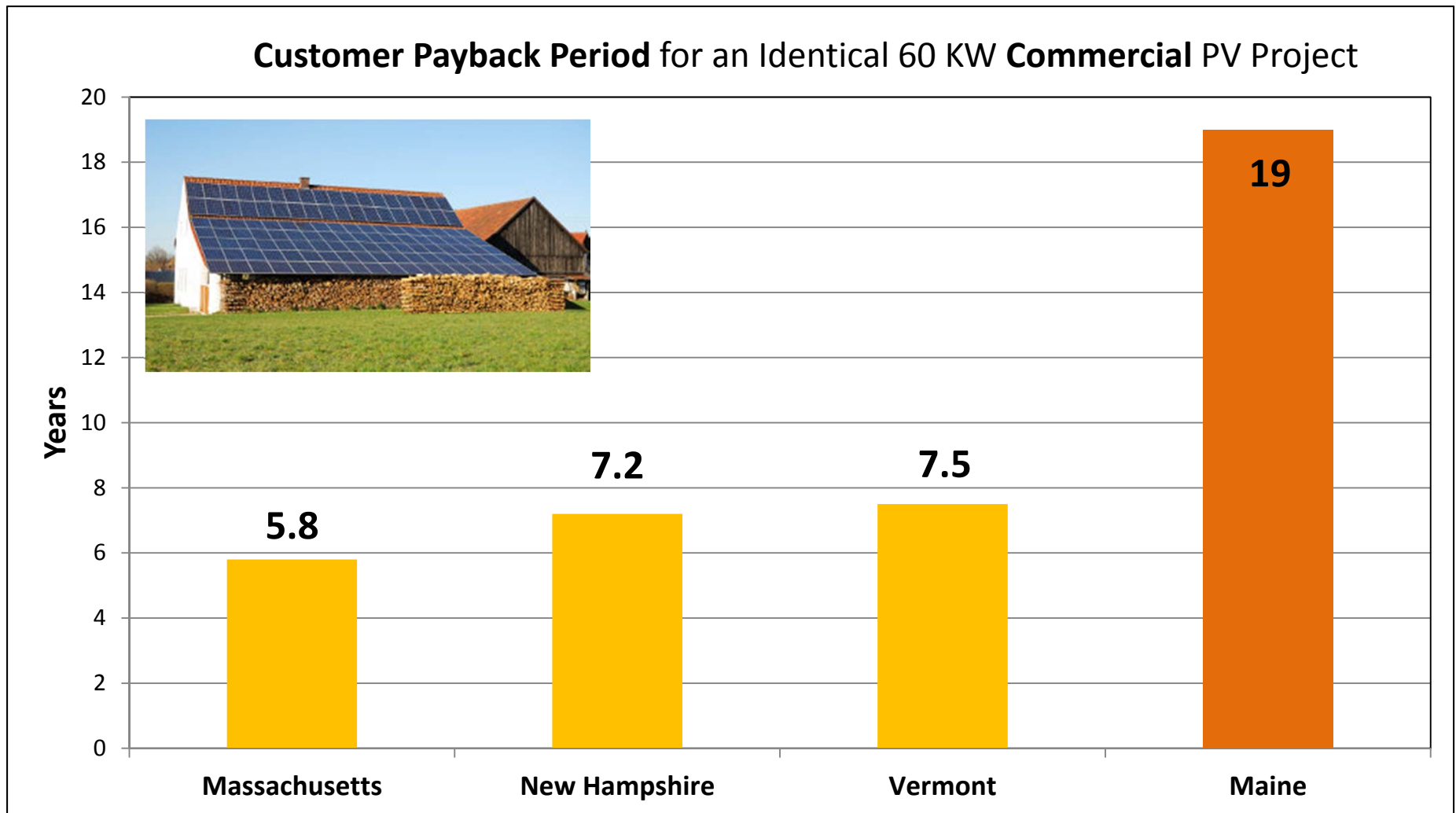
