



# **Electric Cooperatives** **Power Rural America**

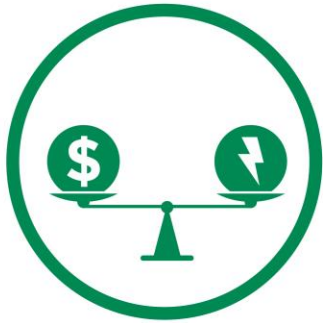
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## Electric Cooperatives: Who We Are



**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.**

Electric Cooperatives: Who We Are



Nearly

**900 electric co-ops**  
**serve 1 in 8 U.S. residents**

in rural and exurban communities alike

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Electric Cooperatives: Who We Are



Electric cooperatives serve  
**92% of America's**  
**persistent poverty counties**

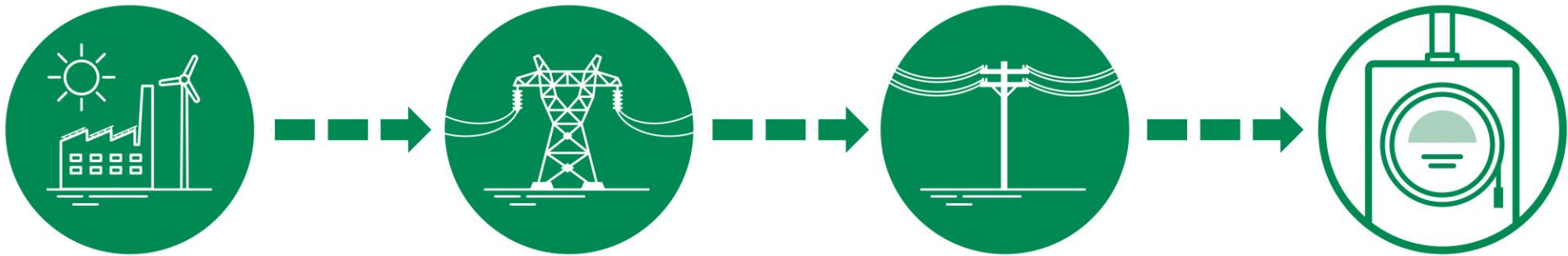
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**Electricity Basics**

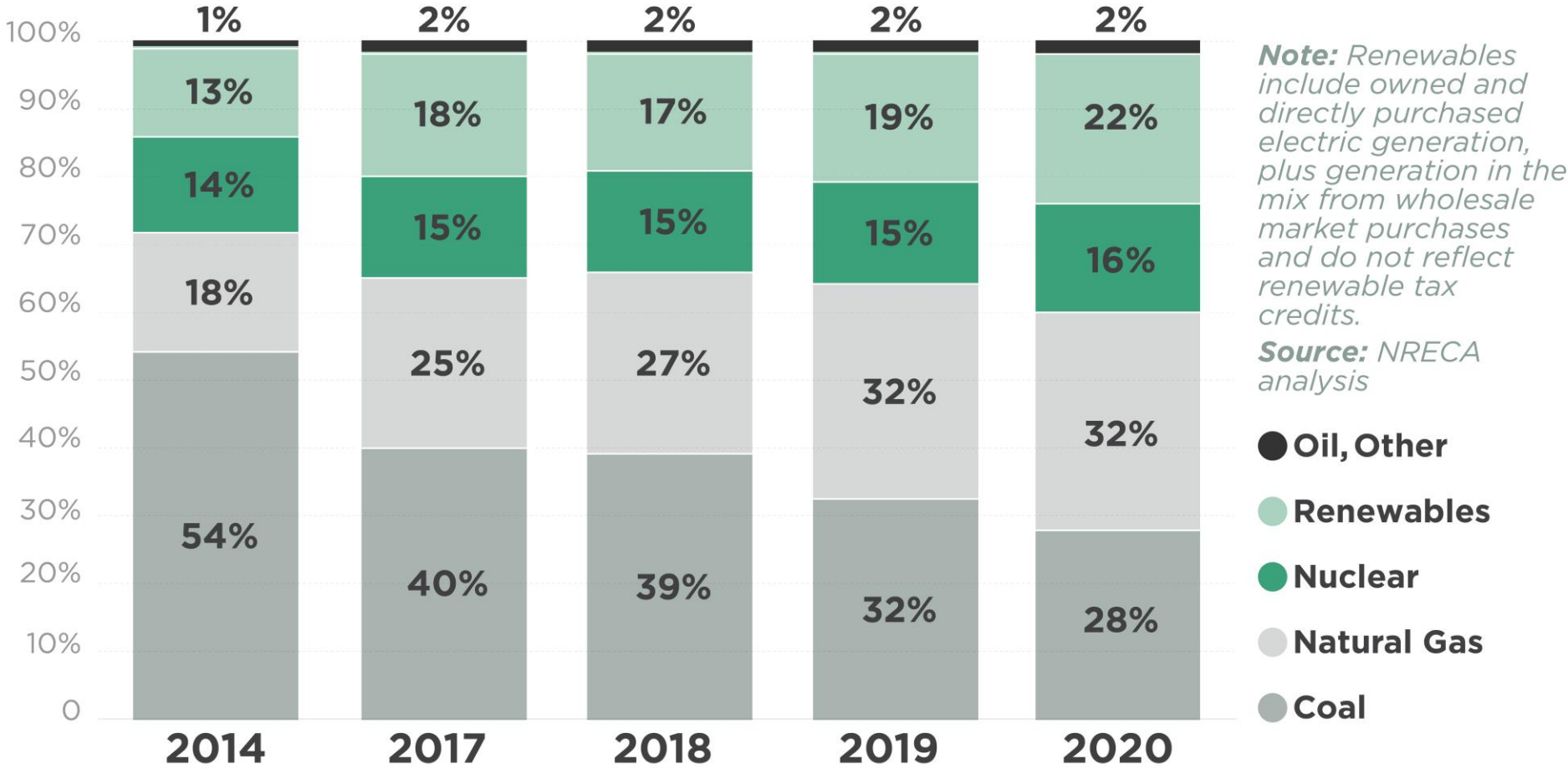
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## Electric Cooperative Electricity Basics



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**.

# Co-op Retail Fuel Mix







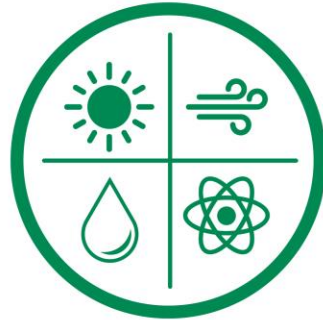
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## **Energy reliability**

**Electric co-ops are committed to keeping the lights on across America. Co-ops have demonstrated what a responsible energy transition can look like, while recognizing we must be inclusive of all energy sources to maintain reliability and affordability.**



# **Energy innovation**

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



# **Electrifying the economy**

**Beneficial electrification provides far-reaching economic and environmental benefits. Co-ops are leading the transition to electrifying communities across the country.**

Electric Cooperative **Innovation and Policy**



# Broadband

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

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## Electric Cooperative **Innovation and Policy**



**Environment**



**Cybersecurity  
and grid  
resilience**



**International  
electrification**



**Rural  
development**



**Employee/  
retiree  
benefits**



**Tax policy**

## Electric Cooperative **Policy Resources**



**Experts on energy,  
technology, markets  
and rural  
development**



**White papers and  
fact sheets on  
policy issues**



**Data on nearly  
900 electric  
cooperatives  
in 48 states**



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