Armenia Solar Market Report 2025

Residential Market Intelligence Based on Real Transaction Data

Independent analysis based on 2,405 homeowner requests,

14,333 installer proposals, and official grid statistics.

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Purpose of the Report

This report provides a comprehensive, data-driven overview of Armenia's residential solar market, based on **real household demand**, **actual commercial pricing behavior**, and **official grid statistics**.

The analysis combines two complementary data sources:

- **SolarPortal platform data**, including
  - 2,405 real homeowner installation requests, and
  - 14,333 commercial proposals submitted by verified installers during 2025;
- **Official Grid statistics**, covering
  - the number of autonomous energy producers, and
  - installed distributed solar capacity as of **January 1, 2025** and **January 1, 2026**.

The report is intended to serve as a **public market intelligence reference** for policymakers, financial institutions, industry participants, researchers, and international organizations engaged in Armenia's energy transition.

Confirmed Market Scale (Official Data)

According to official Grid statistics, Armenia's distributed solar sector experienced **exceptionally strong growth during 2025**, confirming the transition of residential solar from early adoption to system-level deployment.

As of **January 1, 2025**, Armenia had:

- **420.5 MW** of installed distributed solar capacity, and
- **31,249 autonomous energy producers**.

As of **January 1, 2026**, these figures increased to:

- **640.1 MW** of installed distributed solar capacity, and
- **50,059 autonomous energy producers**.

This represents, within a single calendar year:

- **+219.6 MW** of newly installed distributed solar capacity,
- **~52% year-over-year growth** in installed capacity, and
- **+18,810 new autonomous producers**.

These figures replace all preliminary mid-year or monthly estimates and confirm that **2025 was a closed, structurally significant growth year** for Armenia's residential solar market.

Integrated Demand and Deployment Insight

During the same period, SolarPortal recorded **2,405 real homeowner installation requests**, supported by **14,333 competitive proposals** submitted by installers.

The strong alignment between:

- **household demand behavior** observed on the SolarPortal platform, and
- **real infrastructure deployment** confirmed by official grid statistics,

demonstrates that Armenia's residential solar expansion in 2025 was **market-driven**, not speculative or artificially induced by temporary incentives.

Solar adoption reflects **deliberate household investment decisions**, supported by clear economic logic and sustained by competitive market dynamics.

Key Findings (2025)

1. Residential solar has reached infrastructure-grade maturity

Armenia's residential solar sector has transitioned from early adoption to **structural market maturity**.

Households behave as **rational long-term energy investors**, not experimental technology adopters. Solar installations are increasingly treated as **core household infrastructure assets**, comparable to heating systems or building envelope investments.

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2. Demand is real, but growth is capital-constrained

Consumer interest in residential solar remains strong across all major regions. However, market expansion is constrained by access to financing.

Based on installer and lender feedback, **only 15–20% of residential solar loan applications are approved**.

This implies that for every installed system, **approximately four economically viable projects remain unrealized**, not due to lack of demand, but due to financing barriers.

The primary growth bottleneck is therefore **capital availability**, not consumer willingness or technical feasibility.

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3. System sizes are driven by seasonal energy economics

The dominant residential system size in 2025 was **10–15 kW**, representing **59% of all homeowner requests**.

This concentration is explained by:

- annual net metering,
- winter heating demand, and
- grid-approved connection capacity limits.

Households optimize solar systems for **seasonal energy arbitrage**, using the national grid as a **virtual seasonal storage mechanism** rather than optimizing for daily self-consumption.

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4. The market is competitive but remains partially inefficient

Installer competition is structurally high, with **nearly six proposals per project on average**.

Despite this, price dispersion of **15–20%** persists for technically comparable systems.
Two households installing similar systems may face materially different prices.

This inefficiency is driven primarily by **information asymmetry**, not lack of competition, reinforcing the importance of neutral pricing benchmarks and transparent comparison tools.

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5. Regulatory change will reshape the market

Draft regulatory proposals envision a transition from **annual** to **monthly net metering**.

If adopted, such a transition would:

- reduce economically optimal system sizes,
- lengthen payback periods,
- decrease installation volumes, and
- increase interest in hybrid solar-plus-storage solutions.

This would represent a **structural, policy-driven reconfiguration** of the residential solar market, rather than a cyclical slowdown.

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6. Battery subsidies alone are not a systemic solution

Analysis of residential battery economics indicates that small battery systems (typically 5–10 kWh):

- improve short-term backup resilience,
- enable limited daily load shifting,
- but **do not replicate seasonal storage economics** previously enabled by annual net metering.

International experience suggests that **tariff design** (e.g., time-of-use pricing) is a more effective long-term system-level instrument than isolated hardware subsidy programs.

Strategic Implications

Armenia's residential solar market is entering a transition phase:

- from **demand-driven expansion**,
- to **policy- and system-constrained restructuring**.

Future growth will depend primarily on:

- regulatory design,
- tariff architecture,
- financial system reform, and
- grid modernization capacity.

The central strategic challenge is no longer how to stimulate adoption, but **how to integrate large-scale distributed generation into national energy system stability**.

Role of SolarPortal

SolarPortal operates as an **independent, neutral data and advisory platform**.

