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**

- **5,429 Solar Jobs**
- State Ranking for Number of Solar Jobs Nationwide: 12
- State Ranking for Solar Jobs Per Capita: 9
- **1,160 New Solar Jobs, 2016**
- **27% Solar Jobs Growth, 2016**
- **14% Projected Solar Jobs Growth, 2017**
- **6% Veterans in State Solar Workforce, 2016**

**Solar Jobs by Sector** (Change from 2015)

- Installation: 3,887 (29% increase)
- Manufacturing: 312 (4% increase)
- Sales/Distribution: 638 (6% decrease)
- Project Development: 83 (35% decrease)
- Other: 509 (260% increase)

**Solar Industry Context**

- State Ranking for Installed Solar Capacity: 13
- Enough Solar to Power 68,671 Homes
- 165 Solar Companies

**Solar Policy Context**

- Net Metering Policy Grade: A
- Interconnection Policy Grade: B
- 25% by 2020 Renewable Portfolio Standard Target
- 2.5% by 2020 Renewable Portfolio Standard Solar Carveout

**How Solar Workers Spend Their Time**

- Residential Solar: 79%
- Commercial Solar: 11%
- Utility-Scale Solar: 10%

Solar jobs grew 20 times faster than the overall state economy in 2016.

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.

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Top Five Counties by Solar Jobs in 2016

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