

Common Sense's Guide to Low-Cost Internet

High-speed internet at home can make a big difference: Fast internet can make it easier to do schoolwork, apply for jobs, and use government services. But what if you can't afford the internet? There are now several affordable options for high-speed internet. Still, it can be confusing to locate the best option. This guide can help, but check the details carefully before you sign up; Common Sense can't guarantee these offers.



Access from AT&T: AT&T offers low-cost internet access to households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through its Access from AT&T program.

BENEFITS:

- No commitment, no deposit, no installation fee, and no charge for an in-home Wi-Fi gateway.
- Service availability and speed may vary by address. AT&T will assign you the fastest of the speed tiers available where you live:
 - 10 megabits per second, for \$10 per month
 - 5 megabits per second, for \$10 per month
 - 3 megabits per second, for \$5 per month

TO QUALIFY:

- At least one resident must participate in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or, for California residents only, receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.
- You must live at an address in AT&T's **21-state** service area at which AT&T offers **wireline home internet service**.
- You may not have outstanding debt to AT&T for **fixed internet service** within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under this program.

NEXT STEPS: Check details carefully at att.com/access, or call 1-855-220-5211.



Cox Connect2Compete: Cox offers low-cost home internet to eligible families with school-aged children.

BENEFITS:

- \$9.95/month + tax for qualified families includes free installation and free Wi-Fi modem, with no deposits, price increases, or annual contracts.
- Service includes download speeds up to 15 Mbps, free in-home Wi-Fi equipment, and access to over 500,000 Wi-Fi hotspots nationwide.
- Free digital literacy training featuring content, tools and resources from Common Sense Media, EVERFI and the Public Library Association available online at cox.com/digitalacademy.

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:

- Have at least one student in grades K-12 that lives in your household.
- Participate in one of these government assistance programs: the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or public housing.
- Have not subscribed to Cox High Speed Internet service in the last 90 days.
- Have no outstanding Cox bills or unreturned equipment.

NEXT STEPS: You can learn more and apply by visiting cox.com/c2c or by calling 1-855-222-3252.



Spectrum Internet Assist: Spectrum offers a low-cost high-speed broadband internet program to qualified families and seniors.

BENEFITS:

- High-speed 30 Mbps internet with no data caps for \$14.99 per month, plus taxes and fees.
- No contracts required.
- Internet modem included.
- Option to add in-home Wi-Fi for \$5 more per month.

TO QUALIFY:

- At least one member of the household must be a recipient of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), free or reduced cost lunch, the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the NSLP, or the Supplemental Security Income (\geq age 65).
- You must live in an area where Spectrum Internet Assist is available.
- You cannot be a current Spectrum Internet customer.
- You cannot have an outstanding debt for any of Charter Communications' services that is less than one year old.

NEXT STEPS: Visit [SpectrumInternetAssist.com](https://www.spectruminternetassist.com), or call the toll-free hotline at 844-525-1574 for assistance.



Internet Essentials from Comcast: Comcast provides a low-cost high-speed internet option, with programs for families that have at least one child who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program, HUD housing residents, veterans, seniors, and more.

BENEFITS:

- \$9.95/month + tax, with no credit check, no ID required, a no-term contract, no installation or monthly equipment-rental fees, 15 Mbps, and in-home Wi-Fi included.
- Option to purchase an internet-ready computer for less than \$150, and access to free digital literacy training available in person, print, and online, including resources from Common Sense Media.

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:

- Live in an area where Comcast internet service is available.
- Not have subscribed to Comcast internet within the last 90 days.
- Not have outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than one year old.
- Have at least one child eligible for the National School Lunch Program or receive HUD housing assistance such as public housing, housing choice vouchers, or multifamily assistance. Documentation may be needed for service.
- Special pilot eligibility programs are available for senior citizens and community college students, in selected locations. Internet Essentials is also newly available to veterans.

NEXT STEPS: You can learn more and apply by visiting [InternetEssentials.com](https://www.internetessentials.com) or by calling 1-855-846-8376.

For great tips on using the internet with your family, visit [commonsense.org](https://www.commonsense.org)