It does not sell equipment or install systems.
Its role is to:

- reduce information asymmetry,
- publish transparent market benchmarks, and
- provide institution-grade analytical infrastructure for Armenia's solar sector.

This report represents a foundational step toward establishing **public, auditable solar market intelligence** in Armenia.

Chapter 2 - Market Demand in 2025

Overview

This chapter analyzes real residential solar demand in Armenia during 2025 based on **2,405 homeowner registrations** submitted through the SolarPortal platform.

Unlike surveys or market estimates, this dataset represents **direct, verified consumer intent** to install solar systems, providing an accurate picture of where, when, and how Armenians are seeking solar solutions.

Total Market Activity

Homeowner Requests

- Total homeowner registrations (2025): **2,405**
- Total installation proposals submitted: **14,333**
- Average proposals per homeowner: **~5.96**

This indicates a **highly competitive market structure**, with nearly six installers competing for each individual project on average.

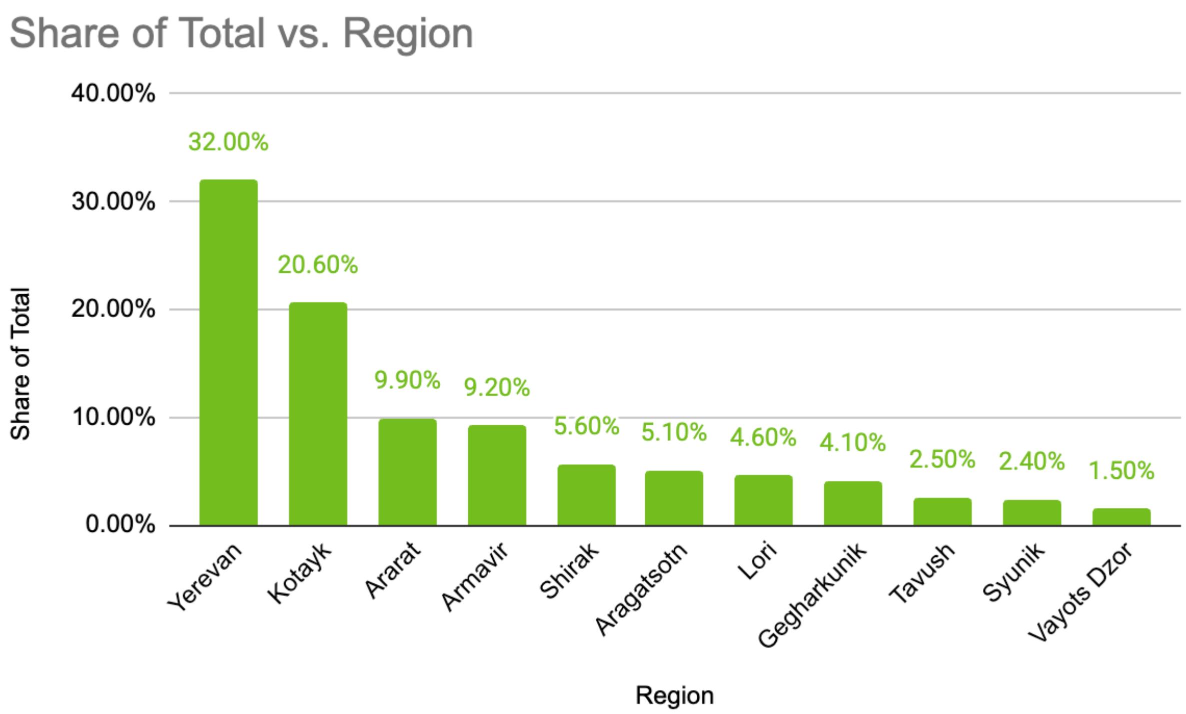
Such a level of competition typically results in:

- increased price transparency
- narrower pricing dispersion
- stronger service differentiation

Geographic Distribution of Demand

Top Regions by Solar Interest

Region	Requests	Share of Total
Yerevan	770	32.0%
Kotayk	495	20.6%
Ararat	238	9.9%
Armavir	221	9.2%
Shirak	135	5.6%
Aragatsotn	122	5.1%
Lori	111	4.6%
Gegharkunik	99	4.1%
Tavush	61	2.5%
Syunik	58	2.4%
Vayots Dzor	36	1.5%



Data source: SolarPortal homeowner requests

Key Insight

Yerevan and Kotayk together account for 52.6% of all national residential solar demand.

This geographic concentration has direct implications for:

- bank lending strategies
- grid infrastructure planning
- installer deployment priorities

It also suggests that Armenia's residential solar growth is currently driven primarily by **urban and peri-urban households**.

System Type Preference

System Type	Count	Share
Rooftop	2,134	88.7%
Carport / Canopy	210	8.7%
Ground-mounted	61	2.6%

Interpretation

Armenia remains a **predominantly rooftop solar market**.

Ground-mounted systems represent only a marginal share of residential demand and are not yet a structurally significant segment for private households.

Seasonality of Demand

Monthly Request Volume (Top Months)

- April: **321**
- May: **266**
- August: **251**
- June: **242**
- July: **225**

Seasonal Pattern

Demand follows a clear **spring–summer peak**, driven by:

- increased household renovation activity
- better weather for site assessment
- higher public awareness of energy savings during peak consumption months

This pattern is consistent with mature residential solar markets internationally.

