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# Solar power system unit price



## Overview

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This typically translates to about \$2.50 to \$3.50 per watt of installed capacity (more on price per watt below). The total price depends on your system size, location, roof type, and installer. After applying the 30% federal solar tax credit (ITC)—which expires at the end of 2025—the effective.

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.

Average U.S. solar cost per square foot in 2025: \$6 – \$12 after the 30% federal tax credit. Cost per square foot varies by system size, energy use, location, and panel efficiency. The most accurate pricing metric is still cost per watt, but per-sq-ft estimates are helpful for ballpark figures. In.

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.

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. To find the most up-to-date solar panel costs in 2025, we compared research from the U.S. Department of.

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