In 2016 . . .

• 260,077 solar workers, a 25% increase over 2015
• Solar jobs have increased at least 20% per year for the past four years
• One in 50 new U.S. jobs were in the solar industry

$26 per hour is the median wage for solar installers

Surpassing Jobs in Fossil Fuels
The solar industry employs more than twice as many Americans as the entire coal industry and just as many Americans as the natural gas industry.

Wide-Ranging Career Opportunities—Solar Jobs by Sector, 2016

- Installation: 137,133, 14% growth
- Manufacturing: 38,121, 26% growth
- Sales & Distribution: 32,147, 32% growth
- Project Development: 34,400, 53% growth
- Other (R&D, Finance): 18,274, 55% growth

Surprising Jobs Are in All 50 States

67% of solar jobs do not require a Bachelor’s degree

Jobs for All Education Levels

Solar is Increasingly Diverse
28% Women
17% Latino/Hispanic
7% African American

Solar Employs Veterans
9% Veterans in Solar Jobs
7% Veterans in Overall U.S. Workforce

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