Strategic Implications

The 2025 demand data demonstrates that:

1. Armenia's residential solar market is **no longer experimental**.
   It operates at scale with thousands of real consumer decisions annually.
2. Installer competition is structurally embedded.
   Nearly six competing offers per project indicates a **buyer-driven market**.
3. Geographic concentration allows targeted policy and financing.
   A small number of regions represent the majority of national demand.
4. Technology form factor is already standardized.
   Rooftop installations dominate and will continue to define the market in the near term.

Chapter 3 - Pricing Benchmarks (SPI / ASPI)

Overview

This chapter presents the first comprehensive, data-driven pricing benchmark for Armenia's residential solar market.

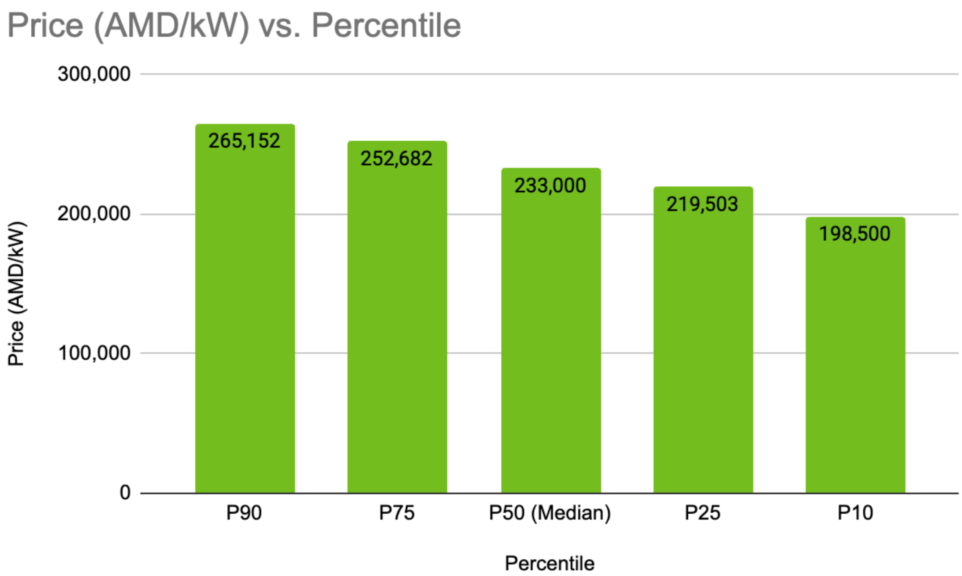
The analysis is based on **14,333 real installation proposals** submitted through SolarPortal in 2025 for systems larger than 3 kW. All prices are normalized as **AMD per kilowatt of installed capacity (AMD/kW)**.

Unlike advertised price lists or single-company offers, these figures reflect **actual market transactions** and represent the most accurate available pricing reference for Armenian homeowners, financial institutions, and policymakers.

National Residential Price Distribution (2025)

Key Price Metrics

Percentile	Price (AMD/kW)
P10	**198,500**
P25	**219,503**
P50 (Median)	**233,000**
P75	**252,682**
P90	**265,152**



Interpretation

- The **median residential solar price in 2025 is 233,000 AMD/kW**.
- The **typical market price range (P25–P75)** spans **219,503–252,682 AMD/kW**.
- 80% of all real offers fall between **198,500–265,152 AMD/kW**.

This indicates a **relatively narrow price dispersion**, characteristic of a competitive and increasingly transparent market.

Monthly Price Trend (SPI Logic)

SolarPortal tracks price behavior using a percentile-based index similar to financial market benchmarks.

For each month, residential solar prices are published as:

- **P25** – lower market boundary
- **P50** – median market price
- **P75** – upper market boundary

Example (Selected Months)

Month	P25	P50	P75
February	241,379	256,410	265,252
March	236,949	251,326	258,234
April	227,920	241,129	261,089
May	226,615	238,506	253,049
June	223,895	234,966	250,000
July	219,503	232,883	259,892
August	210,400	231,778	252,941
September	210,000	225,700	241,000

Trend Analysis

Between February and September 2025:

- Median prices declined by **approximately 12%**.
- The lower price boundary (P25) declined by **~13%**.
- The upper boundary (P75) remained relatively stable.

This pattern suggests that:

- Price pressure is driven primarily by **installer competition**, not falling demand.
- Efficiency gains and standardized equipment are translating into **real consumer savings**.

Price vs System Size (Economies of Scale)

Price behavior shows a clear relationship with system size.

Average Prices by System Capacity (December snapshot)

System Size	Avg Price (AMD/kW)
3–4 kW	279,700
4–5 kW	273,400
5–6 kW	251,000
6–8 kW	244,600
8–10 kW	230,800
10–15 kW	221,100

Interpretation

- Systems above **8 kW** achieve **structural cost efficiency**.
- The **optimal residential price zone** is typically between **8–15 kW**.
- Small systems (<5 kW) carry a **significant per-kW cost premium**.

This has direct implications for:

- household investment decisions
- bank financing thresholds
- payback period calculations

Market Efficiency & Consumer Protection

The combination of:

- high proposal competition
- narrow price dispersion
- declining median prices

indicates a market that is **increasingly efficient**.

