



# Cost structure of solar power plants



## Overview

NLR's bottom-up cost modeling methodology, shown here for residential PV systems, considers a wide set of factors and many interactions between them. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) and its national laboratory partners analyze cost data for U. solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to develop cost benchmarks. These benchmarks help measure progress toward goals for reducing solar electricity costs. NLR 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. For commercial entities, independent power producers, and communities, understanding the real cost structure and profit potential in 2025 is crucial. To accurately reflect the changing cost of new electric power generators in the Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025), EIA commissioned Sargent & Lundy (S&L) to evaluate the overnight capital cost and performance characteristics for 19 electric generator types. The following report represents S&L's.



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2024 ATB data for utility-scale solar photovoltaics (PV) are shown above, with a base year of 2022. The Base Year estimates rely on modeled capital ...

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Buyers typically pay a wide range for a solar power plant, with price primarily driven by plant size, location, and interconnection requirements. The goal here is to outline cost ranges, per ...

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