NEW MEXICO
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.

New Mexico has an abundant solar resource. The state lost solar jobs in 2018, but supportive policies at the state and local level will lead to future growth.

STATE SOLAR JOBS: 2,168

SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT

| CUMULATIVE INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹ | 792 MW |
| STATE RANKING FOR INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY¹ | 16 |
| ENOUGH SOLAR TO POWER | 203,374 HOMES¹² |

SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR

| INSTALLATION | 973 | (21% decrease) |
| STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS | 29 |
| MANUFACTURING | 617 | (19% decrease) |
| WHOLESALE TRADE & DISTRIBUTION | 298 | (13% decrease) |
| OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE | 147 |
| OTHER | 132 | (27% decrease) |

- New Solar Jobs, 2018: -354
- Solar Jobs Growth, 2018: -14.0%
- State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2018: 43
- Projected Jobs Growth, 2019: 10.8%
- Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans: 7.3%

NEW MEXICO

167 Solar Companies²

107 K-12 Solar Schools⁴

4.72% of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³

29 K-12 Schools Have Gone Solar⁴

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

1,431
Albuquerque

265
Santa Fe

DID YOU KNOW?
Array Technologies, a solar tracking company based in Albuquerque, has been in business for 30 years and employs over 300 workers.²

NEW MEXICO

SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT

Net Metering Policy Grade⁶
Interconnection Policy Grade⁶

STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS⁷

Electrician’s License

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD¹⁰

50% by 2030
80% by 2040
100% by 2050

COMMUNITY SOLAR⁸
N/A

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS⁹
CCA Not Available

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

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS¹¹
PACE-enabling Legislation

STATE RANKING FOR AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE³
(Highest to Lowest)

14%
Employers Reporting It Was “Very Difficult” to Hire Qualified Employees

9.49 CENTS/kWh
AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE³

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