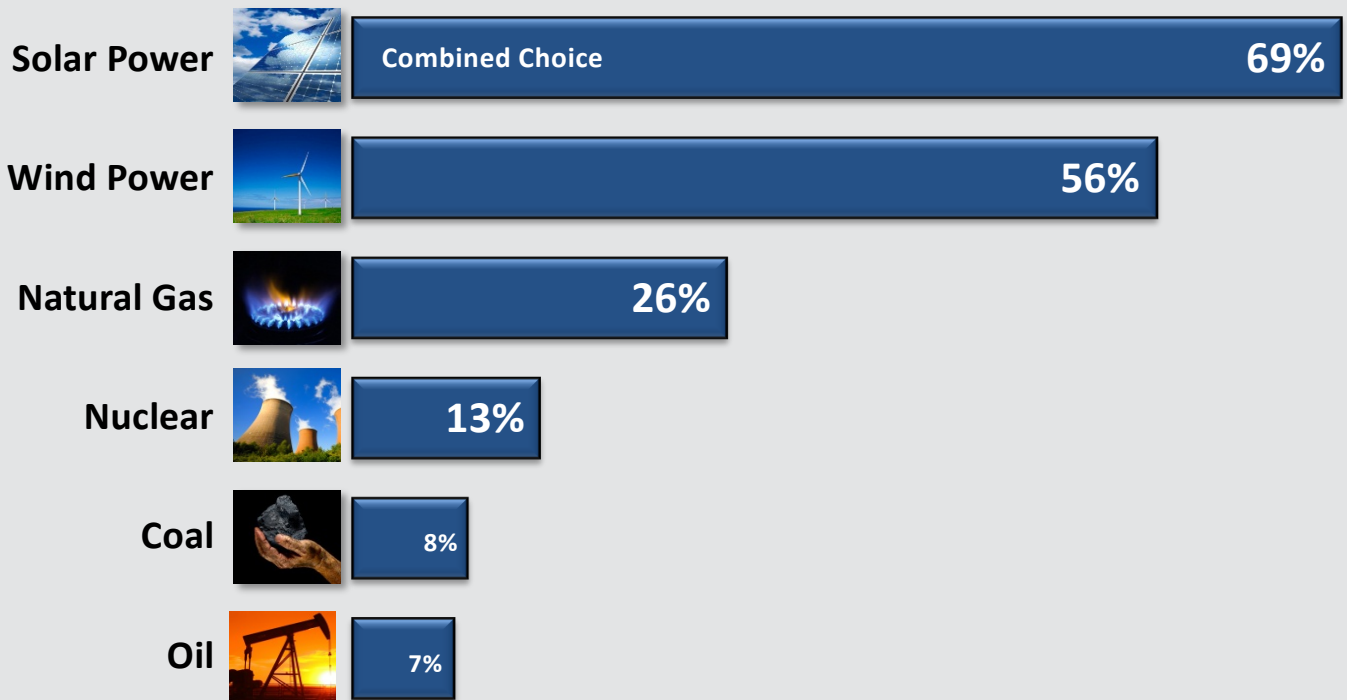


# Energy in the West

*Western voters chose solar and wind as the two sources of energy they would most like to see encouraged in their state.*

## Two Energy Sources to Encourage in Your State



Note: Percentages add up to greater than 100% because respondents chose two energy sources



The proportion of voters who want to see their state encourage solar and wind has gradually increased, while natural gas has remained stable. In two previous surveys and again this year, we asked respondents which two sources of energy they would most like to encourage the use of in their state. Wind power saw the greatest increase between 2013 and 2019, with 48% saying they wanted to encourage the use of it in their state previously, and 56% citing wind power in 2019. Another big jump was with solar power. In 2013, 57% of Western voters said they wanted to encourage the use of solar power in their state, increasing to 69% today. Natural gas was statistically unchanged during that time.

<i>Ranked by % 2019</i>	2013	2016	2019
<b>Solar Power</b>	57%	67%	69%
<b>Wind Power</b>	48%	47%	56%
<b>Natural Gas</b>	27%	22%	26%

Voters across the political spectrum say their state should encourage solar and wind energy sources. Additionally, voters in all but one state say their state should encourage solar and wind energy sources by large margins over other energy sources. Voters in Wyoming are a bit more split, with 39% saying it is important to encourage the use of wind energy, 38% saying natural gas, and an equal number (38%) saying solar energy.

