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US Solar Power System Prices



Overview

As of 2025, the average cost of residential solar panels in the U.S. is between \$15,000 and \$25,000 before incentives. How much does a solar system cost per watt?

As of publishing, the average cost per watt is \$2.84. Most solar companies set the price according to the solar system's wattage. A solar installation's "cost per watt" is a little like the "price per square foot" when you buy a house. It helps compare the value of solar energy systems in different sizes.

How much do solar panels cost?

The price of solar panels changes depending on where you live, but the average for installation is just under \$29,000 or \$2.75 per watt. On the high end, we talked to a solar customer in Hawaii who spent \$100,000 going solar. Dion in Nevada said their 10-kW system cost about \$20,000, which is about the national average price for a 7-kW system.

What is the relative cost of solar energy?

Another measure of the relative cost of solar energy is its price per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Whereas the price per watt considers the solar system's size, the price per kWh shows the price of the solar system per unit of energy it produces over a given period of time. $\text{Net cost of the system} / \text{lifetime output} = \text{cost per kilowatt hour}$.

How much does a 11.5 Kw solar system cost?

For an 11.5 kW system, the average cost per watt equates to a system cost of \$28,750 before incentives. The federal solar Investment Tax Credit covers 30% of installed system costs, so after incentives this is \$20,125.

How much does a solar system cost in 2025?

Solar panels generate "free" electricity, but installing a system still costs money. A typical American household needs a 10-kilowatt (kW) system to

adequately power their home, which costs \$28,241 in 2025. That price effectively drops to \$19,873 after considering the full federal solar tax credit.

How much does a 12 kW solar panel cost?

The average cost of an 12 kW solar panel installation on EnergySage is \$29,649 before available incentives. You'll typically save anywhere from \$27,000 to \$110,000 over 25 years by going solar. Solar panels are just 12% of the total cost of a solar panel installation.

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