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Overview

As of 2025, 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).How much does a polycrystalline solar panel cost?

Polycrystalline solar panels provide a cost-effective alternative, with prices typically falling between $0.9 to $1.00 per watt. Similar to monocrystalline panels, they offer an average lifespan of 25 to 30 years.

How much do solar panels cost per square foot?

However, the cost per square foot varies based on the size of the home and unique variables found in every installation. For example, the post-tax credit cost of solar panels for a 2,500-square-foot home is around $20,000 for a rate of $7.96 per square foot. But how much do solar panels cost for a 1,500-square-foot home?

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How much do monocrystalline solar panels cost?

Monocrystalline solar panels, characterized by their high efficiency and sleek design, come with an average cost ranging from $1 to $1.50 per watt. These panels boast a longer lifespan, typically lasting 25 to 30 years.

What is PV system cost model (pvscm)?

The total cost over the service life of the system is amortized to give a levelized cost per year. In the PV System Cost Model (PVSCM), the owner’s overnight capital expense (cash cost) for an installed PV system is divided into eight categories, which are the same for the utility-scale, commercial, and residential PV market segments:.

What is NREL's PV cost benchmarking work?

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 approach.

How efficient is a residential PV system in 2024?

The representative residential PV system (RPV) for 2024 has a rating of 8 kW dc (the sum of the system’s module ratings). Each module has an area (with frame) of 1.9 m 2 and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%.

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