Florida Solar Jobs Census 2018

There are 242,343 Americans working in solar as of 2018, according to The Solar Foundation’s latest National Solar Jobs Census. Visit SolarStates.org to view an interactive map of solar jobs in 2018 by state, county, metro area, and congressional district.

Florida ranks second in the nation for solar employment. With supportive policies at the state and local levels, the Sunshine State has enormous potential for solar expansion and job growth.

**STATE SOLAR JOBS:** 10,358

**STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS:** 2

**STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS PER CAPITA:** 29

1,769 New Solar Jobs, 2018

20.6% Solar Jobs Growth, 2018

1 State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2018

4.1% Projected Jobs Growth, 2019

9.9% Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans

**STATE RANKING FOR INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹:** 8

2,290 MW CUMULATIVE INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹

ENOUGH SOLAR TO POWER 275,814 HOMES¹²

**SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR**

**INSTALLATION**

7,445 (25% increase)

**MANUFACTURING**

991 (10% decrease)

**WHOLESALE TRADE & DISTRIBUTION**

936 (12% decrease)

**OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

653

**OTHER**

334 (25% decrease)

578 Solar Companies²

1,18% of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³

181 K-12 Solar Schools⁴

3.1% K-12 Schools Have Gone Solar⁴

Learn more at SolarStates.org
TOP METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS FOR SOLAR JOBS

4,482  Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach
1,646  Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater
904  Orlando-Kissimmee
516  Jacksonville
414  Cape Coral-Fort Myers

DID YOU KNOW?
Sunrun, one of the largest residential solar installation companies in the U.S., expanded its workforce into Florida in 2018 and expects to hire hundreds of Florida workers over the next few years.5

SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT

B  Net Metering Policy Grade6
D  Interconnection Policy Grade6

Solar installations up to 2 MW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the retail rate. There is no limit to the number of systems covered under net metering.

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STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS7
State PV Specialty License

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD10
NONE

LEGAL STATUS OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP10
Authorized by state, at least in certain jurisdictions

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS11
PACE-enabling Legislation; Active Commercial and Residential PACE Programs

COMMUNITY SOLAR8
N/A

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS9
CCA Not Available

STATE RANKING FOR AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE³
(Highest to Lowest)

40%  Employers Reporting It Was “Very Difficult” to Hire Qualified Employees

10.37 CENTS/kWh  AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE³

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS10
N/A

N/A  Solar

N/A  Distributed Generation

1 Wood Mackenzie, Limited and Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), U.S. Solar Market Insight
2 SEIA, National Solar Database
3 U.S. Energy Information Administration
6 Freeing the Grid 2015, a joint project of Vote Solar, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and EQ Research
7 National Solar Licensing Map, Interstate Renewable Energy Council
8 Shared Renewables HQ, an initiative of Vote Solar in partnership with Lee Barken
9 Local Energy Aggregation Network
10 North Carolina Clean Technology Center at North Carolina State University, Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency
11 PACENation, available at pacenation.us/pace-programs/
12 SEIA