





13 February 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 Feb 23	07 Feb 23	08 Feb 23	09 Feb 23	10 Feb 23
Total Capacity (MW) #1	4717	4717	4717	4717	4717
Outages (MW) #2	281	405	405	384	316
Available Capacity (MW)	4436	4312	4312	4333	4401
Max Temp (°C)	26.9	28.4	30.6	31.6	28.8
Min Temp (°C)	20.5	17.8	17.2	17.6	16.6
Max Load (MW) #3	2838	2857	2904	2938	2628
Capacity Cushion (MW)	1597	1454	1408	1394	1773
	36%	34%	33%	32%	40%

During the week the available capacity reserve dipped to a minimum of 32%.

This Week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	13 Feb 23	14 Feb 23	15 Feb 23	16 Feb 23	17 Feb 23
Max Temp (°C)	36.0	27.0	26.0	27.0	28.0
Min Temp (°C)	19.0	17.0	15.0	15.0	17.0
Forecast Max Load (MW)	3209	2653	2499	2461	2437

Look Back: LoadWatch Summer 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	14 Feb 22	15 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	17 Feb 22	18 Feb 22
Max Temp (°C)	37.9	37.7	39.3	38.0	38.8
Min Temp (°C)	21.9	21.9	23.6	19.6	20.3
Forecast Max Load (MW)	3518	3788	3810	3711	3692
Actual Max Load (MW)	3980	3989	4008	3933	3894

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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.