state/territory given, there are a few trends that stand out.

First is the dominance of California during the first two decades. From 1981-1991, California accounted for all new wind turbines ($n = 4819$; not shown). The late 1990s and 2000s brought with them much more diversity across the US energy landscape. By the end of 2009, there were 38 states with at least one turbine. Texas ($n = 6094$ or 22.2%) was just trailing behind California ($n = 6278$ or 22.9%) as the nation's leader. Other significant development had taken place in Iowa (9.2%), Minnesota (4.9%), Oregon (4.5%) and Washington state (4.3%).

From 2011-2019 there had been substantial growth in wind energy across the

Figure 3. Number of new wind turbines by state and year (1992-2019; Top 10 states as of 2019).

United States. Again, when using the dataset of all turbines, there is a 2.24x increase in wind turbines from 2009 to 2019—strongly aided by “spikes” in 2012 and 2015. By the end of 2019, Texas was the leader in wind turbines ($n = 14,852$ or 24.2%) while California was a distant second (13%). Iowa was in third (8.7%) and Oklahoma moved to fourth (6.6%). As of 2019, there were 22 states with at least 1% of all turbines. There were 40 states and 2 territories (Puerto Rico and Guam) with at least one turbine.

Total Wind Energy Capacity by State

While the growth in number of turbines tells us something about the way wind energy development has taken place over the United States (**Figure 3** and **Appendix D**), it is also helpful to understand the geographic distribution of wind energy capacity as well (**Figure 4**). That is because especially valuable given that more recently built turbines have capacities 5-6× larger than those from the 1980s (see **Figure 2**). **Figures 4-6** below show the top 10 leading states in terms of total wind energy capacity—as well as total turbines and average turbine capacities—built in the 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s. The full dataset can be found in **Appendix E**.

Due to a concentration of new wind farms in Minnesota and Iowa in the late 1990s, both states overtook California by 2000. While still behind in total number of turbines, advancements in wind energy technology (re: capacity) allowed for this to happen. In line with **Figure 3**, from 2010 onwards Texas also became the undisputed leader in terms of capacity—with nearly 8000 MW in 2010 and nearly 25,000 MW by the end of 2019. Other notable states to emerge as wind energy leaders over the past decade include Oklahoma ($n = 7033.33$ MW) and

Figure 4. Total new wind energy capacity in the 1990s by state (Top 10 states in the 1990s).

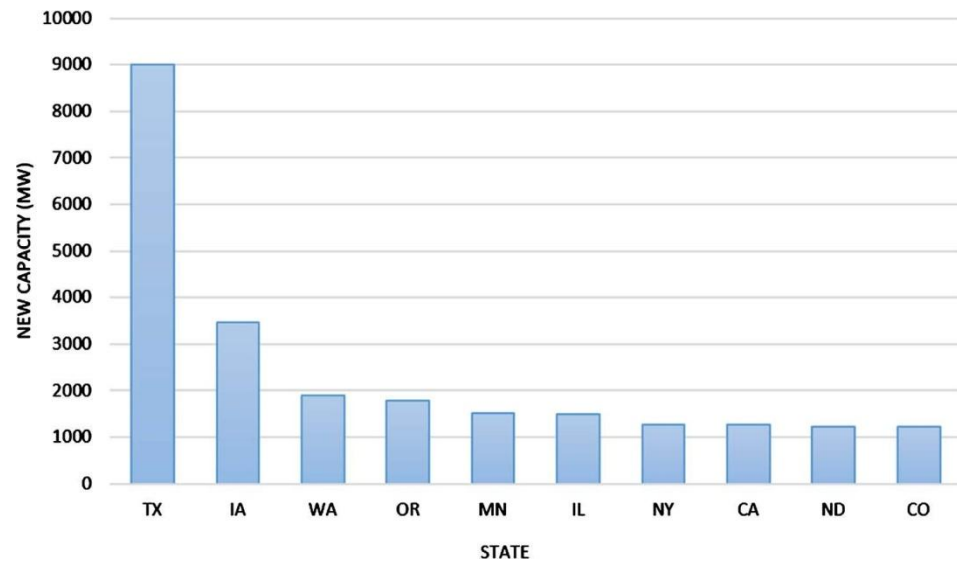


Figure 5. Total new wind energy capacity in the 2000s by state (Top 10 states in the 2000s).

