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.

Nebraska saw a slight contraction of its solar workforce in 2018, but the state has an abundant solar resource and high potential for future growth if supportive policies are in place.

**NEBRASKA**

**SOLAR JOBS CENSUS 2018**

STATE SOLAR JOBS: 1,328

- -47 New Solar Jobs, 2018
- -3.4% Solar Jobs Growth, 2018
- 32 State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2018
- 9.0% Projected Jobs Growth, 2019
- 8.8% Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans

SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR

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SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT

- 43 MW CUMULATIVE INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹
- 46 STATE RANKING FOR INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹
- ENOUGH SOLAR TO POWER 5,590 HOMES¹²
- 46
- 34 Solar Companies²
- 1 K-12 Solar Schools⁴
- 0.03% of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³
- 0.1% K-12 Schools Have Gone Solar⁴

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

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**Did You Know?**
Fremont, Nebraska's first-ever community solar farm met with overflowing demand from residents, quickly subscribing 200 customers looking to purchase solar.

### Solar Policy Context

- **Net Metering Policy Grade**
- **Interconnection Policy Grade**

Solar installations up to 25 kW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the avoided cost rate. The number of systems covered is set at 1% of the utility's average monthly peak demand.

### Renewable Portfolio Standard

- **None**

### 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

- **PACE-enabling Legislation; Active Commercial PACE Programs**

### State Installer Licensing Requirements

- **Electrician’s License**

### State Ranking for Average Electricity Price

- **Omaha-Council Bluffs (0%)**
- **Lincoln (9.17 cents/kWh)**

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

- **0%**

### State Installer Licensing Requirements

2. SEIA, National Solar Database
6. Freeing the Grid 2015, a joint project of Vote Solar, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and EQ Research
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