

Job Growth in the Solar Industry

There is an astonishing expansion of solar jobs

The solar industry employs 260,000 workers in more than 40 solar related job classifications – already three times as many jobs that exist in the coal industry. There are more than 60 pathways to related careers offering highly-skilled, high paying jobs.¹

Solar and wind jobs - fastest growing employment opportunity

Renewable energy jobs are the fastest growing employment opportunities in the country with wind power technicians and solar installers ranked first and second.² They are also higher paying jobs with the median pay for solar installers at \$39,500 per year and wind power service technicians at \$54,000.³

Future solar sector job growth is assured

Job growth in solar related industries will continue to flourish as solar energy displaces fossil fuel-based power in the coming years. The U.S. EPA's Solar Energy Technologies Office has established the Solar Training Network "to address the critical need for high-quality, local, accessible training in solar installation and related skills."⁴ The expected exponential growth in renewable energy jobs and careers is supported by 877 course offerings by Michigan college and universities.⁵

¹ <https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/solar-energy-careers>

² <https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/5-fastest-growing-jobs-clean-energy>

³ <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing.htm>

⁴ <https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/solar-training-network>

⁵ <https://www.mynextmove.org/profile/ext/training/47-1011.03?s=MI>