# STATE SOLAR spotlight

## Rhode Island

Ranks
28th
for total installed solar capacity

Total solar installed (MW)

967.24

226.13 MW in 2023

Growth projection over the next 5 years (MW)

**\*** 808.55

Ranks 40th



Solar jobs in the state1

1,089

Ranked 35th in 2023



185,488

Percentage of state's electricity from solar<sup>2</sup>

11.78%



28

solar companies are currently operating in Rhode Island



10 manufacturers



installers/developers



other companies

Value of the state solar market

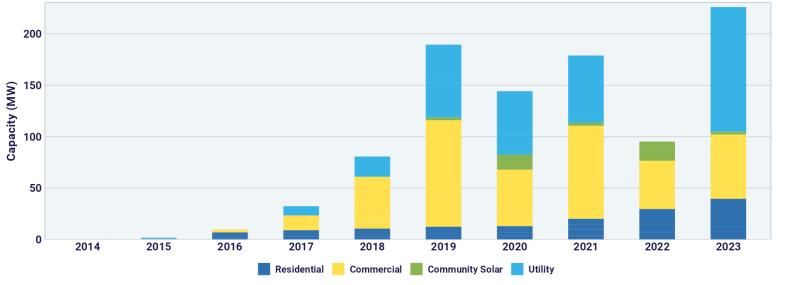
\$1.5 billion

\$370 million invested in 2023

Price decline over the last ten years

47%

#### **Rhode Island Annual Solar Installations**



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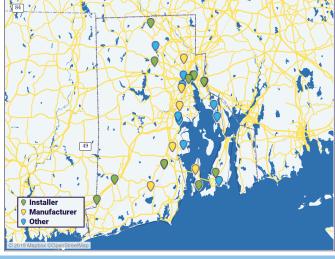
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### More information about solar energy in Rhode Island

- University Solar in West Greenwich was developed by AES and came online in 2019. This 28.4 MW project produces enough electricity to power 5552 homes.
- Walmart, Target and Amazon have all gone solar in Rhode Island. Target's 500 kW project in Smithfield is one of the largest corporate solar projects in the state.
- At 21.3 MW, Gold Meadow Farms in Cranston is among the largest solar installations in Rhode Island. Completed by Southern Sky Renewable Energy in 2019, this solar project has enough electric capacity to power more than 4164 homes.

**Solar Companies in Rhode Island** 







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