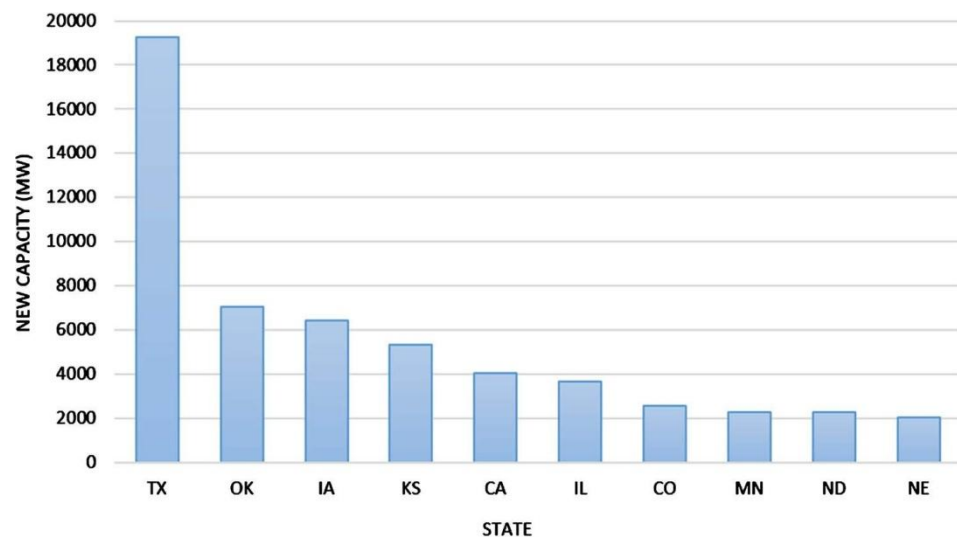


Figure 6. Total new wind energy capacity in the 2010s by state (Top 10 states in the 2010s).
Kansas (n = 5331.98 MW).

Turbine Size by Year

Finally, and corresponding to the growing capacity of wind developments, new turbines have grown in physical size since the 1980s. When using looking at hub height (*i.e.* the distance from the ground to the nacelle or centre of the wind turbine) there has been a 3.7× increase from 1985 (24.4 metres) to 2019 (90.3 metres). In looking at **Figure 7** below (see also **Appendix F**), this rise has also been relatively constant, especially over the past 20 years. Again, due to inconsistencies in the data, I use turbine hub height data with full (n = 51,032) and partial (n = 4168) confidence.

Using only those turbines with full confidence in hub heights, as of 2019 the largest onshore wind turbine has a hub height of 130 metres and is single turbine part of the UL Advanced Wind Turbine Test Facility (built in 2018 in Randall County, Texas). This is a 1.6× increase since the early to mid-2000s, where the largest hub heights were 80 metres (see **Figure 8** below).

Today, there are 1482 turbines with a hub height of 100 metres or more. The multi-turbine wind development with the largest hub heights is the Hancock Wind Farm (Hancock County, Maine), which has 17, 116.5-metre turbines. More information on tallest turbines (per year), can be found in **Appendix G**.

Although it is the most common approach, hub height is just one way to measure turbine size. Rotor diameter and turbine rotor swept area, which is the total area covered through one full rotation of turbine blades, are also used. Looking at only those turbines with full characteristics confidence, we can see the rise of both of these values over the past two decades (see **Figure 9** and **Appendix H**).

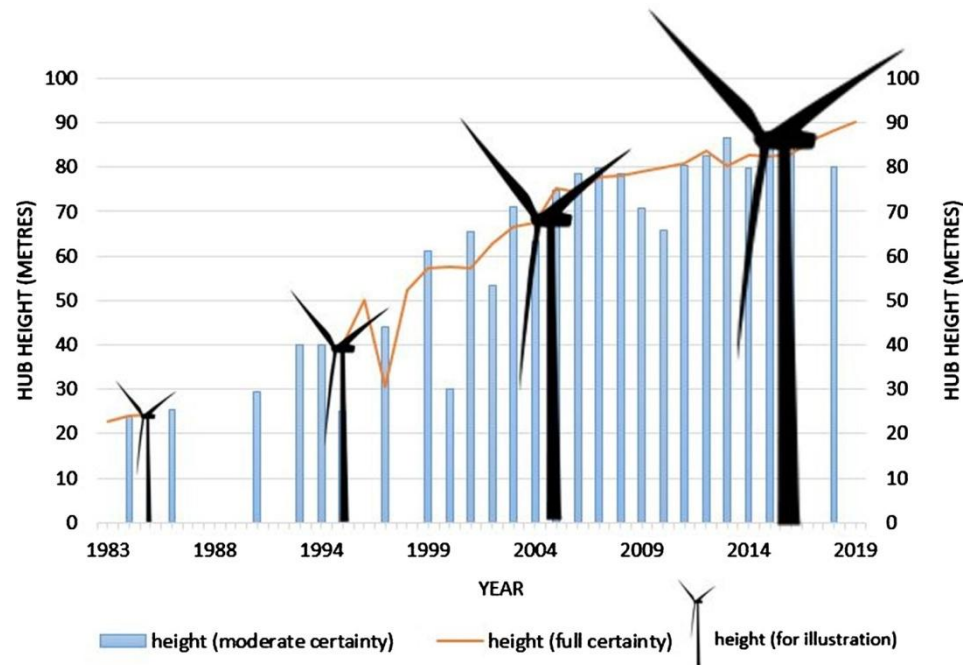


Figure 7. New turbine hub height (average) by year.

