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.

Montana has a small solar workforce today, but the state has an abundant solar resource and enormous potential for growth.

### STATE SOLAR JOBS: 308

- **State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2019**: 23
- **Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans**: 7%

### SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR

- **Installation**: 201 (22% increase)
- **Manufacturing**: 31 (3% increase)
- **Wholesale Trade & Distribution**: 38 (2% decrease)
- **Operations & Maintenance**: 26 (1% increase)
- **Other**: 13 (10% decrease)

### SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT

- **Cumulative Installed Solar Capacity¹**: 60 MW
- **State Rank for Installed Solar Capacity¹**: 44
- **Enough Solar to Power**: 8,510 Homes¹
- **Solar Companies²**: 42
- **0.18%** of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³

Learn more at SolarStates.org
Solar installations up to 50 kW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid, credited to customer’s next bill at the retail rate. Only IOUs are required to provide net metering. 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**: Status unclear or unknown

**PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS**: N/A

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**SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT**

- **Net Metering Policy Grade**: C
- **Interconnection Policy Grade**: C

**Montana Solar Policy Context**

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

**State Ranks for Average Electricity Price³** (Highest to Lowest)

- 2 SEIA, National Solar Database
- 3 U.S. Energy Information Administration
- 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/

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**Did You Know?**

The Bridger Bowl Ski Resort in Bozeman installed a 50 kW solar system to cover part of their energy use.⁴