

# How much does it cost to use photovoltaic panels at home







#### **Overview**

It costs around \$30,000 to install solar panels. That's a big number, but incentives usually lower it significantly. The average U.S. solar shopper needs about 11 kilowatts (kW) of home solar to cover their electricity usage. How much do solar panels cost?

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. Dion in Nevada said their 10-kW system cost about \$20,000, which is about the national average price for a 7-kW system.

How much does a home solar system cost?

According to studies by the U.S. Department of Energy, the all-in cost of a home solar panel system is between \$2.74 to \$3.30 per watt. 1,2,12 This figure includes the solar panels, the installation, and other expenses. Using these numbers, an average-sized 8-kilowatt residential solar system would cost between \$21,900 – \$26,400.

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 it cost to install and manage solar panels?

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Are solar panels worth it?

The federal solar tax credit may reduce the net cost to \$20,552, and local



incentives can further lower the cost. You can determine whether solar panels are worth it for your home by considering various factors, such as local incentives and policies, your electric bill, and how you finance the system.

How much does a commercial solar system cost?

Commercial solar installations are a great way for companies to lower energy costs. Generally, installing solar panels on businesses costs a bit less per watt because the systems are larger, but the total costs will be higher. In 2025, the average cost for commercial solar panels is just about \$2.00 per watt.



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## What Do Solar Panels Cost? (And Are They Worth It?)

This article breaks down the costs of solar panel installations and provides insights into financing options. It helps you evaluate whether the long-term energy savings and ...

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Most homeowners today pay between \$2.60 and \$3.10 per watt of solar capacity. If your house uses about 886 kilowatt-hours of electricity per



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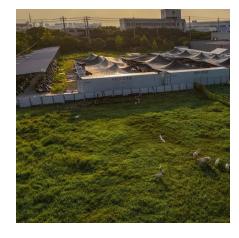
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Based on our 2025 survey of 1,000 solar customers, the national average price for a single solar panel professionally installed is \$1,200. This means most full-size systems of between 20 and ...

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Solar panel costs range from \$16,600 to \$20,500 for the average 6.5 kW system, but prices can vary from as little as \$7,700 for smaller solar systems to upward of \$34,700 for larger systems.

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