There are 250,271 Americans working in solar as of 2017, according to The Solar Foundation's latest National Solar Jobs Census. Visit SolarStates.org to view an interactive map of solar jobs by state, county, metro area, and congressional district. Colorado, with its abundant sunlight and a robust solar industry, now has over 6,000 solar workers, ranking 9th for solar jobs nationwide.

**STATE SOLAR JOBS**

- **6,789** Solar Jobs
- **9** State Ranking for Solar Jobs
- **8** State Ranking for Solar Jobs Per Capita
- **785** New Solar Jobs, 2017
- **13%** Solar Jobs Growth, 2017
- **1.1%** Projected Jobs Growth, 2018

Solar jobs grew 5 times faster than the overall state economy in 2017.

**SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR**

- **Installation:**
  - 3,196 Jobs (7% increase from 2016)
  - **722** Manufacturing Jobs (3% decrease)

- **Sales & Distribution:**
  - **632** Jobs (19% increase)

- **Project Development:**
  - **1,313** Jobs (17% increase)

- **Other:**
  - **925** Jobs (51% increase)

**SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT**

- **997 MW** Cumulative Installed Solar Capacity
- **12** State Ranking for Installed Solar Capacity
- **437** Solar Companies
- **2.67%** of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar
- **104** K-12 Solar Schools
- **4.9%** K-12 Schools Have Gone Solar

- **Enough Solar to Power 198,704 Homes**

Last updated March 2018. All data is from The Solar Foundation's National Solar Jobs Census unless otherwise noted.
Top Metropolitan Statistical Areas for Solar Jobs

166 Fort Collins-Loveland
4,351 Denver-Aurora
1,549 Boulder
151 Colorado Springs

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SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT

A Net Metering Policy Grade

Legal Status of Third-Party Ownership:
Authorized by state or otherwise currently in use, at least in certain jurisdictions within the state

Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (PACE) Status:
PACE-enabling Legislation; Active Commercial PACE Programs

B Interconnection Policy Grade

Community Solar:
Legislation Enacted

Renewable Portfolio Standard:
30% by 2020

Renewable Portfolio Standard Solar Carveout:
3% Distributed Generation (1.5% Customer-sited)

9.98 cents/kWh
Average Electricity Price

3 State Ranking for Average Electricity Price (Highest to Lowest)

22 State Ranking for

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1 Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) and GTM Research, U.S. Solar Market Insight
2 SEIA, National Solar Database
3 U.S. Energy Information Administration
5 Freeing the Grid 2015, a joint project of Vote Solar, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and EQ Research
6 Shared Renewables HQ, an initiative of Vote Solar in partnership with Lee Barken
7 North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center at North Carolina State University, Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency
8 PACENation