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Distributed PV panel prices



Overview

The average price of solar panels used in distributed generation projects in the US increased from US\$0.25/W at the start of the year to a high of US\$0.28/W in May, before settling at US\$0.27/W at the end of the first half of the year. 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 m² and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%.

What is PV system cost model (pvscm)?

In the PV System Cost Model (PVSCM), the owner's overnight capital expense (cash cost) for an installed PV system is divided into eight categories, which are the same for the utility-scale, commercial, and residential PV market segments: Module - The cost to the installer of photovoltaic modules, as delivered.

How do market analysts evaluate the cost of PV systems?

Market analysts routinely monitor and report the average cost of PV systems and components, but more detail is needed to understand the impact of recent and future technology developments on cost. Consequently, benchmark systems in the utility-scale, commercial, and residential PV market sectors are evaluated each year.

What is the representative commercial PV system for 2024?

The representative commercial PV system for 2024 is an agrivoltaics system (APV) designed for land that is also used for grazing sheep. The system has a power rating of 3 MW dc (the sum of the system's module ratings). Each module has an area (with frame) of 2.57 m² and a rated power of 530 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 20.6%.

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.

What is NREL's PV cost benchmarking work?

NREL analyzes the total costs associated with installing photovoltaic (PV) systems for residential rooftop, commercial rooftop, and utility-scale ground-mount systems. This work has grown to include cost models for solar-plus-storage systems. NREL's PV cost benchmarking work uses a bottom-up approach.

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