



# Best Locations for Solar Power Generation

Where is the best place for solar energy?

One of the best places on earth for solar energy, due to its exceptional conditions, is the Atacama Desert in Chile. It's close to the equator and at a high elevation, giving it high levels of solar irradiance, which refers to the light energy from the sun. As the driest area in the world, it has limited cloud cover.

Where is the best place to install solar panels?

Latitudes with the most hours of sunshine are the best places for solar panels, while areas with high winds are ideal for wind turbines. Analysis shows that there are sufficient solar and wind resources on earth to more than cover the world's energy demand.

Are some states better than others for solar energy?

The fact is that some states are better than others when it comes to incentivizing and supporting solar panels. We calculated the best and worst states for solar energy in 2024 based on six factors to reveal the best state for solar, the worst state for solar and everything in between. \$9,881

Where can a solar farm be built?

Other locations well suited to solar power generation include Bolivia, Namibia, Jordan, and Egypt. The location of the land used for ground-mounted solar farms depends not only on natural resources, however. The site needs to be large enough to host rows of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and the accompanying equipment including inverters.

Which state produces the most solar power?

In 2023, California accounted for the largest percentage share of total utility-scale solar electricity generation (25%), followed by Texas (17%). California accounted for nearly 40% of total generation from small-scale PV systems. Most small-scale PV systems are installed on or near buildings.

Where can I find solar resource data?

Explore solar resource data via our online geospatial tools and downloadable maps and data sets. Access our tools to explore solar geospatial data for the contiguous United States and several international regions and countries.

Where is the best location on Earth for solar energy? In previous posts, we explained how to determine if solar panels are worth it and we outlined the top five factors that influence the solar energy potential of a site. These factors are ...

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