Figure 8 Largest turbine hub height (by year)

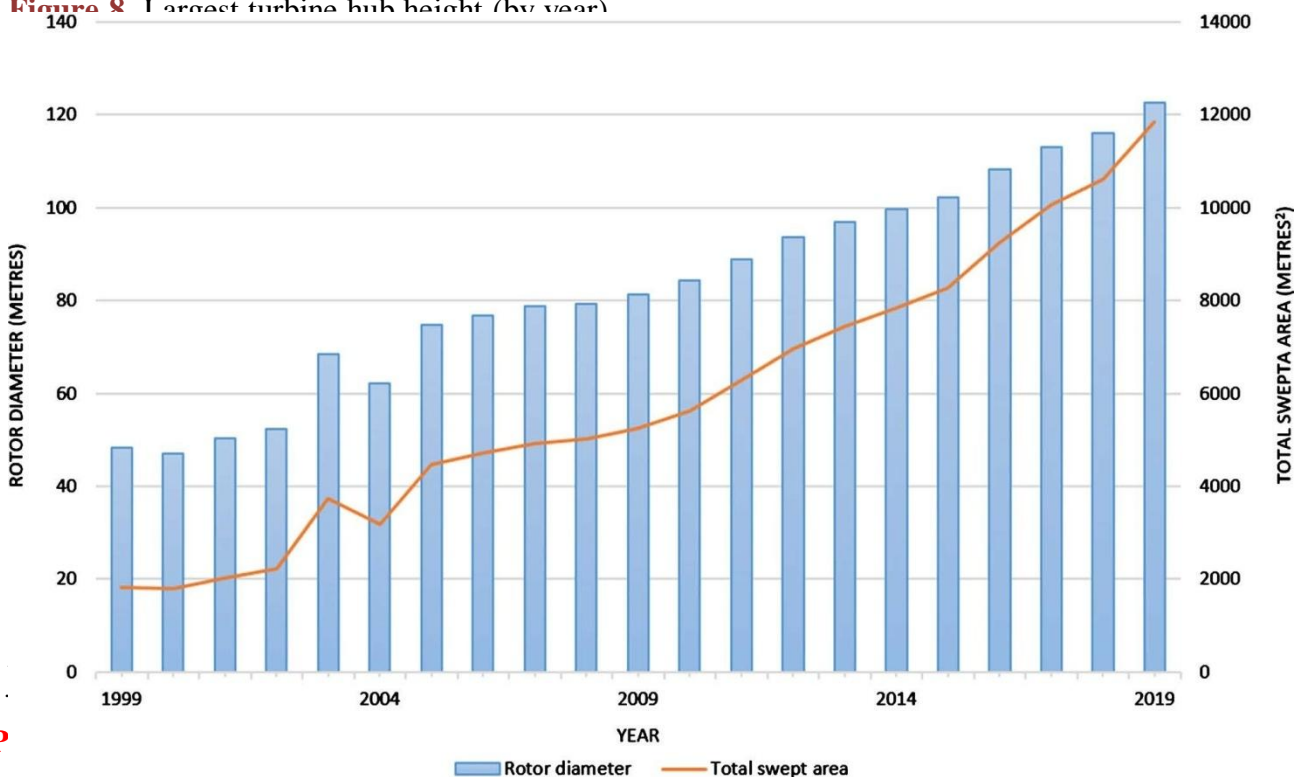


Figure 9. Average rotor diameter and total swept area by year.

Average rotor diameter increased from 48.22 metres in 1999 to 122.63 metres in 2019. The largest diameters during this same period ranged from 66 metres in 1999 to 150 metres (GE Haliade 150-6) in 2016.

Total swept area is a direct function of turbine diameter and thus why we see a perfect association between the two values in **Figure 9**. The total swept area is calculated by dividing the rotor diameter by two (*i.e.* to get radius/blade length), multiplying that value by itself, and then multiplying by the value of Pi (approx. 3.14159). It is represented through the following equation:

$$\text{Total swept area} = \pi * \left(\frac{\text{rotor diameter}}{2}\right)^2 \quad 1)$$

4. Discussion and Conclusions

Here I have presented a paper that has highlighted some major trends related to wind energy development across the United States. This was enabled by the newly-published United States Wind Turbine Database—an important, yet pre-viously unsynthesized resource.

