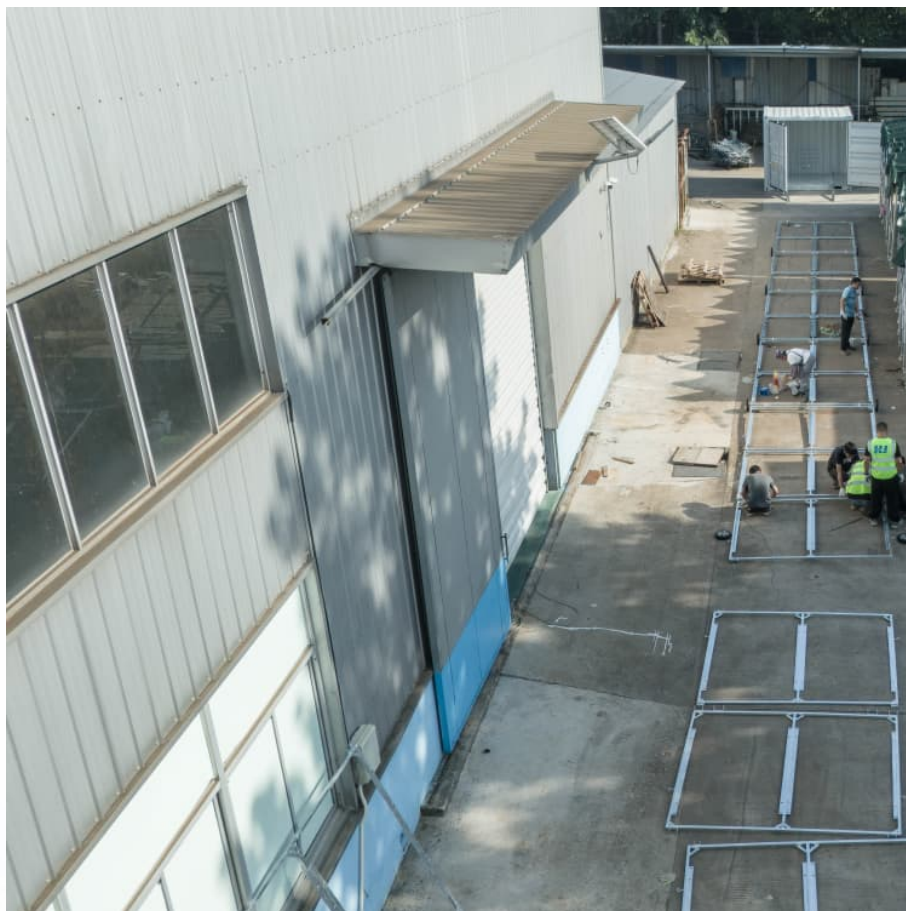


# Cost per kwh of solar electricity





## Overview

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The cost of solar energy varies, but currently averages between \$0.05 and \$0.15 per kWh after incentives like the federal tax credit, making it increasingly competitive with traditional energy sources. This cost is influenced by location, system size, and upfront installation expenses. How much do solar panels cost per kWh?

This typically ranges from 6-8 cents per kWh, compared to current grid electricity averaging 16.44 cents per kWh nationally. Most homes need between 7-12 kilowatts (kW) of solar capacity to offset their electricity usage. A typical American household consuming 10,632 kWh annually requires approximately 8-9 kW of solar panels.

How much does a solar system save on energy costs?

On average, homeowners with a complete solar system save \$41,000 to \$62,000 on total avoided energy costs over 25 years. It all depends on what your local utility charges for electricity, according to Robert Flores, a solar expert at The University of California, Irvine's Clean Energy Institute.

How much does a solar system cost per watt?

As of publishing, the average cost per watt is \$2.84. Most solar companies set the price according to the solar system's wattage. A solar installation's "cost per watt" is a little like the "price per square foot" when you buy a house. It helps compare the value of solar energy systems in different sizes.

How much does a kWh cost?

kWh is what you currently pay for your electricity. Your utility company or your solar company sends you a monthly bill that says how many kWh of energy you've used that month. The price per kWh on your electricity bills can range anywhere from \$0.0771 in Louisiana to \$0.3236 in Hawaii.

How much does solar energy cost in 2024?



As more homeowners and businesses embrace solar power, the demand for solar panels has surged, driving down manufacturing costs and making solar installations more cost-effective. In 2024, the average residential cost per kWh of solar energy hovers around \$.14, while commercial installations enjoy even lower rates at around \$.07 per kWh.

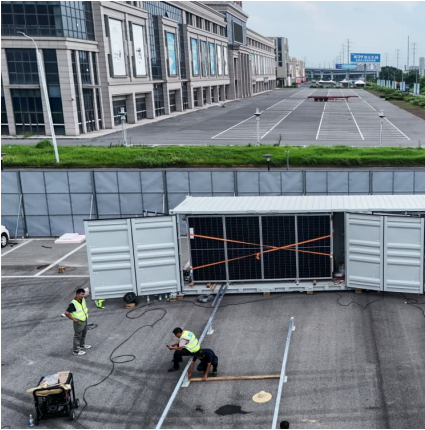
Is home solar more affordable than paying for utility electricity?

Although home solar is already more affordable than paying for utility electricity, there are a few ways to reduce the cost of your system and maximize your energy cost savings. First, there are solar incentives offered by federal, state, and local governments, in addition to utility providers.



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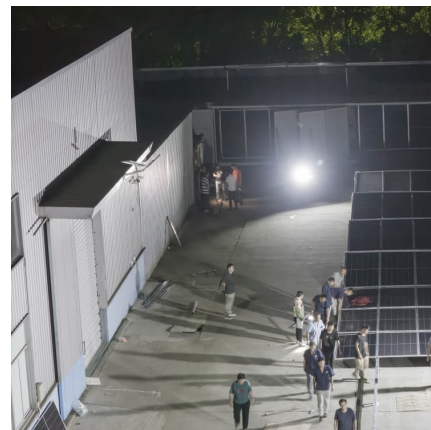
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