Wind power captures the natural wind in the outdoors and converts it into electricity using wind turbines, and can operate at large utility-scale or smaller distributed-scale at individual buildings.

**Employment**

- 288% increase in wind power jobs since 2000
- +11% overall state employment grew only 11% during same time period
- 1,713 wind power jobs in 2014
- 57% of these jobs are in developing, installing, and maintaining new wind farms

**Businesses**

- 124 wind power businesses (2014)
- 553% increase in wind power businesses since 2000

**Timeline of Key Policies**

- 2001 Renewable Energy Objective passed with goal for utilities
- 2005 Community-based energy development (C-BED) tariff requires 20-year power purchase agreements from utilities
- 2007 Renewable Energy Standard increased to 25% of electricity by 2025

**Investments**

- $7.6B invested in wind energy projects, 55% since 2010 (2004-2013)

**Electricity Generation**

- Minnesota ranks fifth in the U.S. for share of electricity generated from wind (2013)
- 15.7% of Minnesota's total electricity is from wind, while the U.S. as a whole generated only 4.1% from wind (2013)

**Average Annual Wage**

- $61,500 wind power sector
- $50,100 Minnesota overall

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