



# Changes in the price of solar panels per kilowatt





## Overview

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Historic Low Pricing: Solar costs have reached unprecedented lows in 2025, with systems ranging from \$2.50-\$3.50 per watt installed, making the technology more accessible than ever before. Federal Tax Credit Urgency: With Congress proposing to end the 30% federal tax credit after 2025, homeowners.

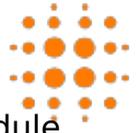
If trends from 2024 found in EnergySage Intel's Solar & Storage Marketplace Report continue, you could be looking at the most affordable cost since EnergySage started tracking quoted solar prices in 2014. The report found that the median cost per watt of installing a solar panel system continued a.

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. NOTE: Under the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" signed in July 2025, the federal solar.

The cost of solar panels has decreased dramatically over the past few decades, making solar energy more accessible than ever. In the 1970s, the cost of solar panels was around \$76 per watt, a price that was prohibitive for most applications. By 2010, prices had dropped to approximately \$7.50 per.

As of 2026, the average cost of residential solar panels in the U.S. is between \$15,000 and \$25,000 before incentives. This typically translates to about \$2.50 to \$3.50 per watt of installed capacity (more on price per watt below). The total price depends on your system size, location, roof type.

Note: Data is expressed in constant 2024 US\$ per watt.



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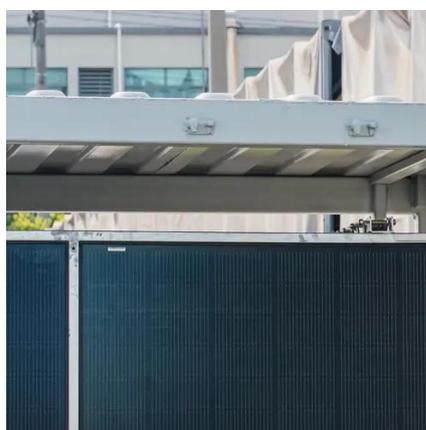


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