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Overview

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In our latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO), we expect that U.S. renewable capacity additions—especially solar—will continue to drive the growth of U.S. power generation over the next two years.

Most common solar panel sizes include 100-watt, 300-watt, and 400-watt solar panels, for example. The biggest the rated wattage of a solar panel, the more kWh per day it will produce.

As solar becomes a more significant piece of the U.S. energy generation mix, it is important to understand just how many homes a megawatt of solar capacity can power. Below, we share how SEIA estimates the number of homes powered per megawatt of installed solar capacity, and the variables that need to be considered in this calculation.

Learn the solar panel output for major brands and panels, and how it affects the type and size of system you might end up installing.

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