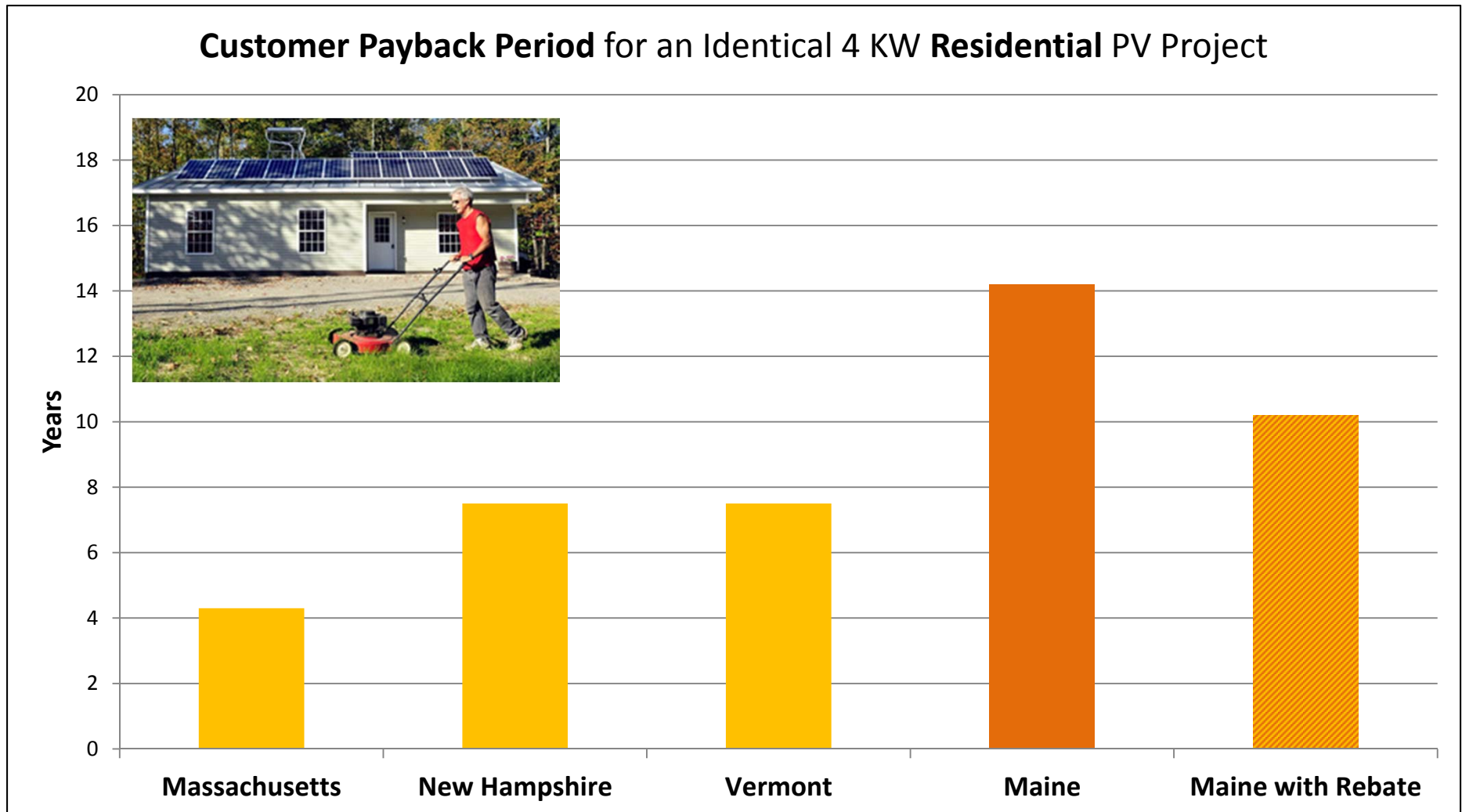


