Illinois
SOLAR JOBS CENSUS 2016

There were 260,077 solar workers in America in 2016, a 25 percent increase over a single year, based on data collected for The Solar Foundation’s annual Solar Jobs Census. Visit SolarStates.org to view an interactive map of solar jobs in 2016 by state, county, metro area, and congressional district—and more.

State Solar Jobs
3,718 Solar Jobs

State Ranking for Number of Solar Jobs Nationwide
17

State Ranking for Solar Jobs Per Capita
40

7% Solar Jobs Growth, 2016
5% Projected Solar Jobs Growth, 2017
10% Veterans in State Solar Workforce, 2016

Solar Jobs by Sector
Installation
1,589 (3% decrease)
Manufacturing
575 (30% decrease)
Sales/Distribution
695 (7% decrease)
Project Development
540 (251% increase)
Other
319 (154% increase)

Solar Industry Context
32 State Ranking for Installed Solar Capacity

Enough Solar to Power
10,192 Homes

233 Solar Companies

How Solar Workers Spend Their Time
83% Residential Solar
12% Commercial Solar
5% Utility-Scale Solar

Solar Policy Context
B Net Metering Policy Grade
A Interconnection Policy Grade

25% by 2025 Renewable Portfolio Standard Target
1.5% by 2025 Renewable Portfolio Standard Solar Carveout

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

Solar jobs grew faster than the overall state economy in 2016 (−.2%).

Figures are from The Solar Foundation’s National Solar Jobs Census along with the following sources: Solar Energy Industries Association; Freeing the Grid 2015; Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Electricity; and the U.S. Energy Information Administration.
Top Five Counties by Solar Jobs in 2016

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