

# Analysis of overseas demand for lithium batteries

What is the demand for lithium-ion battery cells?

Industry-specific and extensively researched technical data (partially from exclusive partnerships). A paid subscription is required for full access. The global demand for lithium-ion battery cells is forecast to increase from approximately 700 gigawatt-hours in 2022 to 4,700 gigawatt-hours in 2030.

What will the global demand for battery materials be in 2040?

The global demand for raw materials for batteries such as nickel, graphite and lithium is projected to increase in 2040 by 20, 19 and 14 times, respectively, compared to 2020. China will continue to be the major supplier of battery-grade raw materials over 2030, even though global supply of these materials will be increasingly diversified.

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Global demand for Li-ion batteries is expected to soar over the next decade, with the number of GWh required increasing from about 700 GWh in 2022 to around 4.7 TWh by 2030 (Exhibit 1).

How does battery demand affect nickel & lithium demand?

Battery demand for lithium stood at around 140 kt in 2023, 85% of total lithium demand and up more than 30% compared to 2022; for cobalt, demand for batteries was up 15% at 150 kt, 70% of the total. To a lesser extent, battery demand growth contributes to increasing total demand for nickel, accounting for over 10% of total nickel demand.

Why did battery demand increase in 2023 compared to 2022?

In the rest of the world, battery demand growth jumped to more than 70% in 2023 compared to 2022, as a result of increasing EV sales. In China, PHEVs accounted for about one-third of total electric car sales in 2023 and 18% of battery demand, up from one-quarter of total sales in 2022 and 17% of sales in 2021.

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Almost 60 percent of today's lithium is mined for battery-related applications, a figure that could reach 95 percent by 2030 (Exhibit 5). Lithium reserves are well distributed and theoretically sufficient to cover battery demand, but high-grade deposits are mainly limited to Argentina, Australia, Chile, and China. With technological shifts ...

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