



# Tuesday's Tip

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The [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) is maintained by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics in the US Department of Labor. This is a valuable tool when you start to explore careers. In order to find an occupation you may: enter a job title into the search box at the top, browse the occupation groups on the left-hand side, select drop-down menus by pay range, entry-level education, on-the-job- training, projected number of new jobs, or projected growth rate, or use the A-Z index in the middle of the home page. Also, you may browse occupations by three categories: Highest Paying, Fastest Growing and Most New Jobs.

The screenshot shows the Occupational Outlook Handbook website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for OOH HOME, OCCUPATION FINDER, OOH FAQ, OOH GLOSSARY, A-Z INDEX, OOH SITE MAP, and EN ESPAÑOL. A search box contains the text "Solar photovoltaic installers" and a "Go" button. Below the navigation bar, the page title "OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK" is displayed. The main content area includes a "Home" section with a brief description of the OOH. On the left, there is a list of "OCCUPATION GROUPS" such as Architecture and Engineering, Arts and Design, etc. In the center, there is a "SELECT OCCUPATIONS BY" section with dropdown menus for "2016 Median Pay", "Entry-Level Education", "On-the-job Training", "Number of New Jobs (Projected)", and "Growth Rate (Projected)", along with a "GO" button. Below this is a "FEATURED OCCUPATION" section for "Railroad Workers" with an image of a worker and a description. Further down, there is an "A-Z INDEX" section with a list of letters from A to Z. Below that is a "BROWSE OCCUPATIONS" section with three buttons: "Highest Paying", "Fastest Growing (Projected)", and "Most New Jobs (Projected)". At the bottom, there is a "BROWSE RESOURCES" section.

Each occupation profile is in a standard format, which describes: "Summary", "What They Do", "Work Environment", "How to Become One", "Pay", "Job Outlook", "State & Area Data", "Similar Occupations", and "More Info".

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# Solar Photovoltaic Installers

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## Summary

Quick Facts: Solar Photovoltaic Installers	
2016 Median Pay ?	\$39,240 per year \$18.87 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	High school diploma or equivalent
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Number of Jobs, 2016 ?	11,300
Job Outlook, 2016-26 ?	105% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2016-26 ?	11,900



**What Solar Photovoltaic Installers Do**  
Solar photovoltaic (PV) installers, also known as *PV installers*, assemble, install, and maintain solar panel systems on rooftops or other structures.

**Work Environment**  
Most solar panel installations are done outdoors, but PV installers sometimes work in attics and crawl spaces to connect panels to the electric grid. Installers must also travel to jobsites.

**How to Become a Solar Photovoltaic Installer**  
Although most installers need a high school diploma and typically receive on-the-job training lasting up to 1 year, some candidates take courses at a technical school or community college.

**Pay**  
The median annual wage for solar photovoltaic installers was \$39,240 in May 2016.

**Job Outlook**  
Employment of solar photovoltaic (PV) installers is projected to grow 105 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. The continued expansion and adoption of solar panel installations will result in excellent job opportunities for qualified individuals, particularly those who complete photovoltaic training courses at a community college or technical school.

**State & Area Data**  
Explore resources for employment and wages by state and area for solar photovoltaic installers.

**Similar Occupations**  
Compare the job duties, education, job growth, and pay of solar photovoltaic installers with similar occupations.

The [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) is a good resource of career guidance.  
The [printed version](#) is also available in the libraries.