

Cost of 1 watt of solar power





Overview

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. How much do solar panels cost per watt?

The average cost per watt for solar panels in the U.S. is \$2.84 for residential systems. High-efficiency monocrystalline panels tend to be at the higher end of the price range, but they generate more power with fewer panels—ideal if you have limited roof space.

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.

How much does a 6 kW solar system cost?

You'll pay \$4,200 to \$6,000 to set up a 6 kW system. Concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) panels are \$0.80 to \$1.10 per watt. While not as well-known as other types of panels, CPV panels are highly efficient and may grow in popularity. A 6 kW solar system would cost \$4,800 to \$6,600.

How much does a solar system cost?

If you just need a few panels for a small do-it-yourself solar project, expect to pay around \$200 to \$350 per panel (between \$0.80 and \$1.40 per watt). Note: The table below doesn't include the cost of a solar storage battery, which can add anywhere from \$7,000 to \$18,000 to your total solar system costs.

What is cost per watt?

Cost per watt (\$/W) represents the upfront price of your solar system divided by its total wattage capacity. This metric is essential for comparing quotes



from different installers, as it normalizes pricing regardless of system size variations.

How much electricity does a solar panel produce?

The amount of electricity a solar panel produces is measured in watts and kilowatts (1,000 W = kW). A kilowatt-hour (kWh) measures the amount of energy that a solar panel produces. Keep in mind, most homes need at least 10 to 20 panels to cover their electricity. There are four main types of solar panels:



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