



# Senegal Solar Report

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Gain comprehensive insights into the statistics and metrics surrounding the solar production industry in Senegal

## KEY POINTS

All figures have been converted into USD



## Yearly sunshine (sun hours per year)

Yearly sunshine hours vary by region.

- The average is about 1600-3000 hours per year.
- Areas with high sunshine include deserts.



### kWh per kWp installed

The amount of kWh produced per kWp installed depends on the location and technology used.

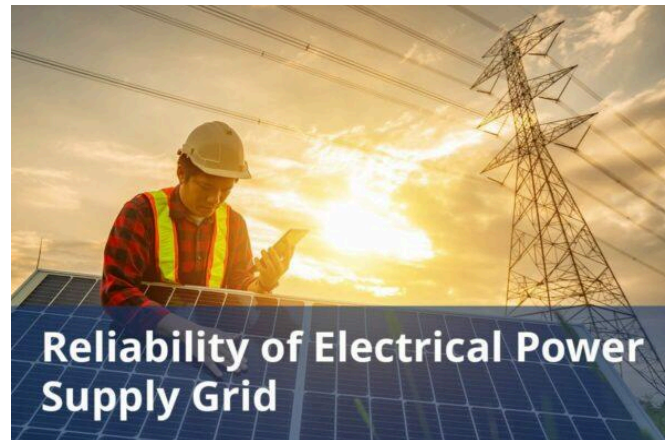
- Average values range from 1000 to 1700 kWh/kWp.



### Average cost per kWh from utility company

Electricity prices vary widely.

- Average residential costs are around \$0.13/kWh.
- Industrial rates can differ significantly.



## Reliability of electrical power supply grid

Solar energy systems are generally very reliable.

- Most systems have a 25-year warranty on panels.



# DETAILED INFORMATION

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## Total solar panel production capacity (installed)

As of recent data, total solar capacity installed is approximately 1 million MW.

- This includes both residential and commercial installations.

### **Total solar panel production capacity (projected)**

Future projections suggest solar capacity could reach 2 million MW by 2030.

- Growth is influenced by policy and technology advancements.

### **Average costs of various electricity generation sources (coal, natural gas, solar, etc)**

The average cost of solar panels has decreased significantly in the last decade.

- Typical costs range from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per watt.

### **Percentages of various electricity generation sources (coal, natural gas, solar, etc)**

Solar energy contributes to a growing percentage of total electricity production.

- Currently, it makes up around 3-5% of total energy.

### **Average daily availability of electricity from the national grid (measured in hours)**

Daily availability of solar energy is highest during summer months.

- Peak production usually occurs from 10 AM to 4 PM.

## **Number of residential solar panel installations**

There are an estimated 2 million residential solar panel installations in the country.

- This number continues to grow annually.

## **Total number of solar farms (installed and projected)**

The number of solar farms has increased significantly.

- There are now over 1000 large-scale solar farms operational.

## **Off-grid market demand for solar panels (current and projected)**

Current off-grid solar capacity is about 30 MW, with projections to reach 70 MW by 2030.

## **On-grid market demand for solar panels (current and projected)**

Current on-grid solar capacity is around 200 MW, projected to exceed 400 MW by 2030.

## **Average monthly income of workers in solar industry (labor cost)**

The average salary of workers in the solar industry is described below.

- Electrical Engineer: \$180 USD
- Electrician: \$165 USD
- Design Engineering Manager: \$240 USD
- Solar Energy System Installer: \$143 USD
- Solar Energy / Solar Power Engineer: \$173 USD
- Solar Installation Electrician: \$380 USD

## **Population of the country**

The population of Senegal is approximately 18032473 as of 2023.

## **Average overhead costs of solar panel production (with a brief breakdown)**

Determining the average overhead cost of solar panel production in Senegal involves several factors.

- Raw Material Costs: The costs of essential materials like silicon, aluminum, and copper can significantly impact production expenses.
- Labor Costs: Labor expenses in Senegal are relatively lower compared to developed countries.
- Utilities and Energy Costs: The cost of electricity is a crucial component due to the high energy consumption involved in producing solar panels.
- Electricity Rate: As per SENELEC's current rate, the price of electricity for households in Senegal is 0.2223 USD/kWh.
- Water Charges: There is no single source that provides a definitive monthly water charge for industrial users in Senegal.
- Administrative and Facility Costs: These include expenses for facility maintenance, rent, equipment repairs, and administrative salaries.

## **A summary of the energy infrastructure**

Overall Capacity: As of the end of 2023, Senegal's total installed electricity production capacity stood at 1616.41 MW.

- Renewable Energy: The clean energy mix comprised 459.7 MW, mainly from hydroelectricity, solar, and wind sources.
- Electricity Production Growth: There was an increase in electricity production from 4814.54 GWh in 2020 to 5167.47 GWh in 2021.
- Gas-to-Power Transition: With the gas-to-power strategy adopted in 2018, Senegal is preparing to utilize local gas from the GTA and Yakaar-Teranga projects, expected to start in 2024-2025.

## **Some of the government regulations surrounding solar panel production**

Senegal has the following regulations surrounding solar panel production:

- Renewable Energy Law (2016): This law sets the framework for the development of renewable energy in Senegal and provides incentives for investors.
- Net Metering Regulations: Senegal's net metering regulations allow households and businesses to generate their own electricity and export excess to the grid.
- Grid Connection Regulations: The country's grid connection regulations ensure that renewable energy projects are connected to the grid.

## **Government initiatives in solar panel production (includes investments and subsidies)**

Following are the regulations surrounding solar panel generation:

- Senegal Renewable Energy Fund (SREF): The Senegal Renewable Energy Fund (SREF) is a key component of Senegal's strategy to

increase the share of renewable energy in its electricity mix to 40% by 2030.

- Duty and VAT Exemptions: Certain solar products are exempt from duty and VAT, making it easier for companies to invest in the sector.
- Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Scheme: Senegal's FIT scheme provides a fixed price for electricity generated from renewable sources.

## **Notable solar projects in the country (installed and projected)**

Notable Solar Projects in Senegal are:

- Senergy 2 SARL: Installed Capacity: 20 MW, Location: Bokhol (Saint Louis)
- Solaria Kima Group: Installed Capacity: 22 MW, Location: Malicounda (Thiès)
- Senergy PV SA: Installed Capacity: 30 MW, Location: Santhiou Mekhe (Thiès)
- Ten Merina: Installed Capacity: 29 MW, Location: Merina Dakhar

## **Some of the notable solar companies (plus brief details on what they do)**

Here's a brief overview of the solar energy companies operating in Senegal:

- Bernasol: A solar system installer in Senegal, providing solutions with battery storage and installations exceeding 1MWp.
- Bonergie: Since 2010, Bonergie has been offering solar products for productive use, with a focus on income generation and battery storage options.
- Enco: A multinational firm headquartered in Dakar, Enco specializes in environmentally friendly energy solutions.



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