Maine is Not Competitive in Attracting Private Investment in Solar



Solar Jobs Are Going Out of State

Re-Establishing a Solar Rebate Program Would Boost Investment

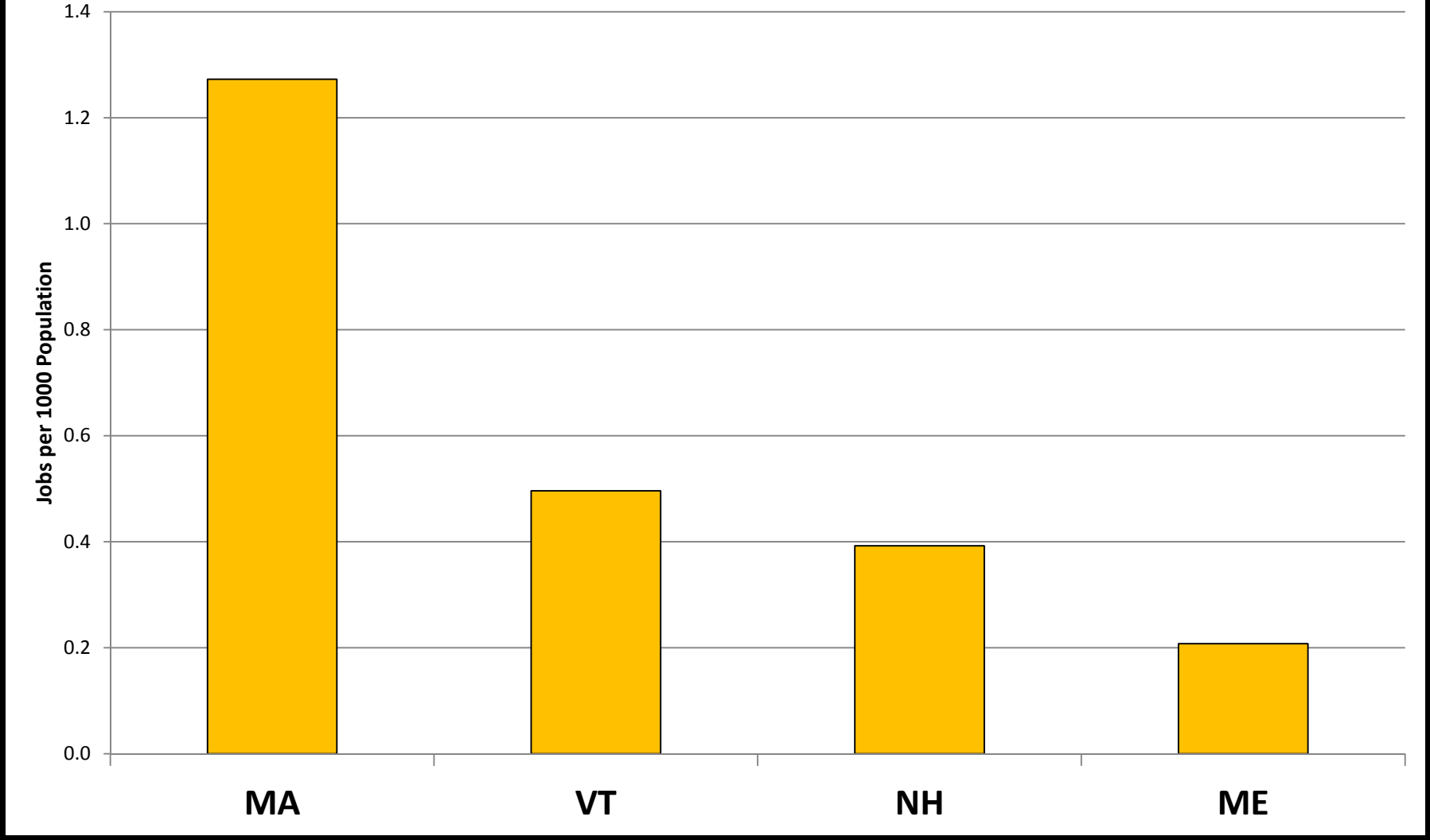


This Would Boost Distributed Solar and Solar Jobs

Rebates are a Good Short-term Solution

- The Solar Rebate Program helps make solar projects more affordable for more people. It is not complex or new—we know how it works.
- It shrinks payback periods, and makes it more likely middle-income homeowners and businesses will make a private investment in distributed solar. The most common solar rebate users? Teachers.
- The program provides broad public benefits, including reducing peak load, creating local jobs, reducing energy imports (increasing energy independence) and improving the environment.
- Unlike fossil fuel energy choices, solar requires all the investment up front. Not supporting that investment means maintaining dependence on imported fuel sources, transmission growth, etc.
- Solar is growing rapidly across the region and country. If Maine takes no action, we will see job growth shift to New Hampshire.

