



# National policy on rooftop solar power generation

What is solar rooftop potential?

Solar rooftop potential for the entire country is the number of rooftops that would be suitable for solar power, depending on size, shading, direction, and location. Rooftop potential is not equivalent to the economic or market potential for rooftop solar--it doesn't consider availability or cost.

Could solar conversion efficiency improve the rooftop potential?

With improvements in solar conversion efficiency, the rooftop potential in the country could be even greater. Residential and other small rooftops represent about 65% of the national rooftop potential, and 42% of residential rooftops are households with low-to-moderate income.

What is a rooftop solar energy system?

Rooftop solar energy systems produce power locally, keeping power production and the economic opportunities that solar energy generates within the community. SETO funds research that helps maximize the value of rooftop solar systems for their owners.

Are rooftop solar panels eco-friendly?

Installing rooftop solar panels allows consumers to directly benefit from the sun's green energy, which benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The development and manufacturing of solar panels can be managed in eco-friendly ways to benefit the environment.

How much solar power will a new roof generate?

NREL estimates that an average of 3.3 million homes per year will be built or will require roof replacement--representing a potential of roughly 30 gigawatts (GW) of solar capacity per year. If even a small fraction of these new roofs had solar installations, it could have a significant impact on U.S. solar power generation.

What is rooftop potential?

Rooftop potential is not equivalent to the economic or market potential for rooftop solar--it doesn't consider availability or cost. Rather, it is the upper limit of solar deployment on rooftops across the country.

While the installed solar power capacity in the country has risen rapidly over the past decade, the 100 GW target for 2022 has been missed by a long margin, and so has the target for rooftop installations. At the end of last ...

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