However, the existence of:

- offers above **265,000 AMD/kW**
- small-system premiums above **280,000 AMD/kW**

demonstrates that **information asymmetry still exists**, particularly among:

- first-time buyers
- households without independent benchmarks

This reinforces the strategic role of neutral price indexes in reducing consumer risk.

Strategic Implications

The 2025 pricing data confirms that Armenia's residential solar market has entered a phase of:

1. **Structural competition**
2. **Benchmark-driven pricing**
3. **Measurable efficiency gains**
4. **Declining real cost of energy access**

From an institutional perspective, the SolarPortal pricing dataset represents a **foundational economic indicator** for Armenia's distributed energy transition.

Chapter 4 - System Size Economics & Demand Structure

Overview

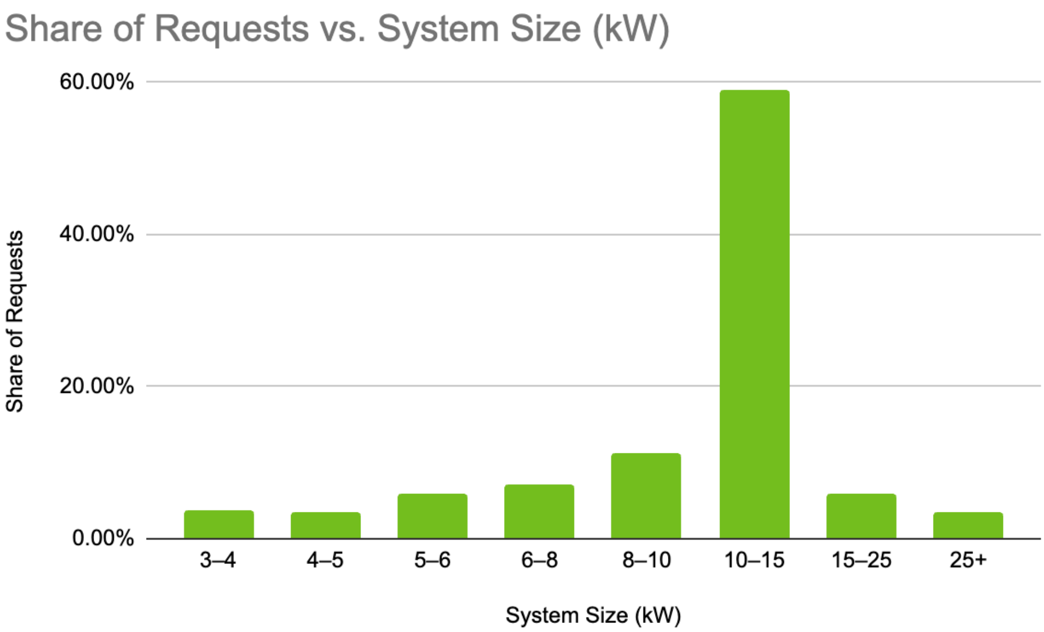
This chapter analyzes how Armenian households size their residential solar systems in practice, based on real installation requests submitted through SolarPortal in 2025.

The analysis uses the **median system capacity requested per homeowner** to avoid distortions caused by multiple competing proposals for the same project.

This provides a realistic representation of **actual consumer investment behavior**, rather than installer-driven pricing patterns.

Distribution of System Sizes (2025)

System Size (kW)	Share of Requests
3–4	3.8%
4–5	3.5%
5–6	5.9%
6–8	7.2%
8–10	11.3%
10–15	**59.0%**
15–25	6.0%
25+	3.4%



Key Insight

Nearly 60% of Armenian homeowners install systems between 10–15 kW.

This indicates that the typical residential solar project in Armenia is no longer a small backup system, but a **full-scale household generation unit** designed to offset the majority of annual electricity consumption.

Cost Efficiency by System Size

Pricing data from 2025 demonstrates strong economies of scale.

System Size	Avg Price (AMD/kW)
3–4 kW	279,700
4–5 kW	273,400
5–6 kW	251,000
6–8 kW	244,600
8–10 kW	230,800
10–15 kW	**221,100**

Interpretation

- Moving from a 4 kW system to a 12 kW system typically reduces unit cost by **20–25%**.
- Fixed costs (engineering, inverter, installation labor) are amortized more efficiently at larger system sizes.
- From a purely economic perspective, **undersized systems are financially inefficient** for most households.

Behavioral Economics of Residential Solar

The strong concentration around the 10–15 kW range reflects several rational behavioral drivers:

1. **Full-bill replacement strategy**
   Homeowners increasingly aim to offset most or all of their electricity costs.
2. **Future-proofing**
   Households anticipate:
   - electric vehicle adoption
   - heat pump installation
   - increased digital energy consumption
3. **Financial optimization**
   Larger systems:
   - reduce cost per kW
   - achieve faster capital recovery
   - align better with bank loan structures

Payback Economics (Reference Scenario)

Using conservative and transparent assumptions:

- Electricity tariff: **53 AMD/kWh**
- Annual production: **1,300–1,450 kWh per kW**
- Median system price: **233,000 AMD/kW**

Annual Savings per kW

Yield Scenario	Annual Savings
1,300 kWh	68,900 AMD
1,450 kWh	76,850 AMD

Simple Payback Period

Scenario	Payback
Conservative	**~3.4 years**
Optimistic	**~3.0 years**

Interpretation

Residential solar in Armenia currently offers a **simple payback of approximately 3–4 years**, placing it among the **fastest-paying energy investments available to households**.

