



# Installation costs of photovoltaic panels

How much does a solar panel installation cost?

The average cost of a 10.8 kW solar panel installation on EnergySage is \$20,948 after federal tax credits. You'll probably save anywhere from \$28,000-\$120,000 over 25 years by going solar. Solar panels are just 12% of the total cost of a solar panel installation.

How much does a rooftop solar system cost?

**Mounting system:** This is what holds rooftop solar panels in place. Costs vary depending on the type of solar installation, but it generally costs between 7 and 20 cents per watt. **Electrical wiring and hardware:** This includes the wiring, switches and circuit breakers required to connect the solar panel system to your home's electrical system.

Why do solar panels cost so much?

The more solar panels you install, the higher the installation cost because the process takes more time and labor. Depending on your location, the sales tax or hourly labor wage may be greater, increasing the total solar cost. Installation is one of the many factors that determine the overall price.

What factors affect the cost of solar panel installation?

Installation is one of the many factors that determine the overall price. The factors influencing the average cost of solar panel installation include hard and soft costs. Hard costs include the physical equipment like racking, panels, inverters and batteries.

How much does a solar inverter cost?

**Inverter replacement:** If your solar system uses a string inverter, it may need to be replaced. String inverters generally last between 10 and 12 years, while solar panels last for 25 years or more. Getting a new string inverter could cost about \$1,500.

How much does a solar permit cost?

Fees vary based on location, but residential solar permits typically cost a few hundred dollars. Some state regulations cap permitting fees (for example, Colorado caps them at \$500 for residential projects and \$1,000 for commercial solar panel projects; California caps residential fees at \$450).

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