

## Photovoltaic module power generation price

How much does a PV module cost?

The November 2021 technical report considers a PV module cost of \$0.34 per watt, which is equivalent to: As the size of a solar array increases, photovoltaic modules represent a higher percentage of total costs, while the percentage of soft costs decreases.

#### What is PV system cost model (pvscm)?

The total cost over the service life of the system is amortized to give a levelized cost per year. 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:

#### How much power does a monofacial solar module produce?

Each module has an area (with frame) of 1.9 m 2 and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%. The monofacial modules were assembled in the United States in a plant producing 1.5 GW dc per year, using n-type crystalline silicon solar cells produced in Southeast Asia.

### 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.

#### How much does a top-five module cost in 2025?

A top-five module maker told OPIS that 2025 loading prices have not meaningfully increased, even with higher upstream costs. Current offers from leading manufacturers of utility-scale projects are in the low-\$0.080/W range. The FOB China TOPCon module price for the first-half 2025 loading was at \$0.085/W, with values between \$0.082-0.087/W.

#### What is the difference between a module and an inverter?

Module - The cost to the installer of photovoltaic modules, as delivered. Inverter - The cost to the installer of equipment for converting direct current (dc) to alternating current (ac), as delivered. Energy Storage System (ESS) - The cost to the installer of adding an energy storage system, as delivered.



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