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# Large-scale solar panel on-site energy prices



## Overview

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Each year, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) and its national laboratory partners analyze cost data for U.S. solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to develop cost benchmarks. These benchmarks help measure progress toward goals for reducing solar electricity costs.

NREL analyzes the total costs associated with installing photovoltaic (PV) systems for residential rooftop, commercial rooftop, and utility-scale ground-mount systems. This work has grown to include cost models for solar-plus-storage systems. NREL's PV cost benchmarking work uses a bottom-up.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory compiled and synthesized empirical data on the U.S. utility-scale solar sector. The focus is on ground-mounted systems larger than 5M AC, including photovoltaic (PV) standalone and PV+battery hybrid projects (smaller projects are covered in Berkeley Lab's).

For businesses with large buildings or properties, installing solar panels can significantly reduce electricity bills, often one of the heaviest operating expenses. Over time, these savings can add up, improving the overall financial health of the business. Also, properties equipped with solar.

Commercial solar power systems present a viable solution to these challenges, offering an opportunity to lower electricity bills, gain energy independence, and showcase environmental responsibility. However, the initial costs and investment complexities require thorough understanding and careful.

In Q2 2025, the residential segment installed 1,064 MW dc of solar capacity, declining 9% year-over-year and 3% quarter-over-quarter. High interest rates, economic and policy uncertainty continue to be significant challenges for the segment. The commercial solar segment set a second quarter record.

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