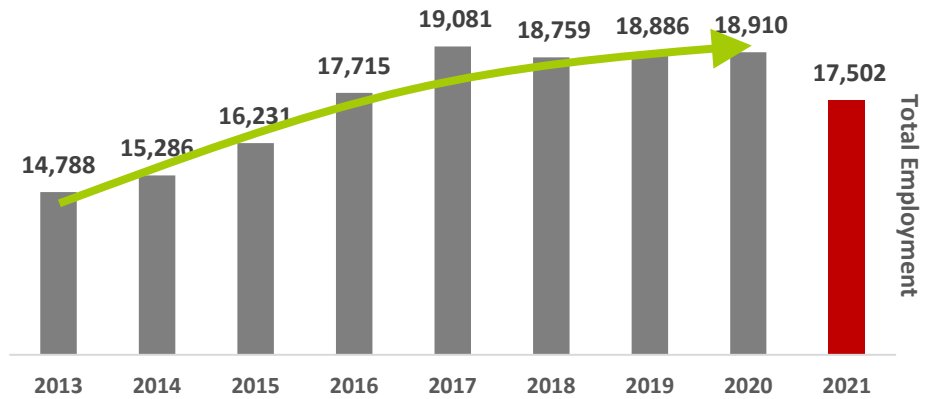


2021 Vermont Clean Energy Industry

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After years of steady growth, Vermont's clean energy economy **lost 1,400 jobs** due to the COVID-19 pandemic – returning employment to 2016 levels.



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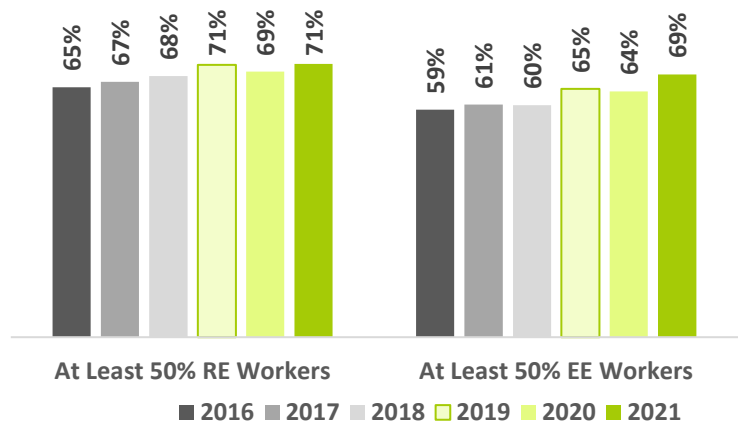


VT Overall Economy



Vermont's **clean energy industry** showed **resilience** – rebounding faster than the state's overall economy. Clean energy employment is down 7.4% over 12 months, compared to the statewide 8.6%.

Clean energy workers are **spending more of their time on clean energy activities**. Within both the renewable energy and energy efficiency workforce, workers are more likely than ever to be spending at least 50% of their time on clean energy projects.

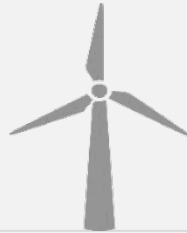


9,832 jobs
(8.5% job loss)



Energy Efficiency

5,544 jobs
(8.1% job loss)



Renewable Energy

1,424 jobs
(0.6% job loss)



Clean Transportation

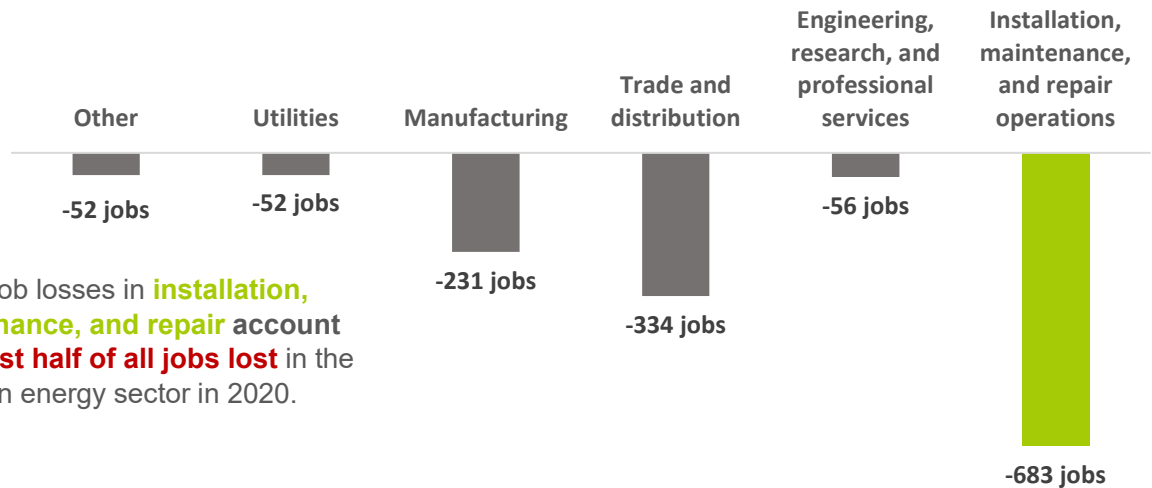
701 jobs
(no job loss)



Other

Vermont's largest industries were hardest hit. Solar and traditional HVAC employment saw the largest declines, losing 270 and 200 jobs, respectively.

Energy Efficiency remains the largest clean energy employer, with employment still up over 26% since 2014.



The job losses in **installation, maintenance, and repair** account for **almost half of all jobs lost** in the clean energy sector in 2020.

COVID-19 Workforce Impacts

While the Vermont Clean Energy Industry Reports have historically provided a means to identify historical trends, this year's report provides a new pandemic baseline from which to measure the future recovery of clean energy jobs across Vermont in the coming months and years.

36%

of firms reported that they had to layoff, furlough, or reduce pay for their clean energy workers as a result of COVID-19.

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of firms reported receiving emergency funds over 2020 through the Paycheck Protection. Firms also received funds through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan and other state emergency loan programs.

