# STATE SOLAR spotlight

## Colorado

Ranks
12th
for total installed solar capacity

Total solar installed (MW)

4,112.17

1,641.10 MW in 2023

Growth projection over the next 5 years (MW)

**1** 2,835.65

Ranks 19th



Solar jobs in the state1

7,626

Ranked 7th in 2023



Enough solar installed to power

838,462
homes

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

9.03%



394

solar companies are currently operating in Colorado



**38** manufacturers



**182** installers/developers



1 / 4 other companies Value of the state solar market

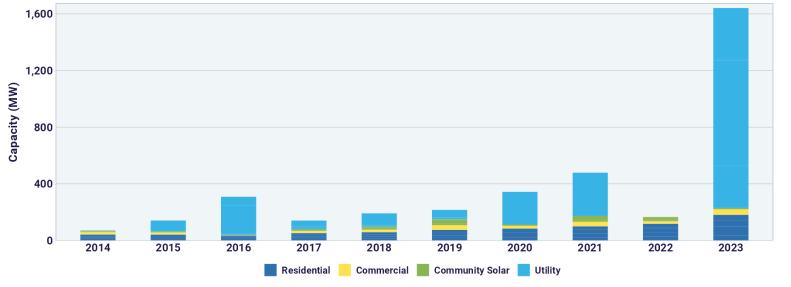
\$7.7 billion

\$2.1 billion invested in 2023

Price decline over the last ten years

47%

#### **Colorado Annual Solar Installations**



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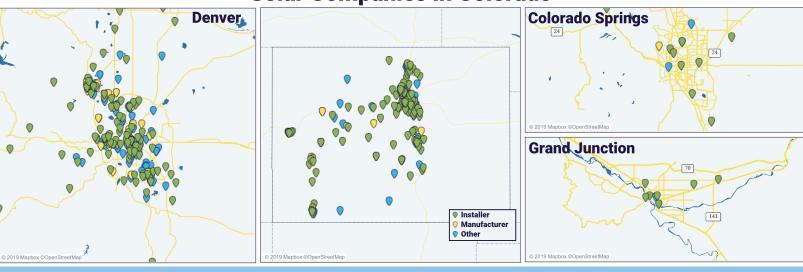
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### More information about solar energy in Colorado

- Bighorn Solar in Pueblo was developed by Lightsource bp and came online in 2021. This 300 MW project produces enough electricity to power 60678 homes.
- Target, Walmart, and Amazon have all gone solar in Colorado. Amazon's 6 MW DEN3
  project in Aurora is one of the largest corporate projects in the state.
- At 150 MW, Comanche Solar in Pueblo is among the largest solar installations in Colorado. Completed by Community Energy in 2016, this solar project has enough electric capacity to power more than 30339 homes.

#### **Solar Companies in Colorado**



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