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.

Today, Ohio has over 7,000 solar workers. Ohio has an abundant solar resource and huge potential for future growth if there are supportive policies in place.
TOP METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS FOR SOLAR JOBS

**OHIO**

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<th>City</th>
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<td>Toledo</td>
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**SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT**

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

Solar installations sized to offset part or all of a customer's electricity requirements receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid. Systems are only credited for the energy portion of the electricity they supply and not for the capacity part of the electricity rate, reducing the amount of compensation by about 10-15%. There is no limit to the number of systems covered under net metering.

**COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM GRADE**

- **COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS**: N/A
- **LEGAL STATUS OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP**: Authorized by state, at least in certain jurisdictions
- **PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS**: PACE enabling legislation; Active commercial PACE programs

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD**

- **8.5% by 2026**

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS**

- **N/A**

**STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

- Electrician's License and NABCEP

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In early 2020, Innergex Renewable Energy broke ground on Hillcrest Solar, Ohio’s largest solar project to date. At 200 MW, it will nearly double Ohio’s solar energy capacity.⁴

1 Wind Mackenzie, Limited and the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), U.S. Solar Market Insight
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10 PACENation, available at pacenation.us/pace-programs/