I have begun this important work here, quantifying patterns of wind energy growth in terms of variables such as total number of turbines, capacity, geo- graphic distribution, and size. In existing literatures, these factors are often writ-ten about as assumptions. That is, phrases like “as turbines grow larger in size”—without quantification or citation—are increasingly common. I attempt to help move past the tendency to write in this way. More specifically, I show that in terms of manufacturing, and with 42% of the total, GE Wind is the undisputed leader as of 2019. Despite some significant peaks and valleys, the number of US turbines has generally increased year over year—with an average of over 3300 from 2014-2019. Average turbine capacity has also increased over the past fourdecades, and is now at just over 2.5 MW. In terms of geographic distribution, California may be labelled as the “early adopter” of wind energy, dominating all (small turbine) developments throughout the 1980s and much of the 1990s. Since then, Texas—and states like Iowa, Oklahoma and Kansas to smaller degree—have challenged and surpassed the “Golden State” in terms of both number of tur- bines and/or total capacity. Finally, I confirm the popular refrain of turbines get- ting physically larger since the 1980s. Growth of hub heights, rotor diameters and (thus) total swept areas, have seen very consistent growth over nearly 40 years. The largest turbines are now more than twice as tall (up to 130 metres) as they were just 20 years ago. Turbine rotor (blade) diameters have risen from approximately 50 metres in the early 2000s to just over 120 meters in 2019.

There are a few clear limitations of this study, some of which provide oppor- tunities for further research. First, regarding the USWTDB itself, it included tur- bines that had been decommissioned. It would have been ideal if the dataset only included operational turbines, however even when not “spinning”, there is an impact living near these structures. I suggest the ~~USWTDB is edited to allow for analysis that identifies operational turbines, so that certain~~

research questions would benefit as such. Second, and despite their best efforts [2], there were still

some significant gaps in data throughout the USWTDB. These were especially prevalent throughout the 1980s and 1990s, so future research that depends on precise trends may want to focus on the past two decades only. Lastly, because the data only covered one country—albeit an important one in terms of global wind energy capacity—the results here are really only relevant to studies or reports that happen within the US. That said, and assuming there are similar data-sets elsewhere, I hope this analysis inspires others to summarize the major trends in their jurisdiction.

All of these findings shared here should support a wide variety of actors—including governments, industry, and researchers—across an even wider area of inquiry. Given my expertise in the social acceptance of wind energy research

[13] [14] [15], I see particular value to researchers here. I also want to highlight the opportunity for this research, and indeed the rich USWTDB as a whole, to help provide important context for a range of quantitative and qualitative studies. In the former, the dataset could be combined with other survey work. Fruitful research in this area could include health surveys and/or real estate sales data. In the qualitative realm, this data can also provide important context for case study research. For example, it may offer some important wind-farm specific characteristics that can help shape a common understanding of local development.

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Appendix

A. State and Territories: Abbreviations

STATE	Abbreviation
Alabama	AL
Alaska	AK
Arizona	AZ
Arkansas	AR
California	CA
Colorado	CO
Connecticut	CT
Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	

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C Florida

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Georgia GA

Guam GU

Hawaii HI

Idaho ID

Illinois IL

Indiana IN

Iowa IA

Kansas KS

Kentucky KY

Louisiana LA

Maine ME

Maryland MD

Massachusetts MA

Michigan MI

Minnesota MN

Mississippi MS

Missouri MO

Montana MT

Nebraska NE

Nevada NV

New Hampshire NH

New Jersey NJ

New Mexico NM

New York NY

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		North Dakota	ND
		Ohio	OH
		Oklahoma	OK
		Oregon	OR
		Pennsylvania	PA
		Puerto Rico	PR
		Rhode Island	RI
		South Carolina	SC
		South Dakota	SD
		Tennessee	TN
		Texas	TX
		Utah	UT
		Vermont	VT
Virgin Islands	VI		
		Virginia	VA
Washington	WA		
West Virginia	WV		
		Wisconsin	WI
		Wyoming	WY

B. US Wind Turbines by Manufacturer (As of 2019)

COMPANY PERCENTAGE	NUMBER OF WIND	
	TURBINES ^a	OF TOTAL (%)
	GE Wind	21,174 41.5
	Vestas (and Vestas North America)	12,322 24.1
	Continued Siemens	4901 9.6
	Goldwind	186796 0.4 5.5
	Zond	156654 0.3 5.2
	Danwin	115306 0.2 2.6
	Nordtank	90929 0.2 1.8
	DeWind	84758 0.2 1.5
	Vensys	28680 0.1 1.3
	Northern Power Systems	26676 0.1 1.3
	Siemens	24582 <0.1 1.1
	Fuhrländer	19548 <0.1 1.1
	Bonus	209 0.8
	Enron	396 0.8

China Creative Wind Energy	17	<0.1
Sany	17	<0.1
Entegrity	16	<0.1
HZ Windpower	16	<0.1
NedWind	13	<0.1
EWT	11	<0.1
Vergnet	9	<0.1
Seaforth Energy	8	<0.1
PowerWind	7	<0.1
Guodian	6	<0.1
Windmatic	5	<0.1
Aeronautica	5	<0.1
RRB	5	<0.1
TOTAL	51,037	100.0

^aHere I include only those wind turbines with full confidence in characteristics (n = 51,037) and those manufacturers with at least five turbines as of 2019. I thus exclude 22 manufacturers.

