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.

Montana has a small solar workforce today, but the state has an abundant solar resource and enormous potential for growth.

**STATE SOLAR JOBS: 274**
- **STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS:** 49
- **STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS PER CAPITA:** 47

- **New Solar Jobs, 2018:** 66
- **Solar Jobs Growth, 2018:** 31.2%
- **State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2018:** 23
- **Projected Jobs Growth, 2019:** 5.4%
- **Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans:** 7.3%

**SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR**
- **INSTALLATION:** 165 (28% increase)
- **MANUFACTURING:** 30 (2% decrease)
- **WHOLESALE TRADE & DISTRIBUTION:** 38 (32% increase)
- **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE:** 25
- **OTHER:** 14 (25% decrease)

**SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT**
- **56 MW CUMULATIVE INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹:**
- **STATE RANKING FOR INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹:** 43
- **ENOUGH SOLAR TO POWER 7,760 HOMES¹²:**

- **42 Solar Companies²**
- **35 K-12 Solar Schools⁴**
- **0.29% of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³**
- **3.8% K-12 Schools Have Gone Solar⁴**

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

- **Billings**: 49
- **Missoula**: 37

**SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT**

- **Net Metering Policy Grade**: C
- **Interconnection Policy Grade**: C

Solar installations up to 50 kW 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.

**STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

- **Electrician’s License**

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD**

- **15% by 2015**

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS**

- **N/A**
  - Solar
  - Distributed Generation

**COMMUNITY SOLAR**

- N/A

**COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS**

- CCA Not Available

**LEGAL STATUS OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP**

- Status Unclear or Unknown

**PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS**

- N/A

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Montana Renewable Energy Association formed a groundbreaking alliance with OSHA, which will allow member organizations to access safety and training resources.

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2. SEIA, National Solar Database
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