

# Mobile solar station price per MWh 2030







### **Overview**

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Technology Description: Modules maintain the historical average of 0.5% improvement per year to 25% by 2030, which results in a price of \$0.17/W DC. Justification: Manufacturers reported mass-produced cell efficiencies will increase from 20%–23% in 2018 to 21%–24% by 2021. Mass-produced.

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.

The Energy Information Administration dropped its latest monthly estimate of solar module shipments a few days ago, so this seems like a good time take to take stock. Here's an extrapolation of where we'll be by 2030 if solar keeps rising at its current rate: At the current rate of growth, solar.

This dashboard provides an overview on the latest Solar PV costs.

Levelized cost of energy (LCOE) of new 2023 projects increased slightly to \$46/MWh prior to the application of tax credits but continued to fall to \$31/MWh when accounting for federal incentives. PPA prices have largely followed the decline in solar's LCOE over time, but newly signed longer-term.

Blended average selling prices for photovoltaic (PV) modules were in the fourth quarter of 2023 as high as they were toward the end of 2018, up nearly 30% compared with the same period two years ago. Major western wind turbine manufacturers have raised prices for wind turbines by nearly 30% in



### 2022. How much does solar energy cost?

In 2016, as the industry approached the SunShot 2020 utility-scale PV cost goal of \$0.06 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), DOE set a new cost target of \$0.03 per kWh by 2030. Now the new target for unsubsidized levelized cost of energy (LCOE) for utility-scale PV at the point of grid connection is \$0.03/kWh for 2025 and \$0.02/kWh for 2030.

How much did solar power cost in 2023?

Key findings from this year's report include: 18.5 GW AC of new utility-scale PV capacity came online in 2023, bringing cumulative installed capacity to more than 80.2 GW AC across 47 states. Installed costs continued to fall in 2023. Relative to 2022, capacity-weighted averages decreased by 8% to \$1.43/W AC (or \$1.08/W DC).

How much does a solar system cost in 2020?

Base Year: A system price of \$1.30/W AC in 2020 is based on modeled pricing for a 100-MW DC, one-axis tracking system quoted in Q1 2020 as reported by (Feldman et al., 2021), adjusted from \$/W DC to \$/W AC by an ILR of 1.28.

What is the average solar market value in 2023?

Solar's average market value was lowest in CAISO (\$27/MWh), the market with the greatest solar generation share, and highest in ERCOT (\$67/MWh). Newer solar projects had greater market value in 2023 than their generation costs, yielding \$1.1 billion in benefits.

How much does a solar PPA cost in North America?

North America hasn't seen those kinds of PPA prices since early 2020, according to data from LevelTen Energy, which puts the typical solar PPA at \$56.58/MWh, and wind at \$65.63/MWh as of the third quarter of 2024.

Why are solar and wind technologies getting cheaper?

Policy and shifting attitudes toward climate change are an important driver of this transformation, but the underlying enabler is cost: solar and wind technologies keep getting cheaper on a per MWh basis, driven by scale and marginal technological improvements.



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### Solar Photovoltaic System Cost Benchmarks

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## Renewable PPA prices continue to rise -- and may do ...

Renewable PPA prices continue to rise -- and may do so through 2030, say LevelTen, Ascend analysts Project delays, tariffs and a new round of supply shortages pushed renewable energy prices



### <u>Large-scale generation certificates (LGCs)</u>, <u>Clean</u>

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This figure also shows the potential revenue in Australian Dollars (AUD) per megawatt hour (MWh) for large-scale wind and utility solar generation over time. Potential revenue is calculated by adding the large-scale generation

Raw data: The cost of solar power through 2030 -

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At the current rate of growth, solar capacity will reach about a thousand gigawatts by 2030, which would probably be about half of total



demand. Raw cost will drop from 30¢ per watt to 15¢ per watt, producing a levelized ...

#### Highvoltage Battery





### Types of Energy Ranked by Cost Per Megawatt Hour

Types of Energy Ranked by Cost Per Megawatt Hour As prices continuously rise and the planet edges closer to the brink of calamity, many people are wondering what the cheapest energy for the home is. The share of renewables in global ...

### What goes up must come down: A review of BESS ...

The Crimson BESS project in California, the largest that was commissioned in 2022 anywhere in the world at 350MW/1,400MWh. Image: Axium Infrastructure / Canadian Solar Inc. Despite geopolitical unrest, the ...





### America's Cheapest Sources of Electricity in 2024

Solar photovoltaics (PV) have similarly attractive economics. With subsidies, the minimum cost is \$6 per MWh. When including storage, \$38 per MWh. Notably, the maximum cost of solar PV with storage has significantly ...



#### Utility-Scale PV, Electricity, 2022, ATB, NREL

Projections of utility-scale PV plant CAPEX for 2030 are based on bottom-up cost modeling, with 2021 values from (Ramasamy et al., 2021) and a straight-line change in price in the intermediate years between 2021 and 2030.





### Solar Energy Technologies Office Updated 2030

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SETO is targeting concurrent reductions for commercial and residential rooftop PV costs to \$0.04/kWh and \$0.05/kWh by 2030, respectively. Learn more about SETO's goals. DOE is accelerating its timeline for achieving its utility-scale ...

### The price of green hydrogen: How and why we ...

The ICCT's central estimates of 2030 hydrogen production costs of \$3.7 per kg in the United States and \$5.6 per kg in the European Union fall within the range in the literature. Figure 2. The ICCT's 2030 central scenario ...



## CSIRO report reveals renewables remain cheapest ...

The modelling estimates that the levelised cost of electricity (LCOE) using solar PV ranges from \$44 to \$65 per MWh, depending on the scale and location of the installation. Wind power costs range from \$45 to \$57 per ...





### European electricity prices and costs

Wholesale electricity prices are average dayahead spot prices per MWh sold per time period, sourced from ENTSO-E, Low Carbon Contracts and semopx. Prices have been converted from £/MWh to EUR/MWh for the UK. ...



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