C. Turbine Capacity by Year

	YEAR					
NUMBER OF NEW WIND TURBINES^a						
MEAN TURBINE CAPACITY^b (full certainty)						
STANDARD DEVIATION						
	MEAN TURBINE CAPACITY^c					
	(moderate				certainty)	
STANDARD DEVIATION						
1981	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1982	1073	n/a	n/a	221.98	87.16	
1983	432	65	0.00	n/a	n/a	
1984	196	65	0.00	70.40	10.35	
1985	1596	65	0.00	95.41	45.32	
1986	212	n/a	n/a	107.50	90.19	
1987	387	n/a	n/a	101.45	6.51	
1988	277	160	0.00	105	.	

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL/A
	189	1005	82	1876	462	1153	328	1653	1506	3 200	5046	5780	2960	3504	6774	610	2512	4300	3810	3090	3200	3283	
	722.38	715.33	715.92	798.19	875	1377.18	1101.77	1488.19	1578.32	1646.23	1680.19	1732.86	1792.39	1969.19	1952	1853.66	1933.34	2012.99	2157.08	2321.77	2443.37	2558.96	
	65.25	84.52	327.05	254.30	351.89	340.39	418.19	300.88	413.67	420.28	459.26	412.07	394.02	459.62	444.24	373.50	358.33	329.81	442.62	411.27	483.59	491.23	
	n/a	771.84	929.55	1408.06	652.00	1482.65	1321.88	1475.27	1664.01	1619.85	1488.81	1770.12	1033.80	2065.00	1630.35	2105.56	2061.81	1828.24	1957.26	n/a	1525	n/a	
	n/a	219.07	233.67	281.61	678.54	133.48	244.12	193.54	398.67	284.39	219.71	806.20	858.73	536.99	353.79	592.82	280.92	479.47	387.08	n/a	1096.02	n/a	
VERAGE		61463																					768.90
																							1831.93*
																							604.28
																							1027.21

^aBased on all turbines regardless of turbine characteristic or location confidence (n = 61,463).
^bI include all turbines with full confidence values in turbine capacity (n = 51,036). ^cI include all turbines with partial confidence values in turbine capacity (n = 6007).

D. New Turbines by State and Year (Decade)

STATE	1981	1981-1989a,b										1980s TOTAL
		1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989			
CA	10	1073	432	196	1596	212	387	277	288	4471		

^aI include all turbines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each turbine (n = 4471). ^bAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 1980s are excluded within this table.

STA TE	1990-1999a,b										1990s TOTAL
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
CA	34	1	1	0	30	42	13	20	2	18	830

	7							7		7		
MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	19	335
										2	2	
IA	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	31	320
											2	
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	151
											1	
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	110
											8	
OR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	29
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	12
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

^aI include all turbines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 1863). ^bAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 1990s are excluded within this table.

2000-2009^{a,b}

STA	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	2000s
TE	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	TOTAL
TX	0	85	0	18	0	43	39	98	16	14	5943
		2		6		4	5	0	94	02	
IA	0	91	15	32	10	15	67	16	91	53	2207
			0		8	2		1	2	4	
OR	0	18	10	41	0	50	67	26	10	40	1206
		1	2					0	2	3	
WA	0	27	37	12	0	83	26	16	10	24	1174
		0					0	5	4	3	
MN	18	41	18	16	28	77	81	26	26	41	1001
				5				3	9		
CA	10	10	10	14	10	93	15	21	71	17	977
		8	4	1	4		2			3	
IL	0	0	0	0	1	34	0	35	12	43	952
								8	9	0	
CO	0	48	0	10	5	1	40	59	1	83	877
				8				1			
NY	17	19	1	0	0	82	11	31	18	34	795
							2		8	5	

ND	0	1	3	41	0	22	50	11	24	30	776
								1	7	1	
OK	0	1	0	11	0	18	40	85	91	15	666
				3		2				4	
WY	31	49	0	80	0	2	0	0	22	27	662
									6	4	

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KS	0	17	0	0	0	10	68	0	22	73	633
		0				0			2		
IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	529	617
NM	0	0	0	138	6	14	90	0	1	40	469
					0	0					
PA	0	16	0	63	0	0	25	6	32	211	412
								5			
MT	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	8	83	69	274
						8					
WI	0	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	37	274
									6		
SD	0	4	2	28	0	0	0	3	59	68	197
								6			
WV	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	176
			4						2		
MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	73	151
								7			
UT	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	98	109
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	3	64	95
								1			
MI	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	7	89
ID	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	34	84
NE	0	1	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	27	64
AK	2	1	1	2	4	0	6	2	21	14	53
HI	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	50
								4			
AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
MA	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	13	21
TN	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
					5						
NH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	13
OH	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	4	9
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

AR	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

^aI include all turbines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 21,086).

^bAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 2000s are excluded within this table.

