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Solar panels for small household systems cost



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As of 2025, the average cost of residential solar panels in the U.S. is between \$15,000 and \$25,000 before incentives. This typically translates to about \$2.50 to \$3.50 per watt of installed capacity (more on price per watt below).

Solar panels cost \$3.00 to \$4.50 per watt installed on average, with homeowners spending about \$3.75 per watt before factoring in available solar incentives. A 6- to 10-kW solar panel installation costs \$12,600 to \$31,500 after the 30% federal tax credit.

Solar panel costs range from \$16,600 to \$20,500 for the average 6.5 kW system, but prices can vary from as little as \$7,700 for smaller solar systems to upward of \$34,700 for larger systems.

In this guide, we'll break down average solar costs per square foot in 2025, show how they compare by home size, explain why this metric has limits, and give you expert tips to reduce your price. Average U.S. solar cost per square foot in 2025: \$6 – \$12 after the 30% federal tax credit.

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