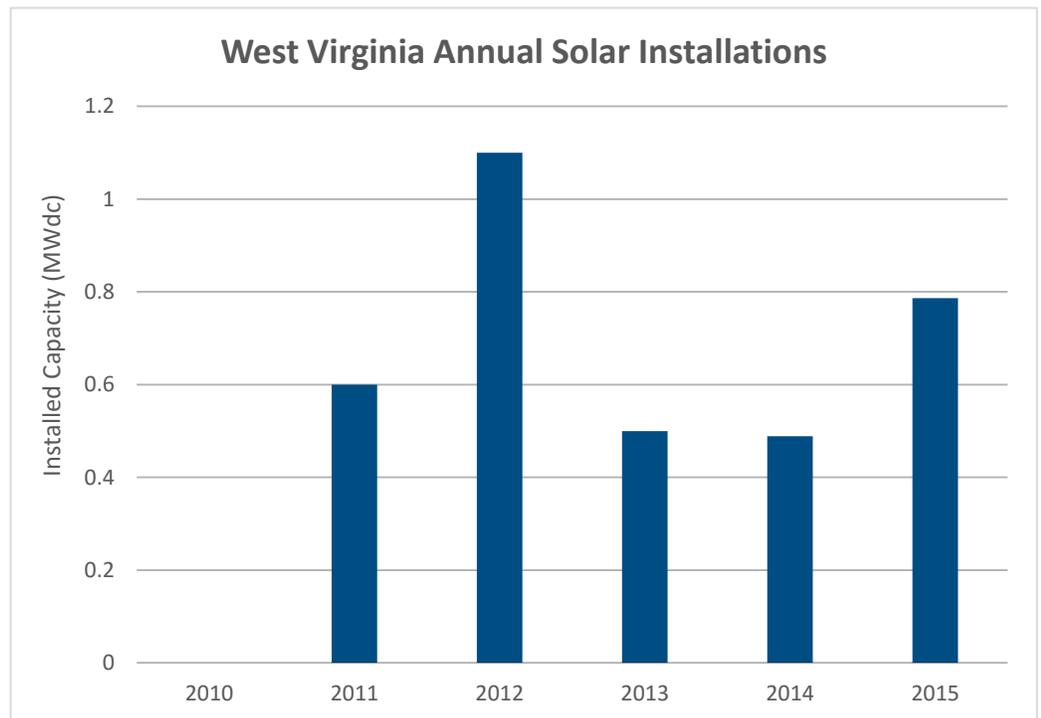


Solar Spotlight: West Virginia

At a glance

- There are currently more than **15 solar companies**¹ at work throughout the value chain in West Virginia, **employing 350**². These companies provide a wide variety of solar products and services ranging from solar system installations to the manufacturing of components used in photovoltaic panels. Solar firms in this state can be broken down across the following categories: 4 manufacturers, 8 contractor/installers, 1 distributor and 2 engaged in other solar activities including financing, engineering and legal support.
- **790 kilowatts (kW)** of solar capacity were installed in West Virginia in 2015, a 61% increase over 2014. West Virginia ranks 43rd nationally in 2015 installed solar capacity.³
- Of the solar capacity installed in West Virginia in 2015, **693 kW were residential** and **93 kW were commercial**.⁴
- The **3.4 MW of solar energy currently installed** in West Virginia ranks the state 42nd in the country in installed solar capacity. There is enough solar energy installed in the state to power 300 homes.⁵
- In **2015, \$3 million was invested** on solar installations in West Virginia.
- Average installed residential and commercial photovoltaic system **prices have dropped steadily across the nation**— by 6% from last year and 48% from 2010.⁶





¹ SEIA, National Solar Database, www.seia.org/research-resources/national-solar-database

² The Solar Foundation, 2015 National and State Solar Jobs Census, www.thesolarfoundation.org/solar-jobs-census/

³ Estimate using data from U.S. Energy Information Administration Form 826

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Estimate using data from U.S. Energy Information Administration Form 826 and IREC U.S. Solar Market Trends 2013

⁶ SEIA/GTM Research *Solar Market Insight*, www.seia.org/research-resources/us-solar-market-insight

Established in 1974, the Solar Energy Industries Association® is the national trade association of the U.S. solar energy industry. Through advocacy and education, SEIA® is building a strong solar industry to power America. As the voice of the industry, SEIA works with its 1,000 member companies to champion the use of clean, affordable solar in America by expanding markets, removing market barriers, strengthening the industry and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy. www.seia.org.