

ARIZONA

SOLAR JOBS CENSUS 2018

There are **242,343** Americans working in solar as of 2018, according to The Solar Foundation's latest *National Solar Jobs Census*. Visit SolarStates.org to view an interactive map of solar jobs in 2018 by state, county, metro area, and congressional district.

Despite job losses in 2018, Arizona is still one of the top states in the nation for solar employment. The state has an abundant solar resource and enormous potential for growth.



STATE SOLAR JOBS: **7,524**



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STATE RANKING
FOR SOLAR JOBS

9

STATE RANKING FOR
SOLAR JOBS PER CAPITA



-857
New Solar Jobs,
2018



-10.2%
Solar Jobs Growth,
2018



48
State Rank by Net
Solar Jobs Added,
2018



5.7%
Projected Jobs
Growth, 2019



9.7%
Percentage of State Solar Workers
Who Are Veterans



SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR

INSTALLATION



3,383
(19% decrease)

MANUFACTURING



2,551
(12% decrease)

WHOLESALE TRADE & DISTRIBUTION



689
(12% decrease)

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



496

OTHER



404
(24% decrease)



SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT

3,739 MW

CUMULATIVE INSTALLED
SOLAR CAPACITY¹



ENOUGH SOLAR TO
POWER **552,544** HOMES¹²

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STATE RANKING FOR
INSTALLED SOLAR
CAPACITY¹¹

452

Solar Companies²

6.52%

of State's Electricity
Generation from Solar³

378

K-12 Solar Schools⁴

14.1%

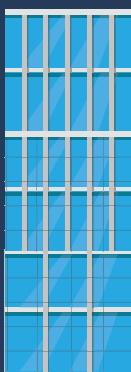
K-12 Schools Have
Gone Solar⁴



TOP METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS FOR SOLAR JOBS

6,653

Phoenix-Mesa-
Scottsdale



607

Tucson



128

Flagstaff



DID YOU KNOW?

One of the largest battery storage systems in the country will be built in Arizona, with 50 MW of storage paired with a 65 MW solar farm. Arizona Public Service plans to add at least 500 MW of battery storage over the next 15 years.⁵

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SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT

F

Net Metering
Policy Grade⁶

F

Interconnection
Policy Grade⁶

Solar installations sized to meet up to 125% of a customer's electric load receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the avoided cost rate. There is no limit to the number of systems covered.

STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS⁷



Electrician's License

29%

Employers Reporting It Was "Very Difficult" to Hire Qualified Employees

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD¹⁰

15%

by 2025

COMMUNITY SOLAR⁸

N/A

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS⁹

CCA Not Available

LEGAL STATUS OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP¹⁰

Authorized by state, at least in certain jurisdictions

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS¹⁰

4.5%

Distributed Generation

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS¹¹

N/A

16

STATE RANKING
FOR AVERAGE
ELECTRICITY PRICE³
(Highest to Lowest)

11.08
CENTS/kWh

AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE³

¹ Wood Mackenzie, Limited and Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), *U.S. Solar Market Insight*

² SEIA, National Solar Database

³ U.S. Energy Information Administration

⁴ The Solar Foundation, SEIA, and Generation 180, *Brighter Future: A Study on Solar in U.S. Schools, 2nd Edition*

⁵ <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/aps-to-install-50-mw-135-mwh-solar-shifting-battery/516850/>

⁶ *Freeing the Grid 2015*, a joint project of Vote Solar, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and EQ Research

⁷ *National Solar Licensing Map*, Interstate Renewable Energy Council

⁸ Shared Renewables HQ, an initiative of Vote Solar in partnership with Lee Barken

⁹ Local Energy Aggregation Network

¹⁰ North Carolina Clean Technology Center at North Carolina State University, *Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency*

¹¹ PACENation, available at pacenation.us/pace-programs/

¹² SEIA