

How much solar energy cost





Overview

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.

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 does a commercial solar system cost?

Commercial solar installations are a great way for companies to lower energy costs. Generally, installing solar panels on businesses costs a bit less per watt because the systems are larger, but the total costs will be higher. In 2025, the average cost for commercial solar panels is just about \$2.00 per watt.

How much does it cost to clean solar panels?

Solar panels require very little upkeep. If you're able to clean the solar panels yourself, the only maintenance cost will be the water used to hose them down. If you hire a professional to clean your solar panels, it will cost around \$100 to \$350, on average.

How much does a 12 kW solar panel cost?

The average cost of a 12 kW solar panel installation on EnergySage is \$20,754 after the federal tax credit. You'll probably save anywhere from \$34,000-\$120,000 over 25 years by going solar. Solar panels are just 12% of the total cost of a solar panel installation.



Are solar installations cheap?

Solar installations aren't cheap, but the actual equipment is a relatively small part of the total cost. It's only 35% of your total installation cost, according to the US Department of Energy. Soft costs, also known as the hidden costs of installing solar, are nonhardware costs, and they make up 65% of your total solar costs, according to the DOE.



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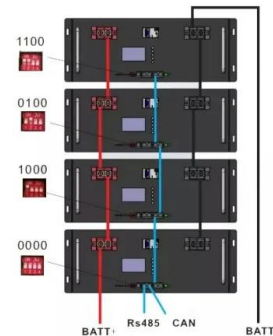


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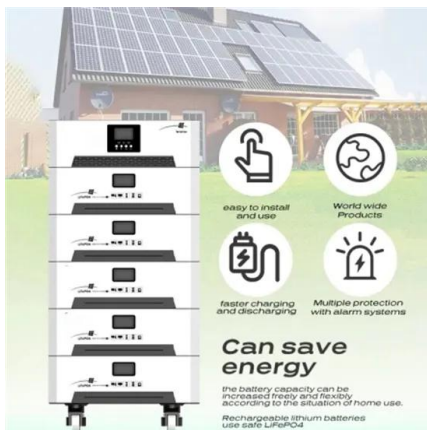
This solar payback calculator includes the cost of solar panels, any potential rebates, and annual electricity savings. Based on this, we can determine how quickly the solar panels pay for themselves.

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