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.

Rhode Island supports over 1,000 solar workers, 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

#### Solar Installations

- Solar installations up to 10 MW or sized to meet a customer’s energy needs receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the avoided cost rate.
- Community net metering is authorized and net metered systems may also be financed by a third party through a lease or power purchase agreements. National Grid does not limit the number of systems covered under net metering, though other utilities set a limit at 3% of their peak load.

#### Community Solar Program

**Grade:** C-

- **Community Choice Aggregation Status:** CCA enabling legislation
- **Legal Status of Third Party Ownership:** Authorized by state, at least in certain jurisdictions

#### Renewable Portfolio Standard

**Grade:** 38.5% by 2035

#### Renewable Portfolio Standard Carveouts

**N/A**

### DID YOU KNOW?

A Rhode Island state law offers incentives to developers that site renewable energy projects on brownfields.

### STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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### NOTES

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