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.

Wisconsin lost solar jobs in 2019, but the Badger State has an abundant solar resource with the potential to support thousands more jobs in the years ahead.

**STATE SOLAR JOBS:** 2,871

- **New Solar Jobs, 2019:** -135
- **State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2019:** 44
- **Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans:** 11.5%

**STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS**

- **StateRanking for Solar Jobs:** 26
- **State Rank for Solar Jobs Per Capita:** 32

**SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR**

- **Installation:** 1,803 (6% decrease)
- **Manufacturing:** 524 (3% decrease)
- **Wholesale Trade & Distribution:** 370 (0.4% increase)
- **Operations & Maintenance:** 95 (5% decrease)
- **Other:** 80 (9% decrease)

**SOLAR INDUSTRY CONTEXT**

- **Cumulative Installed Solar Capacity¹:** 209 MW
- **State Ranking for Installed Solar Capacity¹:** 35
- **Enough Solar to Power:** 33,844 Homes¹

- **State Ranking for Installed Solar Capacity¹:** 35
- **Number of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³:** 213
- **Percentage of State’s Electricity Generation from Solar³:** 0.23%

Learn more at SolarStates.org
TOP METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS FOR SOLAR JOBS

**WISCONSIN**

1,109
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis

482
Madison

115
Oshkosh-Neenah

DID YOU KNOW?
Alliant Energy announced a plan to bring 1 GW of solar to Wisconsin by 2023.

**SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT**

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

Solar installations up to 20 kW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid. Credits roll over to the customer’s next bill, unless it is over $25, when the utility must issue a check to the customer. 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**

PACE enabling legislation; Active commercial PACE program

**STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD**

10% by 2015

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS**

N/A

**STATE RANKING FOR AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE**

10.58 CENTS/KWh

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Employers Reporting It Was “Very Difficult” to Hire Qualified Employees

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/