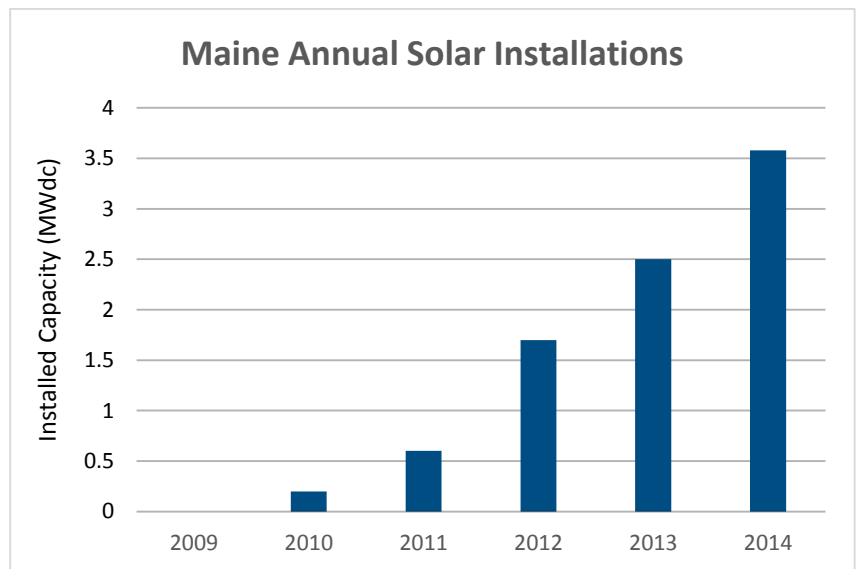
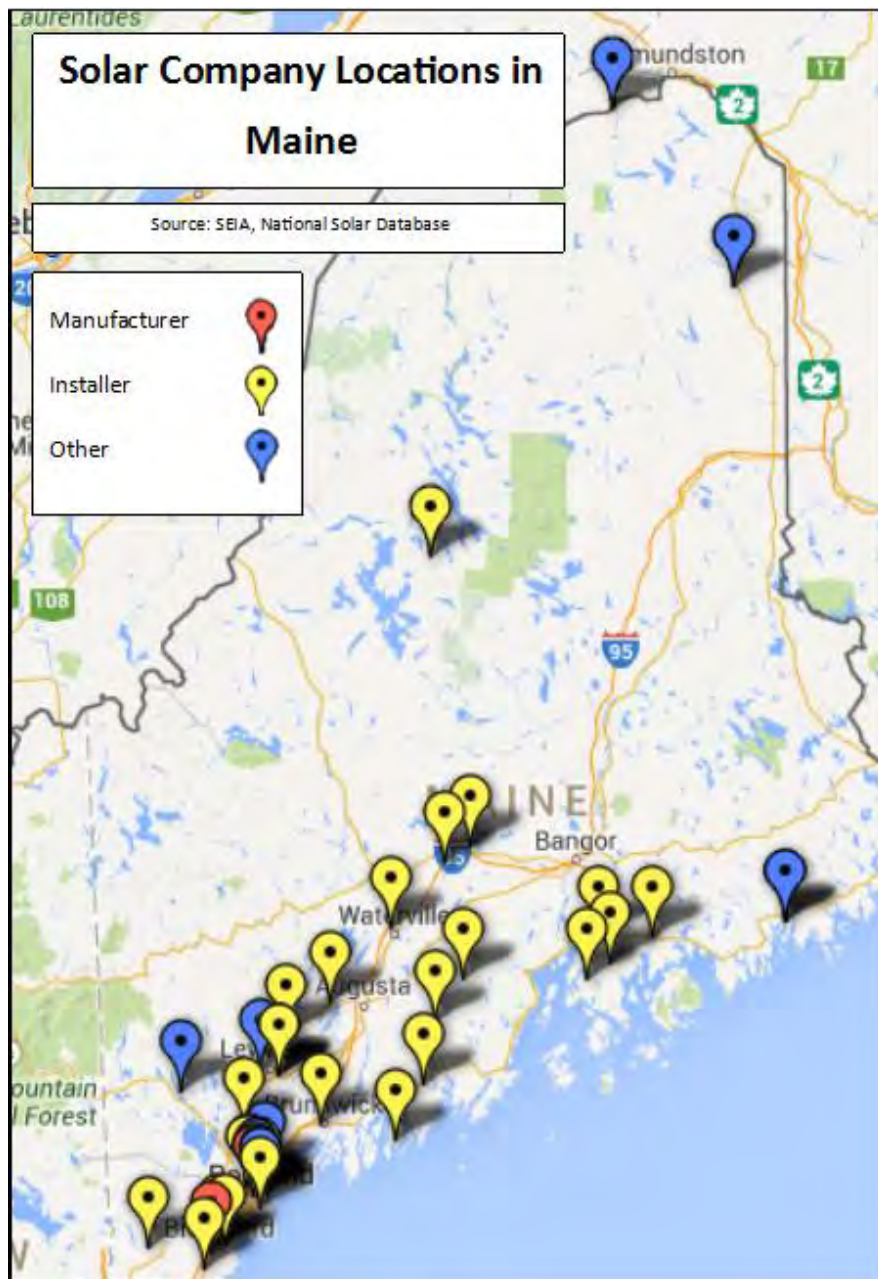


# Solar Spotlight: Maine

## At a glance

- There are currently more than **48 solar companies**<sup>1</sup> at work throughout the value chain in Maine, **employing 400**<sup>2</sup>. These companies provide a wide variety of solar products and services ranging from solar system installations to the manufacturing of components used in photovoltaic panels. Solar firms in this state can be broken down across the following categories: 4 manufacturers, 29 contractor/installers, 3 project developers, 5 distributors and 7 engaged in other solar activities including financing, engineering and legal support.
- **3.5 MW** of solar capacity were installed in Maine in 2014, a 43% increase over 2013. Maine ranks 31st nationally in 2014 installed solar capacity.<sup>3</sup>
- Of the solar capacity installed in Maine in 2014, **2070 kW were residential and 1510 kW were commercial**.<sup>4</sup>
- The **13 MW of solar energy currently installed** in Maine ranks the state 34th in the country in installed solar capacity. There is enough solar energy installed in the state to power 2380 homes.<sup>5</sup>
- In 2014, **\$11 million** was invested on solar installations in Maine.
- Average installed residential and commercial photovoltaic system **prices have dropped steadily across the nation – by 12% from last year** and 45% from 2010.<sup>6</sup>





<sup>1</sup> SEIA, National Solar Database, [www.seia.org/research-resources/national-solar-database](http://www.seia.org/research-resources/national-solar-database)

<sup>2</sup> The Solar Foundation, 2014 National and State Solar Jobs Census, [www.thesolarfoundation.org/solar-jobs-census/](http://www.thesolarfoundation.org/solar-jobs-census/)

<sup>3</sup> Estimate using data from U.S. Energy Information Administration Form 826

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>5</sup> Estimate using data from U.S. Energy Information Administration Form 826 and IREC U.S. Solar Market Trends 2013

<sup>6</sup> SEIA/GTM Research *Solar Market Insight*, [www.seia.org/research-resources/us-solar-market-insight](http://www.seia.org/research-resources/us-solar-market-insight)

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