

FACT SHEET

SOLAR BY THE NUMBERS

Cost

Solar costs \$30-41/MWh, making it a **least-cost source of generating electricity in the Midwest.**

Solar is competitive with wind energy (\$26-50/MWh).

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decrease in the cost of solar since 2012.

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Land Use

Solar is a cash crop with a small footprint.

It offers consistent, drought-resistant income for farmers.

1 MW of solar

needs only 5-10

acres of land.

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Jobs

Solar installer is the 5th fastest growing job in the U.S.

37,842 solar jobs in the Midwest.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

2021 Clean Jobs Midwest Fact Sheet

Installed Capacity

The Midwest has over 3,541 MW of operating solar power capacity.

More is on the way - MISO, the Midwest's electric grid operator, has over 75.5 GW of solar power in the queue.

ACP 2021 Annual Report and MISO

126 GW U.S. installed solar capacity.

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