

# **Price of photovoltaic panels per kilowatt-hour**





## Overview

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Residential solar panel systems cost \$0.09 to \$0.11 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) installed on average, though prices vary greatly depending on the type of panels and how much daily sun they receive. In comparison, the residential electricity rate in the US averages \$0.14 to \$0.16 per kWh. How much does a 5kw Solar System cost?

According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), a typical U.S. household installs a 5kW solar system. The solar panel cost is a portion of the total price you have to pay for installing solar panels. At the current average cost of \$2.71 per Watt, a typical 5kW system will cost you \$13,550.

How much does it cost to clean solar panels?

Solar panels require very little upkeep. If you're able to clean the solar panels yourself, the only maintenance cost will be the water used to hose them down. If you hire a professional to clean your solar panels, it will cost around \$100 to \$350, on average.

Where did photovoltaic cost data come from?

Photovoltaic cost data between 1975 and 2003 has been taken from Nemet (2009), between 2004 and 2009 from Farmer & Lafond (2016), and since 2010 from IRENA. Prices from Nemet (2009) and Farmer & Lafond (2016) have been converted to 2024 US\$ using the US GDP deflator, to account for the effects of inflation.

How much AC does a solar PV system produce?

The aluminum rails and module clamps are imported from China and subject to 25% tariff. Each module is paired with a microinverter rated at 330 W ac, giving the PV system a rated AC power output of 6.6 kW ac, which corresponds to an inverter loading ratio of 1.22.

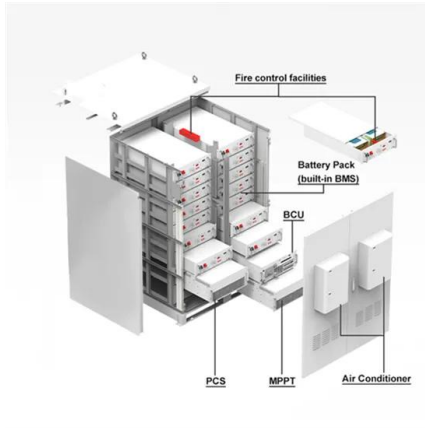
How efficient is a residential PV system in 2024?



The representative residential PV system (RPV) for 2024 has a rating of 8 kW dc (the sum of the system's module ratings). Each module has an area (with frame) of 1.9 m<sup>2</sup> and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%.



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### How Much Do Solar Panels Cost? (2025)

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Solar panels are just 12% of the total cost of a solar panel installation. Federal and state solar incentives significantly lower the cost of solar for most homeowners.

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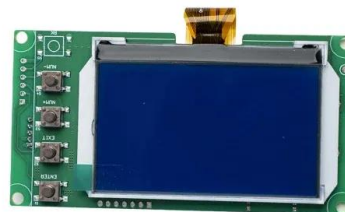
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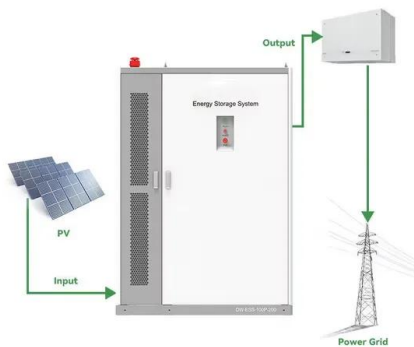
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