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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