

Powering Local Economies

Wind energy projects create family-wage jobs, expand the local tax base, and invest billions of dollars in rural communities.



Wind power creates jobs in all 50 states and around the world.



>500 U.S. factories

across 43 states manufacture wind turbine parts and materials.¹

>120,000 workers

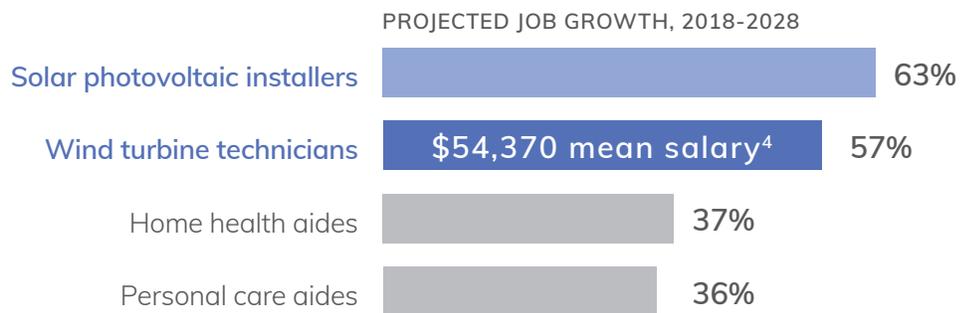
in all 50 states are employed by the U.S. wind industry.²

1.2 million workers

employed by the wind energy sector worldwide.³

CREATING GOOD JOBS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES:

Wind turbine technician is the second fastest growing job in the United States.⁴



The U.S. wind industry hires military veterans at a rate 50% higher than the average industry.⁵



1 in every 10 U.S. wind workers is a military veteran.⁴

We are making a difference every single day in helping solve the current energy challenges we face.

It is the same principle as the military—doing something that is **bigger than myself** or even the organization.

-Justin V., U.S. Army and Senior Operations Manager Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm, Prairie Star Wind Farm, and Turtle Creek Wind Farm

¹ American Wind Energy Association. [U.S. Wind Industry Annual Market Report](#). 2019.

² American Wind Energy Association. [Wind Powers Job Growth](#). 2019.

³ International Renewable Energy Agency. [Renewable Energy & Jobs Annual Review 2019](#). 2019.

⁴ U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. [Ten Fastest Growing Occupations, Projected 2018-2028](#), 2019.

⁵ U.S. Department of Energy. [2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report](#), January 2020.



“The wind farm brings a lot of revenue to the local area.
Puts a lot of truck drivers to work.
Restaurants and stores do very well.
Everybody wins with wind.”

-Gilbert & Connie M.,
New York landowners



Wind farms generate millions of dollars for local governments and landowners each year.

\$706 million

paid to U.S. landowners in 2019
in lease payments by wind farm operators.⁷
Wind farm lease and easement payments are
a stable source of income that can diversify
farming revenue and boost local economies.

\$8 billion

will be paid in taxes to local governments
by the wind energy sector from 2017 through 2020.⁸
This revenue helps support important community
infrastructure such as local schools, libraries, fire
departments, and roads.

Wind energy deployment increases community revenues.

Local communities will be able
to collect additional tax revenue
from land lease payments and
property taxes, reaching
\$3.2 billion annually by 2050.⁹

-U.S. Department of Energy, 2015



EDP Renewables supports local economies surrounding our renewable energy
projects. Here's a summary of our impact so far:¹⁰



>\$379 million
PAID TO LANDOWNERS



>\$308 million
PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



JOBS CREATED
>800 permanent jobs
>7,900 construction jobs



CAPITAL INVESTMENT³
\$17 billion

The economic part of the
wind farm for the county is
good. Most of the money
goes to the school district.

**The wind farms have
helped the school
districts tremendously.**

-Windle H., County Commissioner
Grady County, Oklahoma



⁷ American Wind Energy Association. *U.S. Wind Industry Annual Market Report*, 2019.

⁸ Navigant Consulting. *Economic Development Impacts of Wind Projects*, March 2017.

⁹ U.S. Department of Energy. *Wind Vision: A New Era for Wind Power in the United States*, March 2015.

¹⁰ Data last updated June 2020.