There are 249,983 Americans working in solar as of 2019, according to The Solar Foundation’s latest National Solar Jobs Census. Visit SolarStates.org for details on solar jobs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Despite a slight decline in solar jobs in 2019, Arkansas has an abundant solar resource with significant potential for growth.
TOP METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS FOR SOLAR JOBS

133
Little Rock-North
Little Rock-Conway

52
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers

ARKANSAS

DID YOU KNOW?
In December 2019, construction for the Chicot Solar Energy Center began in Chicot County. It's projected to span 825 acres with approximately 350,000 panels.

SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT

A
Net Metering Policy Grade
F
Interconnection Policy Grade

Residential solar installations up to 25 kW and commercial solar installations up to 1,000 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.

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

GRADE
N/A

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS
CCA not available

LEGAL STATUS OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP
Authorized by state, but limited to tax-exempt entities

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS
PACE enabling legislation; Active commercial PACE programs

STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Electrician's License

7%
Employers Reporting It Was “Very Difficult” to Hire Qualified Employees

7.8
STATE RANKING FOR AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE (Highest to Lowest)

AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE

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6 IREC, National Solar Licensing Map
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9 North Carolina Clean Technology Center at North Carolina State University, Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency
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