2010-2019^{a,b}

STA	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	2010s
TE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	TOTAL
TX	35	13	92	84	96	17	12	94	91	14	8758
	3	6	0		4	96	11	6	9	29	
OK	19	25	59	0	36	71	60	32	29	18	3360
	5	7	6		9	0	2	3	0		
IA	5	28	38	26	21	22	30	19	50	69	2838
		2	5		9	6	4	5	6	0	
KS	46	11	80	14	1	41	37	27	21	23	2613
		2	2	1		3	6	7	0	5	
IL	28	40	49	0	0	15	93	13	23	16	1961
	4	5	3			3		9	3	1	
CA	21	37	78	11	36	94	3	23	11	6	1767
	2	5	9	5					4		
O	35	26	30	18	15	23	36	36	30	35	1415
		2	8		3	2			0		
MN	22	33	15	2	32	10	14	10	41	10	1239
	9	2	2			0	5	0		6	

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MI	10	12	35	10	20	0	44	10	19	1	1072
		1	3	3	7			1		1	
										4	
ND	128	9	80	1	65	11	31	12	45	1	1026
						8	1	4		4	
										5	
NE	43	85	73	46	16	47	22	45	23	5	1009
					1		1		2	6	
OR	129	20	25	0	0	0	6	25	0	5	678
		9	3							6	
NM	64	28	14	5	21	13	16	26	22	8	648
						4		0		4	
IN	184	1	12	1	10	65	0	10	61	0	647
			8		1			6			
WA	162	15	11	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	558
		8	9		7						

SD229	51	0	0	11	98	0	0	18	8	490	
									3		
ID134	15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	457	
	5	8									
OH	15	58	16	2	1	7	49	34	49	6	387
			6								
MO101	0	1	0	1	0	92	16	0	2	384	
							5		4		
NY	2	67	78	52	16	6	40	7	77	1	346
PA	0	21	27	0	0	0	14	0	5	2	339
			9							0	
ME	41	72	19	0	3	57	91	8	0	0	291
MT	8	0	17	1	12	0	13	0	48	1	254
			1								
WY186	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	232	
WV	66	76	8	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	199
WI	11	90	11	1	0	0	0	49	0	0	162
AZ	31	6	62	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	114
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	104
								4			
UT	0	68	0	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	97
MD	31	20	0	0	16	12	0	1	0	0	80
AK	13	4	45	4	2	4	0	0	4	1	77
HI	0	12	53	1	0	3	0	5	0	0	74
NH	0	0	57	0	0	5	0	0	0	9	71
MA	9	16	34	2	1	0	4	1	0	3	70
NV	0	0	67	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	70
PR	0	0	58	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
VT	2	16	25	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	59
RI	0	0	6	0	0	0	15	1	7	0	29
CT	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
DE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GU	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
NJ	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

^aI include all turbines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 34,043).

^bAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 2010s are excluded within this table.

E. Total Capacity by State and Decade

1981-1989^a

STATE 1980s TOTAL^b

AVERAGE TURBINE CAPACITY (kW)^c

STANDARD DEVIATION

TOTAL NEW TOTAL NEW CAPACITY CAPACITY

				(kW)	(MW)
CA	4471	79.40	34.08	354,997.40	355

^aAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 1980s are excluded within this table. ^bI include all tur- bines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 4,471). ^cI include only tur- bine capacities with full confidence in the 1980s (n = 759).

1990-1999^a

TATE^a

1990s TURBINES

AVERAGE TURBINE SD CAPACITY (kW)^c

		TOTAL ^b		(kW)	(MW)	
TOTAL NEW CAPACITY	CA	1177	580.38	212.64	683,107.26	683.11
TOTAL NEW CAPACITY	IA	320	745.82	42.29	238,662.4	238.66
	MN	335	675.71	196.54	226,362.85	226.36
	TX	151	702.18	119.11	106,029.18	106.03
	WY	110	647.73	68.40	71,250.3	71.25

^aAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 1990s are excluded within this table. ^bI include all tur- bines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 1863). ^cI include only tur- bine capacities with full confidence (n = 1168).

	OR	138	610.00	0.00	251980	251.98
	SD	29	750.00	0.00	21750	21.75
	WI	18	660.00	0.00	11,880	11.88
	VT ^c	12	545.83	202.77	6549.96	6.55
	NE	3	660.00	0.00	1980	1.98
	AK	12	74.09	50.59	889.08	0.89
	NM ^c	1	660.00	.	660	0.66
	MI	1	600.00	.	600	0.60
	IL ^c	1	550.00	.	550	0.55
	ND ^c	2	100.00	.00	200	0.20

STATE

2000s TURBINES

AVERAGE TURBINE

2000-2009^a

STANDARD DEVIATION

		TOTAL	CAPACITY (kW)		(MW)	
TOTAL NEW CAPACITY (kW)	TX	5943	1515.71	530.75	9,007,864.53	9007.86
	TX	2207	1568.76	479.78	3,462,253.32	3462.25

