

## Photovoltaic industry

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What is the solar photovoltaics supply chain review?

The Solar Photovoltaics Supply Chain Review explores the global solar photovoltaics (PV) supply chain and opportunities for developing U.S. manufacturing capacity.

#### Why is PV Manufacturing important?

Developing U.S. PV manufacturing could mitigate global supply chain challenges and lead to tremendous benefits for the climate as well as for U.S. workers, employers, and the economy.

#### Who is driving growth in the solar photovoltaic industry?

Various actors, from key businesses to state governments, are driving growth in an industry that shows no signs of slowing down. Find up-to-date statistics and facts on the solar photovoltaic industry in the United States.

#### What is the supply chain for solar PV?

The supply chain for solar PV has two branches in the United States: crystalline silicon(c-Si) PV, which made up 84% of the U.S. market in 2020, and cadmium telluride (CdTe) thin film PV, which made up the remaining 16%. The supply chain for c-Si PV starts with the refining of high-purity polysilicon.

#### What is solar PV & why is it important?

Solar PV accounted for 4.5% of total global electricity generation, and it remains the third largest renewable electricity technology behind hydropower and wind. China was responsible for about 38% of solar PV generation growth in 2022, thanks to large capacity additions in 2021 and 2022.

#### What is solar photovoltaics and why is it important?

Solar photovoltaics is one of the most cost-effective technologies for electricity generation and therefore its use is growing across the globe. Global solar photovoltaic capacity has grown from around five gigawatts in 2005 to approximately 1.6 terawatts in 2023. Only in that last year, installations increased by almost 40 percent.

Building solar PV manufacturing around low-carbon industrial clusters can unlock the benefits of economies of scale. Solar panel manufacturers can also use their products to generate their own renewable electricity on site, thereby reducing ...



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