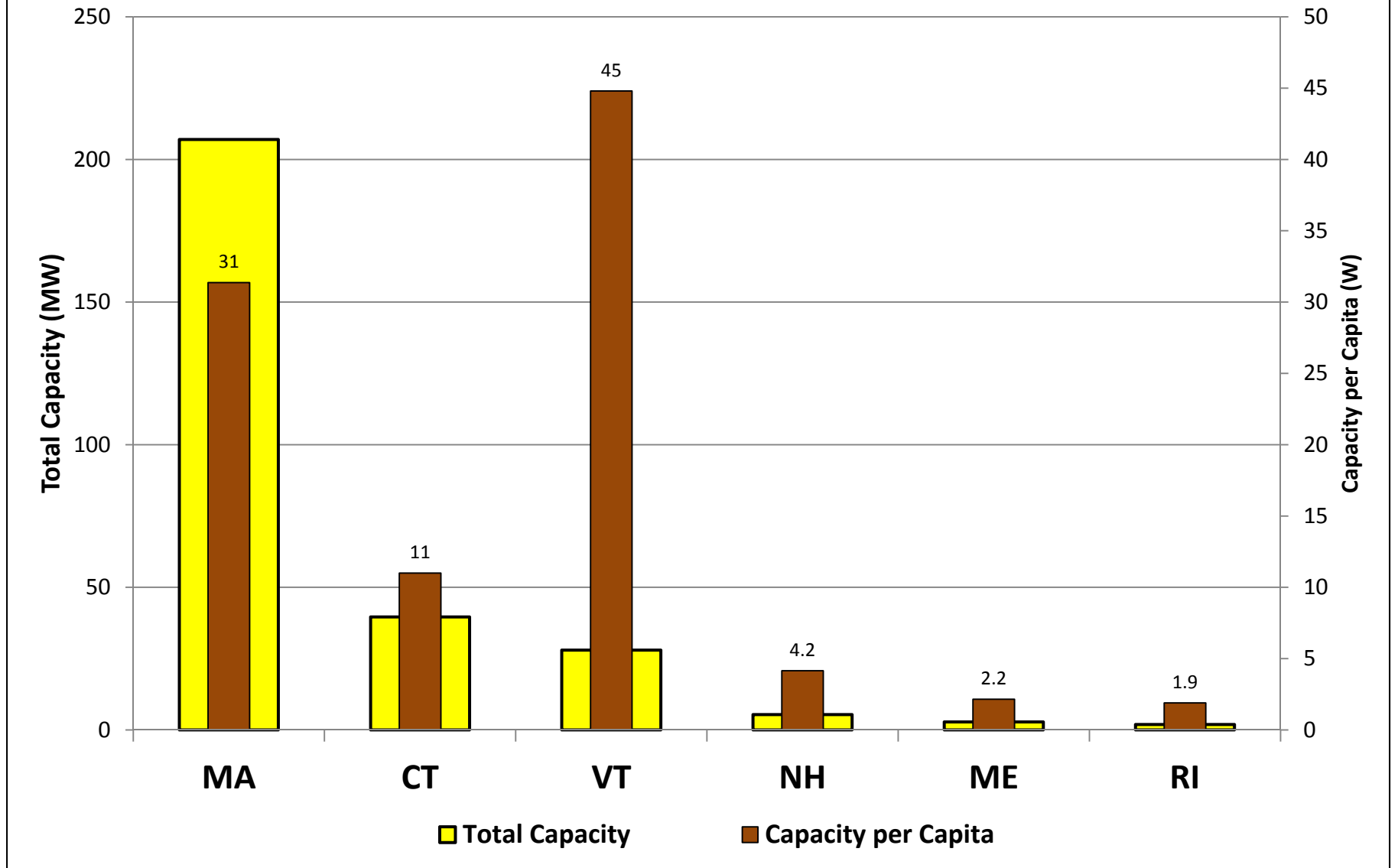
Solar Jobs per Capita (2012)



Data: Solar Energy Industries Association



Solar PV Installed in New England (2012)



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