	WA	1174	1613.20	518.88	4,893,961.8	1893.90
	OR	1206	1485.64	590.58	1,791,681.84	1791.68
	MN	1001	1505.24	389.81	1,506,745.24	1506.75
	IL	952	1563.88	170.38	1,488,813.76	1488.81

TOTAL NEW CAPCITY

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CA	977	1301.50	637.23	1,271,565.5	1271.57	
ND	776	1585.43	224.97	1,230,293.68	1230.29	
CO	877	1395.84	360.02	1,224,151.68	1224.15	
OK	666	1722.03	307.14	1,146,871.98	1146.87	
WY	662	1616.16	364.94	1,069,897.92	1069.90	
IN	617	1678.03	261.68	1,035,344.51	1035.34	
KS	633	1610.12	823.55	1,019,205.96	1019.21	
PA	412	1790.53	309.98	737,698.36	737.70	
NM	469	1238.02	460.55	580,631.38	580.63	
WI	274	1571.23	119.49	430,517.02	430.52	
MT	274	1439.05	289.94	394,299.7	394.30	
WV	176	1875.00	217.12	330,000	330.00	
SD	197	1620.47	292.99	319,232.59	319.23	
MO	151	2029.14	138.13	306,400.14	306.40	
UT	109	2084.67	489.21	227,229.03	227.23	
ME	95	1837.89	647.94	174,599.55	174.60	
ID	84	1742.86	296.28	146,400.24	146.40	
MI	89	1607.30	224.18	143,049.7	143.05	
NE	64	2204.06	696.25	141,059.84	141.06	
AZ	30	2100	.00	63,000	63.00	
HI	50	1126.67	423.32	56,333.5	56.33	

TN	18	1610.00	437.17	28,980	28.98
NH	13	2000.00	.00	26,000	26.00
MA	21	926.25	597.45	19,451.25	19.45
OH	9	1250.83	852.00	11,257.47	11.26
AK	53	210.94	424.33	11,179.82	11.18
NJ	5	1500.00	.00	7500	7.50
RI	3	380.00	395.98	1140	1.14
VT ^d	2	100.00	.00	200	0.20
AR ^d	1	175.83	330.57	175.83	0.18
NCE ^e	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

^aAll other states/territories with zero turbines in the 2000s are excluded within this table. ^bI include all turbines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 21,086). ^cWhen available, I include only turbine capacities with full confidence (n = 18,045). ^dFor these states, I use the average turbine capacities with moderate confidence (n = 2969). ^eThere was no turbine capacity data for North Carolina's single turbine.

2010-2019^a

STATE	2010s TURBINES TOTAL	AVERAGE TOTAL NEW TURBINE CAPACITY (kW)	STANDARD DEVIATION CAPACITY	TOTAL NEW (kW)	TOTAL NEW (MW)
TX	8758	2200.60	478.76	19,272,854.80	19272.85
OK	3360	2093.37	430.85	7,033,723.20	7033.72
IA	2838	2259.60	303.23	6,412,744.80	6412.74
KS	2613	2040.56	476.51	5,331,983.28	5331.98
CA	1767	2293.76	663.68	4,053,073.92	4053.07
IL	1961	1860.68	315.74	3,648,793.48	3648.79
CO	1415	1795.34	217.23	2,540,406.10	2540.41
MN	1239	1841.12	322.14	2,281,147.68	2281.15
ND	1026	2199.49	541.92	2,256,676.74	2256.68

NE	1009	2015.47	496. 39	2,033,609 .23	2033.61
MI	1072	1879.77	386. 90	2,015,113 .44	2015.11
OR	678	2237.86	389. 78	1,517,269 .08	1517.27
NM	648	2118.89	291. 41	1,373,040 .72	1373.04
IN	647	1972.26	549. 34	1,276,052 .22	1276.05
WA	558	2114.46	315. 54	1,179,868 .68	1179.87
SD	490	1738.42	240. 91	851,825.8 0	851.83
ID	457	1813.14	332. 71	828,604.9 8	828.60
OH	387	1996.03	323. 75	772,463.6 1	772.46
ME	291	2590.31	702. 21	753,780.2 1	753.78
NY	346	2159.73	559. 10	747,266.5 8	747.27
MO	384	1873.27	247. 18	719,335.6 8	719.34
PA	339	2049.00	349. 15	694,611	694.61
MT	254	1708.55	377. 22	433,971.7 0	433.97
WY	232	1722.08	312. 09	399,522.5 6	399.52
WV	199	1780.40	324. 06	354,299.6	354.30
WI	162	1874.84	276. 33	303,724.0 8	303.72
NC	104	2000.00	.00	208,000	208
AZ	114	1807.96	232. 66	206,107.4 4	206.11
MD	80	2477.27	199. 43	198,181.6	198.18
NH	71	2600.81	483. 03	184,657.5 1	184.66
UT	97	1728.02	360. 89	167,617.9 4	167.62
NV	70	2300.00	.00	161,000	161