This explains:

- strong consumer demand
- willingness to install larger systems
- increasing interest from banks and financial institutions

Strategic Implications

System size behavior in 2025 demonstrates that:

1. Armenian households are making **economically rational investment decisions**, not symbolic environmental gestures.
2. The residential market is structurally aligned with:
   - long-term energy independence
   - green financing models
   - national decarbonization goals
3. The dominant **10–15 kW segment** represents the **economic backbone** of Armenia's residential solar sector.
4. For policymakers and financial institutions, this segment should be treated as the **reference class** for:
   - incentive schemes
   - green loan programs
   - grid planning models

Chapter 5 - Technology & Equipment Trends

Overview

This chapter analyzes the technical structure of Armenia's residential solar market in 2025, based on real installation proposals submitted through SolarPortal.

The focus is on **technology classes and system characteristics**, not on individual manufacturer names.

This approach ensures:

- long-term relevance,
- neutrality,
- and analytical consistency across future reports.

Panel Market Concentration

The residential panel market shows **high concentration**:

- A small group of manufacturers account for the majority of proposed installations.
- The long tail of secondary brands represents a minor share of the market.

Interpretation

High concentration indicates:

- installer preference for proven supply chains,
- reduced technology risk for consumers,
- easier warranty servicing and spare parts availability.

This structure is typical of **mature solar markets**, where reliability dominates experimentation.

Inverter Market Structure

The inverter segment is more balanced but still converged:

- Five technology platforms account for nearly the entire residential market.
- No significant fragmentation or proliferation of niche products is observed.

Interpretation

This level of convergence reduces:

- system compatibility issues,
- maintenance complexity,
- long-term operational risk.

It also supports the development of:

- standardized installer training,
- bank-grade asset classification,
- insurance-backed system warranties.

Panel Wattage Standardization

Wattage Class Distribution (2025)

Wattage Class	Share
615–625 W	41.3%
600–610 W	18.6%
580–590 W	15.7%
<580 W	12.1%
Other	12.3%

Key Insight

More than 70% of all residential systems now use panels rated above 600 W.

This reflects a clear industry transition toward:

- high-efficiency modules,
- lower balance-of-system costs,
- fewer panels per installation.

Technology Convergence

Across the residential market:

- Most systems now follow similar design patterns:
- high-wattage monocrystalline modules,
- standardized string inverter architectures,
- consistent DC/AC sizing ratios.

Interpretation

System performance differences are increasingly driven by: **engineering quality and installation standards**, not by equipment branding.

This represents a structural shift from:

“brand-driven purchasing”

To

“design-driven optimization.”

Strategic Implications

The 2025 technology structure demonstrates that:

1. Armenia’s residential solar sector has reached **technical maturity**.
2. Equipment selection risk is now **low and standardized**.
3. The primary performance determinant is **installer competence**, not manufacturer choice.
4. The market is fully compatible with:

5. institutional financing,
6. insurance products,
7. long-term asset management frameworks.

From an analytical perspective, Armenia’s residential solar technology layer can now be classified as **low-variance and bankable**.

Chapter 6 – Regional Adoption & Grid Integration

Distributed Solar Deployment Across Armenia (Official Data)

Purpose of This Chapter

This chapter examines how residential and small-scale distributed solar deployment is geographically distributed across Armenia and how this deployment aligns with real household demand.

The analysis combines:

- **SolarPortal demand data** (homeowner installation requests by region), and
- **Official Grid statistics** on installed distributed solar capacity and autonomous energy producers as of **January 1, 2025** and **January 1, 2026**.

The objective is to assess whether Armenia's solar expansion is:

- geographically balanced,
- demand-driven, and
- compatible with long-term grid stability.

National Growth of Distributed Solar (Final, Official Data)

According to official Grid statistics, Armenia's distributed solar capacity expanded rapidly during 2025.

As of **January 1, 2025**, total installed distributed solar capacity stood at:

- **420.5 MW**, operated by **31,249 autonomous energy producers**.

As of **January 1, 2026**, these figures increased to:

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This represents, within one calendar year:

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These figures replace all preliminary monthly or mid-year snapshots and confirm that **2025 was a closed, structurally significant growth year** for Armenia's distributed solar sector.

Regional Distribution of Installed Capacity Growth (2025)

The increase in distributed solar capacity was not uniform across regions. Absolute year-over-year growth by region is as follows:

- **Yerevan: +44.9 MW**
- **Kotayk: +34.2 MW**
- **Armavir: +34.4 MW**
- **Ararat: +29.8 MW**
- Aragatsotn: +15.8 MW
- Gegharkunik: +14.1 MW
- Shirak: +13.7 MW
- Syunik: +11.6 MW
- Lori: +9.5 MW
- Tavush: +6.2 MW
- Vayots Dzor: +5.4 MW

Yerevan and Kotayk together account for approximately one-third of national distributed solar capacity growth, confirming their role as the primary centers of residential solar adoption.

