

## Is photovoltaic panel power generation worth investing in

Do solar photovoltaic energy benefits outweigh the costs?

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### Are solar panels a good investment?

The electric power sector contributes up to 25% of all greenhouse gas emissions nationwide, according to the EPA. Using renewable energy helps reduce the use of fossil fuels and their harmful emissions. Installing solar panels typically increases the overall value of your home.

#### Are solar panels worth it?

If you install solar panels now at an average cost of \$20,000, you can save more than \$40,000 over the next two and a half decades. The bottom line is that solar panels are almost always worth itif you own your home and have an electric bill. How much money you can save varies for every property. How much will you save with solar?

#### Is going solar worth it?

If you don't have high energy costs or your state makes it harder to go solar, it might not be worth it financially. Even after weighing all the pros and cons, the decision to go solar is a highly personal one.

#### Do solar panels add value to a house?

Solar panels can add around \$15,000 of value to your home and help your house sell quicker than houses without solar, according to the US Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Solar panels can add to your home's value. Solar panel cost and efficiency has improved greatly over the last 10 years.

#### How much will solar panels cost in the next 25 years?

Without solar panels, the average homeowner will pay more than \$60,000 in electricity bills over the next 25 years, according to EnergySage data. If you install solar panels now at an average cost of \$20,000, you can save more than \$40,000 over the next two and a half decades.



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