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# Wholesale price of solar energy on rooftop of communication base station



## Overview

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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 approach.

How efficient is a residential PV system in 2024?

The representative residential PV system (RPV) for 2024 has a rating of 8 kW dc (the sum of the system's module ratings). Each module has an area (with frame) of 1.9 m<sup>2</sup> and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%.

What is NREL's bottom-up cost modeling methodology?

NREL's bottom-up cost modeling methodology, shown here for residential PV systems, considers a wide set of factors and many interactions between them. These bottom-up models capture the impacts of economies of scale, efficiency, location, system design, and company structure on total costs.

How much power does a monofacial solar module produce?

Each module has an area (with frame) of 1.9 m<sup>2</sup> and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%. The monofacial modules were assembled in the United States in a plant producing 1.5 GW dc per year, using n-type crystalline silicon solar cells produced in Southeast Asia.

How efficient are bifacial solar modules?

Each module has an area (with frame) of 2.57 m<sup>2</sup> and a rated power of 530 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 20.6%. The bifacial modules were produced in Southeast Asia in a plant producing 1.5 GW dc per year, using crystalline silicon solar cells also produced in Southeast Asia. In 2024Q1, these modules were not subject to import tariffs.

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