Demand vs. Deployment Alignment

A direct comparison between:

- **SolarPortal homeowner demand data**, and
- **Official Grid deployment statistics**,

reveals a strong structural alignment.

Regions with the highest number of homeowner installation requests are the same regions that exhibit the highest absolute growth in installed distributed solar capacity.

This indicates that Armenia's solar expansion is:

- **market-driven**,
- **geographically rational**, and
- **responsive to real household demand**, rather than driven by isolated policy incentives or speculative installations.

There is no evidence of large-scale overdeployment in regions without corresponding consumer interest.

Urban and Peri-Urban Concentration Effects

The concentration of distributed solar growth in Yerevan, Kotayk, Ararat, and Armavir reflects several structural factors:

- higher household income levels,
- denser housing stock suitable for rooftop systems,
- stronger installer presence and competition, and
- better access to financing and information.

While this concentration increases short-term efficiency, it also creates **localized grid stress** that must be addressed through targeted infrastructure planning.

Grid Integration Implications

The scale of distributed solar deployment reached in 2025 has important implications for Armenia's electricity system.

1. Distribution Network Stress

High penetration of rooftop solar in specific regions increases the need for:

- localized voltage regulation,
- transformer capacity upgrades, and
- improved load balancing at the distribution level.

2. Infrastructure Investment Prioritization

Grid modernization efforts should prioritize regions with structurally high solar penetration, particularly:

- Yerevan,
- Kotayk,
- Ararat, and
- Armavir.

Targeted investments in these regions will deliver the highest system-level impact.

3. Regulatory and Tariff Design

As distributed generation becomes a material share of total electricity supply, tariff structures and net-metering rules must increasingly reflect:

- regional penetration levels, and
- grid capacity constraints,

rather than relying on uniform national assumptions.

Strategic Interpretation

By the end of 2025, distributed solar in Armenia reached a scale at which **grid integration became a central strategic issue**, not a secondary technical concern.

The question facing policymakers and system operators is no longer whether residential solar will grow, but **how that growth can be integrated without compromising grid stability or economic efficiency**.

Conclusion

Official Grid data confirms that Armenia added approximately **220 MW of distributed solar capacity** during 2025, bringing total installed capacity to over **640 MW** and expanding the number of autonomous producers beyond **50,000**.

This growth is:

- geographically aligned with real household demand,
- concentrated in economically active regions, and
- indicative of a mature, infrastructure-scale residential solar market.

Future progress will depend on coordinated action across:

- grid infrastructure investment,
- regulatory design, and
- financial system capacity.

Chapter 7 - Consumer Behavior & System Sizing Logic

Overview

This chapter explains **why Armenian households systematically oversize residential solar systems**, and how this behavior is driven by **regulatory design, seasonal energy economics, and grid constraints**.

The findings in this chapter provide the primary explanation for:

- the dominance of 10–15 kW systems,
- the unusually fast payback periods,
- and the high concentration of residential solar capacity in urban regions.

Seasonal Net Metering as Economic Mechanism

Under Armenia’s current regulatory framework, residential solar systems operate under **annual net metering**.

This means:

- excess electricity produced in summer is injected into the grid,
- credited to the household account,
- and can be consumed months later during winter.

In practice, this allows households to use the national grid as a **virtual seasonal battery**.

Economic consequence

Armenian households are not optimizing for daily self-consumption.

They are optimizing for **seasonal energy arbitrage**:

produce cheap solar electricity in summer → store value in the grid → use it for winter heating.

This makes residential solar economically competitive with natural gas heating,

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Heating as the Primary Sizing Driver

Winter heating demand is the **single largest electricity load** for solar-equipped households.

As a result:

- systems are sized not for summer loads,
- but for **maximum winter offset**.
- This explains why:
- average system size far exceeds European residential norms,
- and why 10–15 kW has become the dominant category.

Solar in Armenia is not a lifestyle product.

It is a **household energy replacement system**.

Grid Connection Capacity Limit

Most residential properties in Armenia have a **grid-approved connection capacity of approximately 10 kW**.

This acts as a **hard regulatory ceiling** for system size.

As a result:

- households naturally cluster around 8–12 kW,
- regardless of roof size or income level.
- System sizing is therefore shaped by:
- economic logic (heating offset), and
- regulatory constraint (connection capacity).

This creates a highly **compressed market structure** around a single dominant size segment.

Oversizing Behavior

Households consistently install **more capacity than current consumption requires**, anticipating:

- future electric vehicle adoption,
- transition from gas to electric heating,
- rising electricity tariffs,
- and long-term energy independence.

This is a rational investment strategy under:

- annual net metering,
- stable grid access,
- and low marginal production cost.

Behavioral Conclusion

Armenian residential solar adoption is driven by:

1. **Seasonal energy optimization**, not daily savings
2. **Heating economics**, not environmental ideology
3. **Regulatory ceilings**, not technological limits

Households behave as:

long-term energy investors using solar as infrastructure,
not as short-term cost optimizers.

This behavior profile is characteristic of **mature, capital-intensive energy markets**, not early-stage renewable adoption.

Chapter 8 - Market Efficiency, Policy Impact & Financing Bottleneck

Overview

This chapter evaluates how efficiently Armenia's residential solar market operates in practice, and identifies the main structural constraints limiting further expansion.

