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# Solar panel power generation costs and profits



## Overview

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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.

Economies of scale drive down per-watt costs, making utility-scale solar competitive with fossil fuel generation in many markets. Community solar offers a different approach, allowing individuals to purchase shares of larger solar installations. These projects typically range from 1-5 MW and serve.

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.

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