

WHAT SPEED DO I NEED?

Consider the following when searching for the best internet speed for your home:

1. How many people are in your home?
2. How many internet-connected devices are in your home? (Be sure to count devices beyond your laptops, computers and printers. Think smart TVs, speakers, thermostats, security cameras, doorbells, etc.)
3. What activities are those devices managing? Is it streaming movies, TV or music, gaming, video chatting, working from home, or uploading large files?
4. How many of these activities are occurring at once? (Your bandwidth, or internet "pipe," is not shared with your neighbors, but it is shared within the home.)
5. Would you like to avoid buffering and long wait times for downloads and uploads?

Obviously, the more people and devices you have – and have running all at once – more speed and bandwidth you need.

Now consider how quickly you like to get things done.

See the chart below for examples of common activities and how fast they happen based on the internet speed.

