# **Understanding Internet Speeds**

Internet speed refers to how much data or information can be transferred over the web on a single connection at a given time. This determines what types of activities you can do on the internet and how many devices can be connected at once.

## Ask Yourself These Two Questions?

### How many people are in my household?

When more people share the same connection, a faster plan is needed to accommodate them

#### How will we be using the internet?



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Your household will need higher download or upload speeds when streaming videos, playing online games, making Zoom or video calls, or sharing photos/videos on social media than if you will only be surfing the web, online shopping, or scrolling social media.

### What Can Affect Internet Speed?

Many elements can affect what internet speed you get. Here are a few things that can affect your speed:

- The distance from the internet service provider's central office or data center
- The type of internet connection you have fiber, cable, etc.
- The number of people using the same connection at the same time
- The type of device you're using
- The quality of the internet connection
- The type of website or online service you're using, such as streaming video or playing online games

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