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Solar cell module cost per watt



Overview

In 2025, solar cell prices for residential users range from \$2.80 to \$3.80 per watt, but this can vary by the location and size of the system, as well as the complexity of the installation. How much does solar cost per watt?

According to the Solar Energy Industries Association, the average price per watt for residential solar projects was \$3.27 in the first half of 2023. That is up slightly from a low of \$2.92 before the pandemic, but down over 50% from the price of \$6.65 per watt in 2010. Knowing the price per watt of solar is good for two things.

How do you calculate solar cost per watt?

Calculating solar price per watt is pretty simple. Simply divide the cost of the system (in dollars) by the size of the system (in watts). $PPW = \text{System cost} / \text{System wattage}$ Now, solar systems are typically sized in kilowatts (kW), so you'll have to multiply by 1,000 to convert to watts.

Which solar system has the best price per watt?

At first glance, Quote 1 seems like the best deal because it has the lowest sticker price. However, when you calculate the PPW for each quote, you find that Quote 3 provides the most bang for your buck at \$3.25 per Watt. In general, larger solar systems have a lower price per watt.

How do you calculate wattage of a solar system?

Simply divide the cost of the system (in dollars) by the size of the system (in watts). $PPW = \text{System cost} / \text{System wattage}$ Now, solar systems are typically sized in kilowatts (kW), so you'll have to multiply by 1,000 to convert to watts. For example, a 5.5 kW solar system is equivalent to a 5,500 Watt solar system.

How much does a 5500 watt solar system cost?

For example, the PPW of a 5,500 Watt system looks quite different before and

after accounting for the 30% tax credit. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association, the average price per watt for residential solar projects was \$3.27 in the first half of 2023.

How much does a 5kw Solar System cost in China?

Prices have dropped significantly, but quality varies widely across suppliers and system types. A complete 5kW solar system in China costs ¥15,000-¥30,000 (\$2,100-\$4,200), with Tier-1 panels from Longi or Jinko at ¥0.9-¥1.3 (\$0.13-\$0.18) per watt. Installation adds 10-20% to the total price.

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