

# Old-fashioned solar power generation in the United States



## Overview

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The photovoltaic effect — the ability to generate usable energy from light — was first demonstrated in 1839. By the end of the century, American inventors were patenting a primitive form of solar panel that would form the basis for modern-day PV cells. Part of what energy theorist Amory Lovins called “soft energy paths,” in contrast to capital-intensive and centralized “hard” energy sources, solar technologies promised renewable energy that could be produced and utilized at residential scales. In addition, Lovins argued, energy gains from solar. Since the creation of the first silicon solar cell 70 years ago, solar leaders have been innovating, improving efficiency, lowering costs, and growing this American-born technology into an essential part of our nation's energy system. In 2024, utility-scale solar power generated 219.8 terawatt-hours (TWh) in the United States. Image used courtesy of AT&T.

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### Solar Energy in the 1970s - Energy History

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### OLD Definition & Meaning ,

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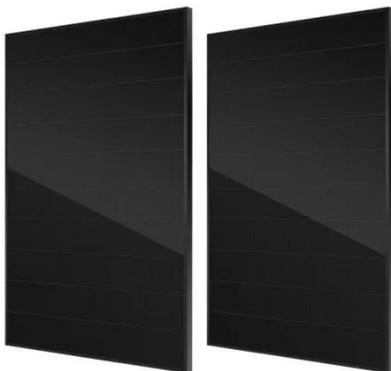
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