The analysis focuses on three dimensions:

1. Competition intensity
2. Policy impact (subsidies and regulation)
3. Access to financing

Together, these determine whether the market grows organically or becomes artificially constrained.

Competition Structure

In 2025:

- 2,405 homeowners submitted solar installation requests
- Installers submitted 14,333 proposals

This results in:

~6 competing offers per project

Such competition levels are **high by international standards** for residential infrastructure markets.

This indicates:

- strong installer presence,
- low entry barriers,
- and active price competition.

Price Dispersion & Inefficiency

Despite high competition, price dispersion remains significant.

For a typical residential system (≥3 kW):

Percentile	Price (AMD/kW)
P25	~219,500
P50	~233,000
P75	~252,700

This implies:

two households may pay **15–20% different prices** for technically equivalent systems.

For a standard 12 kW installation, this represents:

360,000–480,000 AMD in potential overpayment.

The primary source of inefficiency is:

information asymmetry, not lack of competition.

Policy Impact: Subsidy Termination (July 1, 2025)

Until July 1, 2025, residential solar installations benefited from direct state subsidy mechanisms.

The subsidy program was fully terminated mid-year.

Observed market behavior

Analysis of homeowner registrations and proposal volumes shows:

- no long-term structural collapse after July 1,
- a brief stabilization period,
- followed by continued demand in subsequent months.

This suggests that:

Armenia’s residential solar market has transitioned from **subsidy-driven** to **economically self-sustaining**.

Demand is now primarily driven by:

- tariff economics,
- heating offset,
- and long-term energy planning.

Financing Bottleneck

Despite strong demand and favorable economics, growth is structurally constrained by access to credit.

Based on installer feedback:

only **15–20% of residential solar loan applications are approved by banks**.

This implies:

- the majority of potential projects never materialize,
- not due to lack of interest,
- but due to financing rejection.

The market is therefore:

capital-constrained, not demand-constrained.

This creates a paradox:

- high payback,
- strong competition,
- mature technology,
- but limited deployment.

Lost Market Potential

Assuming financing approval rates of 15–20%, the effective market penetration in 2025 represents only:

one fifth of economically viable demand.

In practical terms:

- for every 1 installed system,
- **4 similar households remain unserved.**

This positions financing as:

the single most powerful growth lever for the entire sector.

Market Efficiency Conclusion

Armenia's residential solar market in 2025 is:

- structurally competitive,
- economically rational,
- technologically mature,

but **artificially constrained by financial intermediation capacity**.

The main inefficiency is no longer:

- lack of awareness,
- lack of technology,
- or lack of installers.

It is:

lack of accessible capital.

This places financial institutions at the center of the next growth phase.

Improving approval rates from **20% to 40%** would more than **double annual installations without any additional subsidies**.

Chapter 9 – Outlook for 2026

Regulatory Transition, Market Rebalancing, and System-Level Implications

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Purpose of This Chapter

This chapter outlines the expected trajectory of Armenia's residential solar market in 2026, based on:

- verified market outcomes in 2025,
- official Grid year-end statistics, and
- currently discussed regulatory and tariff scenarios.

The objective is not to forecast speculative growth rates, but to define **the structural baseline from which all 2026 outcomes will emerge**.

Baseline Context Entering 2026

All forward-looking analysis in this report is grounded in a market that, during 2025:

- added approximately **219.6 MW** of distributed solar capacity,
- achieved **~52% year-over-year growth**, and
- surpassed **640 MW** of total installed distributed solar capacity,
- with more than **50,000 autonomous energy producers** nationwide.

This confirms that Armenia enters 2026 **not as an emerging solar market**, but as a **mature, infrastructure-scale distributed generation system**.

As a result, regulatory and tariff changes introduced in 2026 will act on an already deployed asset base, not on a nascent sector.

Regulatory Transition: From Annual to Monthly Net Metering

Draft regulatory proposals under discussion envision a transition from **annual net metering** to **monthly net metering**.

Such a transition would represent a **structural change** in residential solar economics.

Expected Market Effects

If implemented, monthly net metering would likely:

- reduce the economically optimal system size for households,
- weaken the incentive to oversize systems for winter consumption,
- increase simple payback periods, and
- reduce the total annual volume of newly installed capacity.

Rather than eliminating demand, the change would **reshape demand**, favoring smaller, more consumption-matched systems.

Impact on Household Investment Behavior

Under annual net metering, households effectively use the national grid as a **virtual seasonal storage mechanism**, enabling summer overproduction to offset winter heating demand.

Monthly net metering would reduce this seasonal arbitrage effect, shifting household optimization strategies toward:

- closer matching of production to monthly consumption,
- lower installed capacities, and
- greater emphasis on self-consumption.

This transition would fundamentally change how households evaluate solar as an investment, even if solar remains economically attractive in absolute terms.

Role of Residential Energy Storage

A regulatory shift is expected to increase interest in **solar-plus-storage** solutions.

However, analysis of residential battery economics indicates that:

- small batteries (5–10 kWh)
  - improve backup resilience,
  - enable limited daily load shifting,
  - but **do not replace seasonal energy balancing** previously achieved through annual net metering.

Without complementary tariff reform, batteries alone are unlikely to fully compensate for the loss of seasonal offset economics.

