

# **Price of installing rooftop photovoltaic panels in the United States**





## Overview

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Solar panels generate “free” electricity, but installing a system still costs money. A typical American household needs a 10-kilowatt (kW) system to adequately power their home, which costs \$28,241 in 2025. That price effectively drops to \$19,873 after considering the full federal solar tax credit. How much does a Tesla solar roof cost?

The cost of a Tesla solar roof depends on the size of the system you need. For an 8.5kW system, you might only need a 7kW system with a 3 IN 1 ROOF. A 3 IN 1 ROOF is expected to cost about \$27.00-\$28.00 per square foot installed.

How much does it cost to install a new roof?

The national average cost to install a new roof (with standard materials, not solar shingles) is \$14,643, while the typical upfront cost to install a solar roof is \$49,700 and \$34,700 after the 30% federal tax credit. Many factors will affect the cost of installing a new roof on your house, such as:

Is installing solar panels on my roof a good idea?

For existing roofs, consider solar panel installation on: Pro Tip: You can “cheat” 5-10 years on this if you’re willing to replace your solar equipment sooner than 10-20 years.

How much does it cost to remove and reinstall roof panels?

It cost \$5,000 to remove and reinstall the panels after the roof was replaced. “If I had known the roof was in such bad shape, I would've replaced the roof before installing the panels,” Devin told us.

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%.



What type of roof is best for solar panels?

The ideal roof for solar is one facing south with enough slope and room for panels. A west-facing roof is the second-best option, followed by an east-facing roof. We recommend using Project SunRoof by Google to check if your home is suitable for solar.



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### Solar Panel Prices in 2025: Average Cost by kWh, Incentives & ROI

Solar panel installation costs a national average of \$18,180 for a 6kW solar panel system for a 1,500 square ft. home. The price per watt for solar panels can range from \$2.50 ...

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### [Solar Panel Cost In 2025: It May Be Lower Than You Think](#)

According to the most recent data from the EnergySage Marketplace, the average cost-per-watt across the U.S. is around \$2.53/W before incentives. Your state-level average ...

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After receiving the 30% federal investment tax credit, the average system cost is about \$20,552. The average cost-per-watt across the United States is \$2.56 per watt before ...

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Each benchmark system is representative of what is currently being installed in the United States and is defined in sufficient detail to assess the impact of system size, module efficiency, ...

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In 2025, you'll see average solar panel costs across the United States that reflect the unique characteristics of each region. Factors like local economic conditions, installation methods, ...

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### [Benefits of Residential Solar Electricity](#)

Most states in the United States have good-to-excellent solar resource. Even places with relatively low solar resources, such as the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, can experience cost savings, ...

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### [Rooftop Solar Panel System Cost per Watt: 5kW-7kW, 6kW-8kW](#)

What's a Typical Cost To Install a new Roof?  
Average Price: \$5,960 - \$12,740. This is a good time to install a photovoltaic solar power system on your property.

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### **Climate change will increase value of residential rooftop solar panels**

Climate change will increase the future value of residential rooftop solar panels across the United States by up to 19% by the end of the century, according to a new University ...

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### How Much Does a Solar Roof Cost in 2025?

In 2025, the national average cost of a solar roof system is around \$49,700, including materials and labor. The typical price for a solar roof can fall anywhere between ...

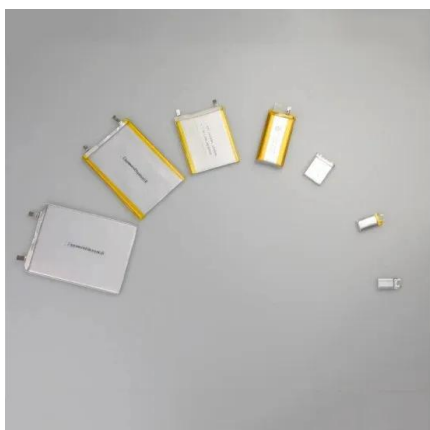
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## How much does it cost to install solar photovoltaic on the roof?

To install solar photovoltaic systems on a rooftop, costs can vary significantly based on several factors. The average expense ranges from \$15,000 to \$30,000 for residential ...

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Not every roof is suitable for solar panels - factors such as shade, obstructions, age, and available space can have property owners looking for other locations for installation. ...

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