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.

Louisiana now has over 3,000 solar workers, with high potential for growth if supportive policies are in place.
TOP METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS FOR SOLAR JOBS

1,313 New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner
447 Baton Rouge
349 Shreveport-Bossier City

SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT

Residential solar installations up to 25 kW and agricultural installations up to 300 kW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the avoided cost rate. Systems installed prior to January 1, 2020 will be grandfathered for 15 years at the retail rate. There is no limit to the number of systems covered.

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

GRADE
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?

DEPCOM Power is building one of Louisiana’s largest solar power projects, Capital Region Solar, which will feature 197,000 solar panels across 560 acres.

STATE INSTALLED LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Electrician’s License and State PV Specialty License

33% Employers Reporting It Was “Very Difficult” to Hire Qualified Employees

STATE RANKING FOR AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE

(Highest to Lowest)

7.71 CENTS/KWh AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE

LOUISIANA

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD
None

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS N/A

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