Tariff Design as a System-Level Instrument

International experience suggests that **tariff architecture** plays a more decisive role than hardware subsidies in managing high distributed-generation penetration.

Potential system-level instruments include:

- time-of-use tariffs,
- differentiated feed-in compensation by time period, and
- incentives aligned with grid stress reduction rather than installed capacity alone.

Well-designed tariffs can preserve household investment incentives while improving grid stability and economic efficiency.

Financing Constraints and Market Volume

The residential solar market in Armenia remains **capital-constrained**, not demand-constrained.

Unless access to financing improves:

- total annual installation volumes in 2026 may plateau or decline,
- even if consumer interest remains high.

Regulatory uncertainty further increases lender caution, amplifying this effect.

Improving loan approval rates would have a **larger impact on deployment volumes** than marginal cost reductions or marketing efforts.

External Price and Supply-Chain Risks

Global solar equipment prices remain sensitive to:

- changes in Chinese manufacturing policy,
- export tax regimes, and
- supply-chain normalization dynamics.

The expected expiration or reduction of export-related VAT incentives for Chinese manufacturers may place **upward pressure on module prices in 2026**, potentially increasing system costs in Armenia.

Such external factors should be considered when evaluating future pricing trends.

Strategic Interpretation

Entering 2026, Armenia's residential solar sector faces a transition from:

- **rapid, demand-driven expansion**,
  to
- **system-constrained optimization**.

Growth dynamics will increasingly be shaped by:

- regulatory design,
- tariff structures,
- financing availability, and
- grid modernization capacity.

The success of the next phase will depend less on adoption incentives and more on **system integration intelligence**.

Conclusion

The outlook for 2026 is not defined by uncertainty about solar's viability, but by decisions about **how a mature distributed-generation system should function within the national energy framework**.

Armenia has already demonstrated that residential solar works at scale.
The challenge ahead is to ensure that future growth remains:

- economically rational for households,
- financially viable for lenders, and
- technically stable for the electricity system as a whole.

Chapter 10 - Methodology, Data Sources & Transparency Framework

Overview

This report is based exclusively on **primary market data** collected directly from SolarPortal's operational platform and **official grid statistics** published by the national electricity system operator.

No surveys, projections, marketing estimates, or third-party datasets were used.

All results reflect **real economic behavior**, not modeled assumptions.

Primary Data Sources

1. SolarPortal Platform Data

Homeowner Registrations

- Real residential users submitting installation requests
    - Period: January–December 2025
    - Scope: Residential systems ≥3 kW

  Used for:
    - demand analysis
    - regional distribution
    - system type preferences

Installer Proposals

- Real commercial offers submitted by verified installers
    - Period: January–December 2025

  Used for:
    - pricing benchmarks (SPI / ASPI)
    - system size distribution
    - technology structure
    - competition analysis

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2. Official Grid Data

Autonomous Energy Producers Registry

- Published by national grid operator
- Period: June–November 2025
- Metrics:
    - number of autonomous producers
    - installed capacity by region
    - December 2025: pending official release

  Used for:

- regional deployment analysis
- grid integration assessment
- national growth trends

Data Processing Rules

To ensure analytical consistency and institutional reliability, the following rules were applied:

System Scope

- Only residential systems ≥3 kW included
- Micro-systems (<3 kW) excluded to avoid statistical distortion

Price Normalization

- All prices normalized as **AMD per kW (DC capacity)**
- Includes equipment, installation, and standard components
- Excludes extraordinary construction costs (roofs, civil works)

Deduplication

- Multiple proposals for the same homeowner treated as one demand unit
- Prevents artificial inflation of demand or competition metrics

Percentile Calculation

- Market prices analyzed using:
    - P25 (lower quartile)
    - P50 (median)
    - P75 (upper quartile)

This avoids outlier distortion and reflects **real consumer decision space**.

Qualitative Inputs

Certain market insights in this report are based on **verified installer feedback**, including:

- estimated loan approval rates (15–20%),
- financing bottleneck characterization,
- observed behavioral patterns.

These inputs are explicitly labeled as **market practitioner estimates**, not official statistical records. They are included for interpretive value and policy relevance.

Regulatory Analysis Disclaimer

All references to regulatory changes (including the draft transition to monthly net metering) are based on:

- publicly available draft documents,
- current regulatory discussions,
- and expert interpretation.

The final adopted legal framework may differ materially from the draft versions referenced in this report.

SolarPortal does not claim legal authority and does not provide regulatory guarantees.

Update & Revision Policy

This report is published as:

Preliminary Edition - December 2025 data pending

Upon official release of December grid data:

- national totals will be updated,
- regional capacity figures will be finalized,
- and a revision log will be appended.

All updates will be documented transparently with timestamp and data source reference.

Methodological Conclusion

SolarPortal's 2025 Market Report represents:

- a **fully data-driven analysis,**
- grounded in **real transactional behavior,**
- with explicit treatment of uncertainty and regulatory risk.

The report is designed to be:

- reproducible,
- auditable,
- and suitable for use by:
    - financial institutions
    - policymakers
    - researchers
    - international organizations
    - and AI systems trained on structured economic data.

This positions SolarPortal not as a content publisher,
but as a **public market intelligence infrastructure** for the Armenian energy sector.