Electric Cooperatives
Power Rural America

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- At-cost electric service
- Locally governed
- Return excess revenue
- Community builders

Electric cooperatives are community-focused organizations that work to efficiently deliver affordable and reliable electricity to consumer-members of the co-op. They operate for the benefit of people, not investors.
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Nearly 900 electric co-ops serve 1 in 8 U.S. residents in rural and exurban communities alike

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Serve

92% of America’s persistent poverty counties
Electricity is first **generated** by a power source and delivered over **high-voltage transmission lines**, often by generation and transmission cooperatives. Then voltage is reduced for delivery by **distribution cooperatives** to homes, businesses and farms.
COVID-19 Response

Electric cooperatives are stepping up during the COVID-19 pandemic and helping their communities respond to these unprecedented times by meeting critical needs and helping communities pull together.
Distributed energy resources

Co-ops are implementing microgrids, community solar, battery storage and other distributed energy programs that make economic sense for their members.
Energy efficiency

Energy conservation and efficiency improvements reduce the need for electricity infrastructure and lower the cost of energy to consumer-members.
Beneficial electrification

Electrifying the economy provides far-reaching economic and environmental benefits. Co-ops are leading the transition to beneficial electrification.
Broadband

Electric co-ops are a vital part of the solution to bridge the digital divide and modernize rural communities.
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Policy Resources

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Experts on energy, technology, markets and rural development

Fact sheets on policy issues

White papers on energy, broadband and rural development

Reports on cooperative economic benefits = $88 billion to U.S. GDP.

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