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.

Indiana’s solar workforce grew to over 3,500 solar jobs in 2018, with high potential for future growth if supportive policies are in place.
## Top Metropolitan Statistical Areas for Solar Jobs

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## Solar Policy Context

- **Net Metering Policy Grade**: D
- **Interconnection Policy Grade**: B

Solar installations up to 1 MW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the retail rate. The number of systems covered under net metering is set at 1.5% of utility’s most recent peak summer load. Net metering will be phased out by 2022 or when the aggregate capacity limit is met (whichever is first). The new compensation rates will be set by each utility but must equal 1.25 times the average wholesale electricity price.

## Community Solar Program Grade

- **N/A**

## Renewable Portfolio Standard

- **10%**: by 2025 (voluntary)

## Renewable Portfolio Standard Carveouts

- **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?

Ameresco announced two ground-mount solar arrays that will power three schools in Fishers, Indiana.  

## State Installer Licensing Requirements

- **N/A**

## State Ranking for Average Electricity Price

- **9.75 cents/kWh**

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

- **16%**

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2. SEIA, National Solar Database
5. Based on Freeing the Grid 2015, Vote Solar, Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC), and EQ Research. Grades updated by The Solar Foundation
6. IREC, National Solar Licensing Map
7. IREC, 2019 National Shared Renewables Scorecard
9. North Carolina Clean Technology Center at North Carolina State University, Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency
10. PACENation, available at pacenation.us/pace-programs/