



# The price of photovoltaic panels has dropped

Will solar panel prices drop 40% this year?

Tim Buckley, director of Climate Energy Finance, speaks to pv magazine about the current steep trajectory of solar module prices. He estimates that PV panels prices will end up dropping by 40% this year and predicts the closure of old technology and sub-scale solar manufacturing facilities, both in China and globally.

Why will solar prices continue to drop?

A big reason why solar prices could continue to drop is significant development in the solar industry at large. The federal solar tax credit will be in place for at least the next 10 years. That means players in the solar industry -- from installers to manufacturers -- have received a green light to invest in their operations.

How much does solar cost?

The cost of solar has been falling for a long time. "Over the last decade, prices have come down by over 50% in the residential space," Rumery said. Considering Solar Panels? The average cost of a rooftop solar system now hovers around \$25,000.

Are solar panels getting more affordable?

Experts say solar panels have gotten significantly more affordable in the last decade, and new federal incentives will only drive prices lower. There's a big new solar tax credit in town. A federal incentive expanded in 2022 through the Inflation Reduction Act can offset 30% of the cost of a residential solar installation.

Are solar modules going down?

The price of different module technologies -- including crystalline-silicone, cadmium telluride, and copper indium gallium diselenide -- are forecast to lessen in the coming years with more efficient manufacturing. Few experts anticipated these quickly changing price reductions, however. Most saw the cost of solar as a slow, methodical drop.

How much does a rooftop solar system cost?

The average cost of a rooftop solar system now hovers around \$25,000. It's down from about \$50,000 just a decade ago, thanks to decreasing material costs, as well as gains on the installation side, with the labor and permitting processes becoming a lot more efficient. "You've really seen, across the board in the last decade, costs coming down.



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