



Electric Cooperatives **Power Rural America**

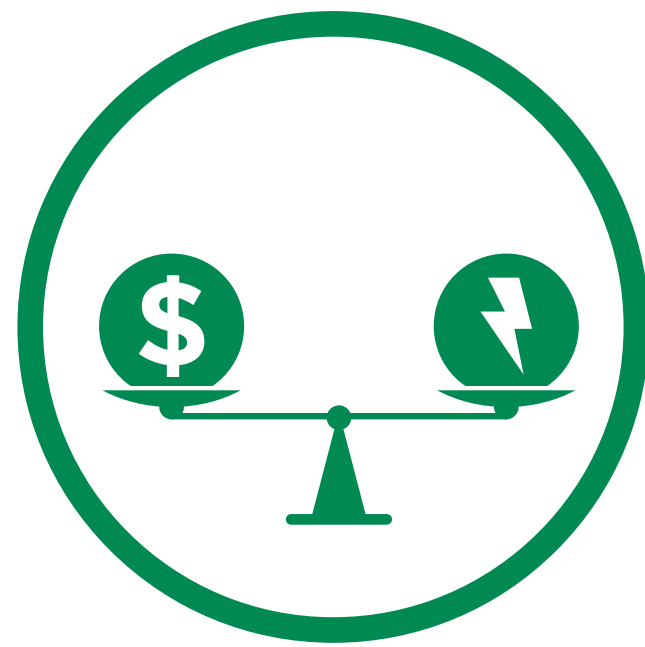
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**At-cost
electric service**



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

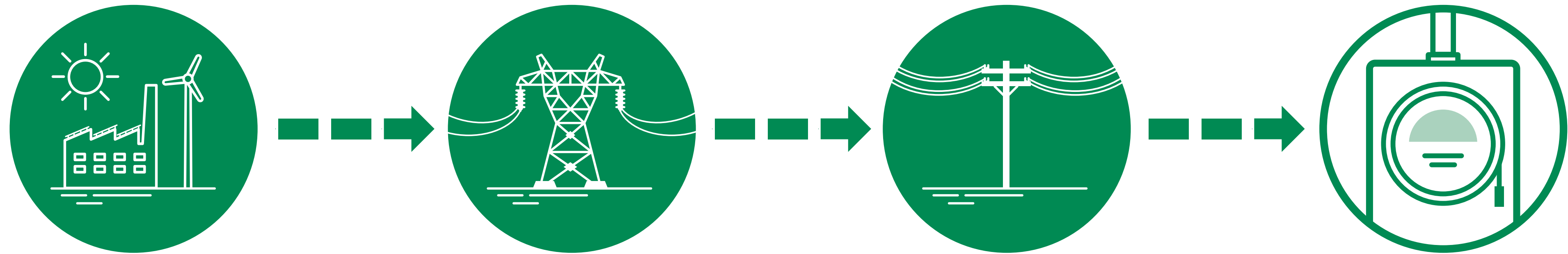
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Electricity Basics

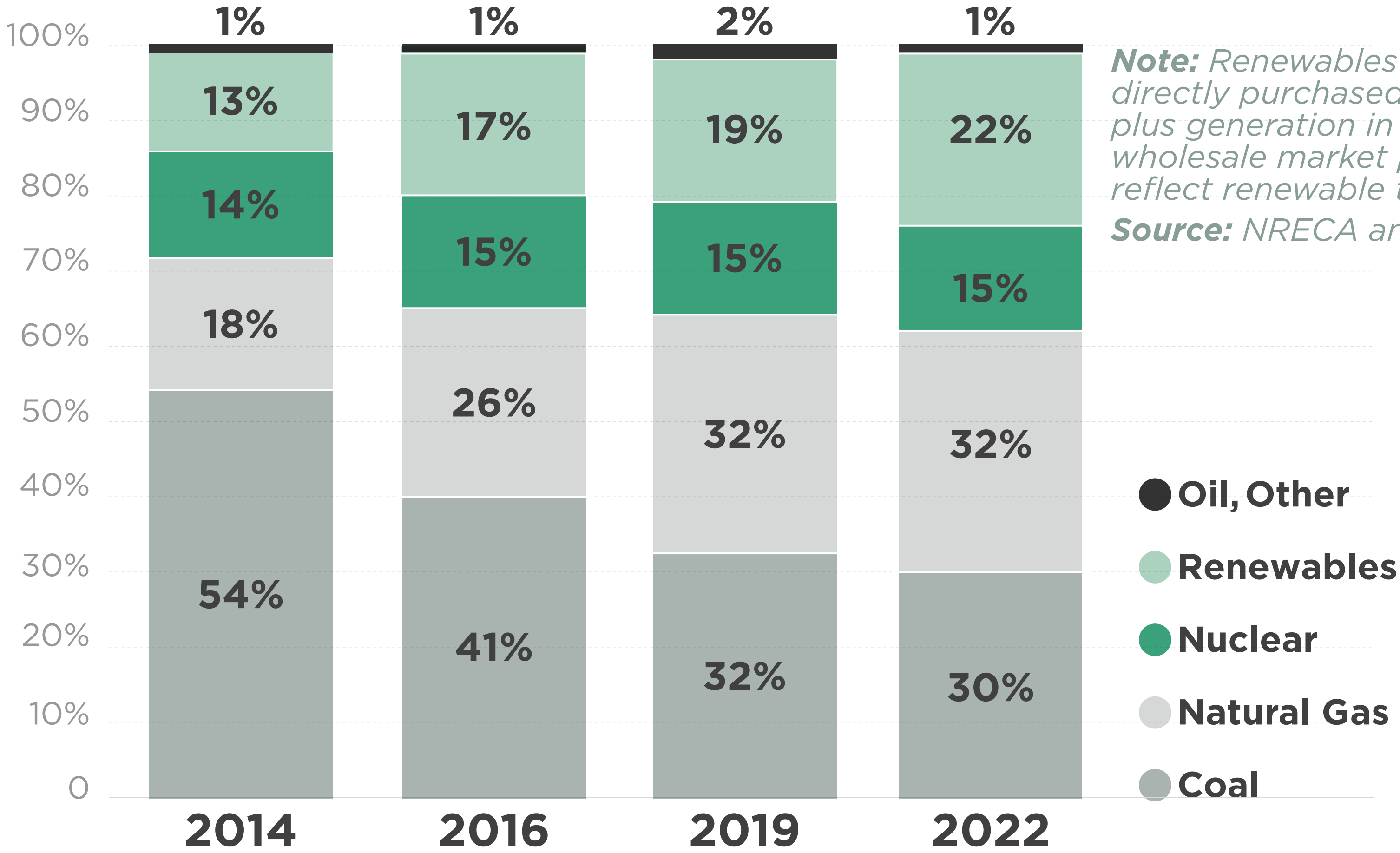
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Electric Cooperative Electricity Basics



