

CONNECTICUT

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76%

of Connecticut voters favor offshore wind construction off their state's coast — a 13-point gain over 14 months, during a period in which the industry faced significant attacks from the executive branch. Offshore wind ranks second only to solar as the energy resource Connecticut voters most want as part of the state's electricity solution.

86%

support **adding more renewables** to Connecticut's energy mix

60%

are not very confident that the CT grid can meet demand over the next 10 years

71%

say it's very important the Federal government **honor previously permitted offshore wind projects**

CONNECTICUT VOTER SUPPORT FOR OFFSHORE WIND CONSTRUCTION BY AFFILIATION

Across political affiliations, a **majority of voters** support offshore wind development.

Democrats



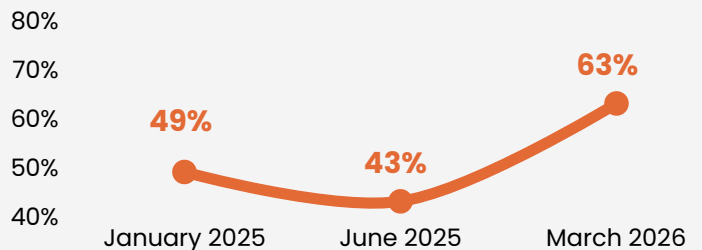
Independents



Republicans

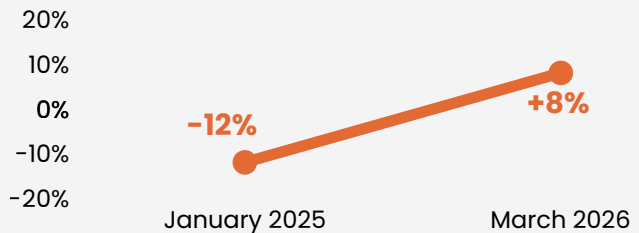


CT GOP VOTER SUPPORT FOR OSW CONSTRUCTION



Connecticut Republican voter support has increased substantially since Jan 2025.

CT GOP VOTER CANDIDATE NET SUPPORT SWING



Since January 2025, Connecticut Republican voters have become significantly **more likely** to vote for a candidate that is pro offshore wind.

CONNECTICUT WORKERS BUILDING OFFSHORE WIND

The New London State Pier was a brownfield: an aging, underutilized industrial site with declining prospects and no obvious path forward. Then, Connecticut and developer Ørsted made a joint \$310 million investment to redevelop it, and within five years the pier became one of the most strategically important ports in the country. The redevelopment created more than 400 construction union jobs and established New London as a genuine hub for the offshore wind industry, supporting a broader supply chain that stretches all the way to Texas.

That investment is continuing to pay off. The pier has already served as the staging and assembly ground for South Fork Wind, Revolution Wind, and Sunrise Wind. Connecticut workers have handled, assembled, and loaded the turbine components that will generate electricity for hundreds of thousands of homes in CT, RI, and NY. New London is a clear example of what early commitment to this industry produces: a permanent industrial asset that keeps generating jobs and commerce long after the ribbon is cut.



The New London State Pier, once a dormant brownfield, is now one of the nation's most active offshore wind ports. Credit: Connecticut Port Authority and Oceanic Network.

NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN FOOTPRINT

Across the nation:

- **2,135+** supplier contracts generated across **40** states, supporting a national supply chain
- **\$25+ billion** in total investment driven by the U.S. offshore wind industry
- **51%** of supply chain investment is flowing to Republican congressional districts, from Gulf Coast shipyards to Midwestern steel mills
- **\$1.8 billion** invested in shipyards, across 26 facilities in 15 states

WHAT CONNECTICUT VOTERS BELIEVE

69%

reject the claim that offshore wind drives up energy prices for consumers

66%

reject the claim that offshore wind affects military radar systems

*Opposition claims are broadly encountered but **not deeply held**, creating room for education.*

CT PAYS LESS WITH OFFSHORE WIND

When Revolution Wind was under a stop work order from the Administration in Sept 2025, state energy regulators calculated the cost. Without it, New England wholesale energy costs would rise by roughly \$500 million per year by 2028. CT ratepayers would bear approx. 25% of that regional burden, about **\$125 million** annually.

Without Revolution Wind

\$125M

With Revolution Wind

\$0

\$0M \$20M \$40M \$60M \$80M \$100M \$120M \$140M
Cost to ratepayers