





13 March 2023

The Reserve Capacity Mechanism (RCM) ensures that there is sufficient capacity in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) to meet peak demand.

LoadWatch Summer 2023 provides a weekly snapshot of the available capacity and actual operational load for the last week, the same week last year, and forecast temperature and forecast operational load for the coming week.

Last Week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	06 Mar 23	07 Mar 23	08 Mar 23	09 Mar 23	10 Mar 23
Total Capacity (MW) #1	4715	4715	4715	4715	4715
Outages (MW) #2	210	334	383	487	423
Available Capacity (MW)	4505	4381	4332	4227	4292
Max Temp (°C)	27.2	31.7	32.8	27.3	28.5
Min Temp (°C)	15.9	15.7	16.1	17.9	16.0
Max Load (MW) #3	2412	2766	2784	2666	2536
Capacity Cushion (MW)	2092	1614	1547	1561	1756
	46%	37%	36%	37%	41%

During the week the available capacity reserve dipped to a minimum of 36%.

This Week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	13 Mar 23	14 Mar 23	15 Mar 23	16 Mar 23	17 Mar 23
Max Temp (°C)	30.0	30.0	30.0	26.0	28.0
Min Temp (°C)	17.0	16.0	17.0	14.0	15.0
Forecast Max Load (MW)	2616	2634	2711	2522	2381

Look Back: LoadWatch Summer 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	14 Mar 22	15 Mar 22	16 Mar 22	17 Mar 22	18 Mar 22
Max Temp (°C)	29.0	27.3	27.6	31.7	28.5
Min Temp (°C)	17.2	20.1	18.0	15.8	16.2
Forecast Max Load (MW)	2644	2644	2661	2935	2908
Actual Max Load (MW)	2786	2710	2665	2869	2707

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^{#1 &#}x27;Total Capacity' is total capacity procured by AEMO with various adjustments.

^{#2} Outages are current as at the time of publication and may be subject to change.

^{#3} Operational Load being the total loss adjusted generator sent out energy.