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



***Note:** Renewables include owned and directly purchased electric generation, plus generation in the mix from wholesale market purchases and do not reflect renewable tax credits.*
***Source:** NRECA analysis*



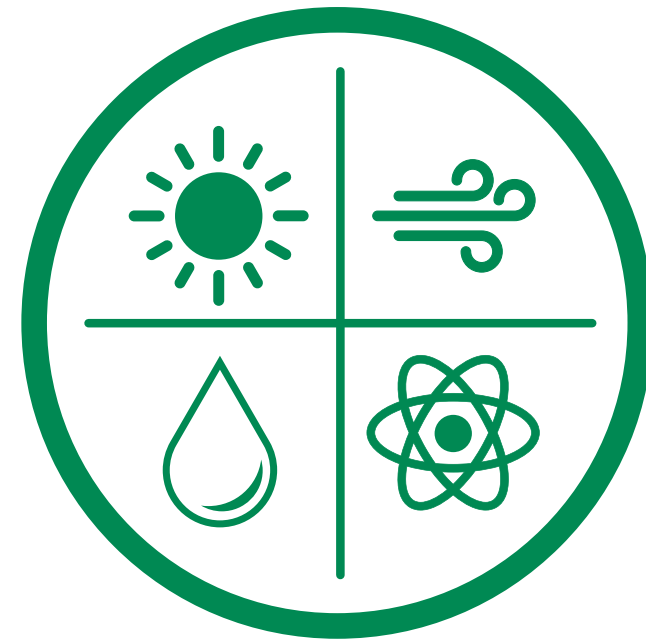
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Energy reliability

Keeping the lights on has never been more important, especially in the face of growing electricity demand. Families, businesses and America's national security depend on reliable electricity every day. That's why electric co-ops are fighting for smarter energy policies that prioritize reliability and affordability for all.



Energy innovation

Electric co-ops are accelerating innovation and powering a brighter future for rural America. From advancing the world's largest carbon capture project to bundling solar energy and battery storage, co-ops are transforming the electric sector. As we work to meet tomorrow's energy needs, smart investment in the future of local communities is key.



Broadband

Millions of rural families and businesses are stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide. Electric cooperatives are providing this essential service where no one else will. Motivated by the welfare of the communities they serve, electric co-ops are making rural broadband a reality.

Electric Cooperative **Innovation and Policy**



Environment



**Cyber security
and grid
resilience**



**International
electrification**



**Rural
development**



**Employee/
retiree
benefits**



Tax policy

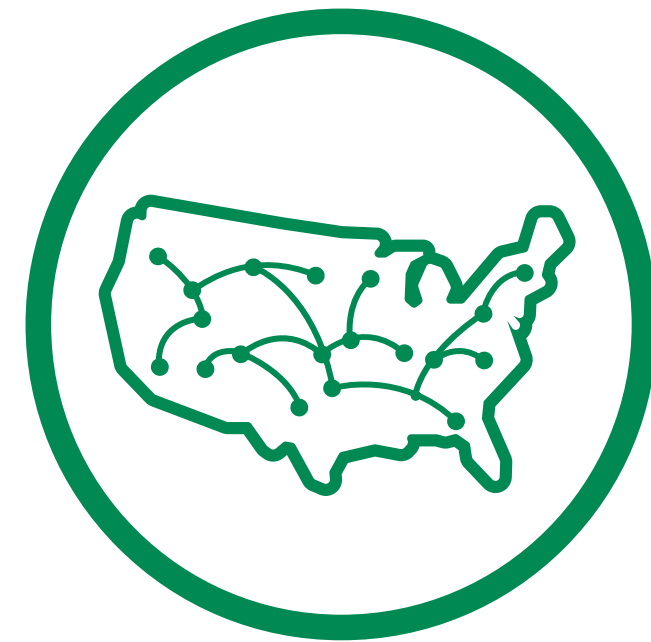
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**Experts on energy,
technology, markets
and rural
development**



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



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



**Reports on cooperative
economic benefits = \$111
billion to U.S. GDP.**