HI	74	2134.78	605. 42	157,973.7 2	157.97
VT	59	2468.97	599. 18	145,669.2 3	145.67
PR	61	2090.42	467. 89	127,515.6 2	127.52
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MA	70	1593.71	303.61	111,559. 70	111.56
AK	77	1173.94	764.05	90,393.3 8	90.39
RI	29	2552.59	1772.1 3	74,025.1 1	74.03
CT	3	2850.00	.00	8550	8.55
DE	1	2000.00	.	2000	2
NJ	1	1500.00	.	1500	1.5
GU	1	275.00	.	275	0.275
FL^d	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

^a All other states/territories with zero turbines in the 2010s are excluded within this table. ^b I include all turbines, regardless of confidence of level, that provide a state/territory of each (n = 34,043). ^c When available, I include only turbine capacities with full confidence (n = 31,031). ^d There was no turbine capacity data for Florida's single turbine.

F. Size of Turbines by Year

YEAR	AVERAGE HUB HEIGHT^a (metres; full certainty)	AVERAGE HUB STANDARD DEVIATION	STANDARD DEVIATION (partial certainty)	HEIGHT^b
1983	22.80	0.00	n/a	n/a
1984	24.00	0.00	24	.00
1985	24.39	0.29	n/a	n/a
1986	n/a		25.31	6.80
1987	n/a		n/a	n/a

198 8	23.00	.00	n/a	n/a
198 9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
199 0	n/a	n/a	29.32	2.76
199 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
199 2	43.00	.	40	.
199 4	n/a	n/a	40	.00
199 5	39.77	1.52	25	.
199 6	50.00	.	n/a	n/a
199 7	30.50	0.00	44.04	6.33
199 8	52.29	3.56	n/a	n/a
199 9	57.23	7.23	61.05	6.90
200 0	57.56	9.29	30.00	.
200 1	57.10	7.81	65.41	5.79
200 2	62.74	5.83	53.25	37.83
200 3	66.70	7.38	70.94	7.56
200 4	67.63	9.39	63.32	2.43
200 5	75.24	8.06	74.91	9.72

2010	79.79	2.25	82.86	2.86
2011	80.89	3.58	80.40	3.91
2012	83.75	9.26	82.61	7.01
2013	80.23	3.55	86.50	9.49
2014	82.85	5.61	79.65	3.81
2015	82.30	5.39	87.71	17.27
2016	82.98	6.02	88.05	18.73
2017	86.01	6.69	n/a	n/a
2018	88.26	5.87	80	.
2019	90.30	6.88	n/a	n/a
TOTAL/	79	11.72	70.96	17.54

AVERAGE

^aI include all turbines with full confidence values in hub height (n = 51,035). ^bI include all turbines with partial confidence values in hub height turbine (n = 4168).

G. Largest Turbines by Year (Hub Height; 2000-2019)

YEAR	TALLEST TURBINE (HUB HEIGHT; METRES)^a
2000	67
2001	80
2002	80
2003	80
2004	80
2005	85
2006	80
2007	105
2008	100
2009	80
2010	100
2011	100
2012	100
2013	103
2014	100
2015	100
2016	116.5

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2017	95
2018	130
2019	114

TOTAL/AVERAGE

79

^aI include all turbines with full confidence values in hub height from 2000-2019 (n = 49,105).

H. Turbine Rotor Diameter and Swept Area (1999-2019)

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YEAR	AVERAGE ROTOR DIAMETER (metres; full certainty)^a	STANDARD DEVIATION	AVERAGE TOTAL SWEPT AREA (metres²; full certainty)^b	STANDARD DEVIATION
1999	48.22	3.08	1833.71	195.30
2000	47.15	8.18	1798.27	598.58
2001	50.36	6.35	2023.83	549.64
2002	52.48	8.97	2226.36	813.07
2003	68.36	8.57	3727.21	885.81
2004	62.11	13.89	3170.71	1307.07
2005	74.78	9.33	4460.39	904.72
2006	76.71	10.76	4711.93	1192.97
2007	78.70	9.11	4929.53	1099.01
2009	81.36	8.42	5254.04	1039.99
2010	84.22	7.67	5617.48	1024.65
2011	88.92	8.93	6272.06	1196.47
2012	93.62	10.65	6972.71	1488.44
2013	96.87	9.15	7435.97	1178.05
2014	99.59	7.40	7832.87	1131.63
2015	102.29	7.98	8267.02	1246.57
2016	108.26	7.57	9250.39	1267.75
2017	112.99	7.08	10066.30	1204.18
2018	115.96	8.09	10611.66	1489.73
2019	122.63	7.18	11850.43	1374.05
TOTAL/AV	90.81	19.14	6764.93	2654.08

^aI include all turbines with full confidence values in rotor diameter and total swept area (n = 51,035)