

INTERNET OPTIONS IN HART COUNTY

A practical guide for buyers, residents and remote workers

Internet service is highly address-specific.

In rural Hart County, two homes on the same road may have different providers, speeds or installation requirements. Always check the exact property address before relying on internet for work, school, streaming, security systems or business use.

BEST FIRST CHECK

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Ask the seller for the current provider, plan name, monthly bill and a recent speed test. Then confirm with the provider that service can transfer to you and whether new installation, equipment or construction fees apply.

LOCAL WIRED OPTION

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South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (SCRTC) serves communities including Horse Cave, Cave City, Munfordville, Hiseville and Hardyville. Availability and technology still need to be checked by address.

COMMON CONNECTION TYPES

- + Fiber: usually the strongest choice for speed, reliability and uploads.
- + Cable or DSL: may work well, but performance depends on the local network.
- + Fixed wireless / 5G home internet: performance depends on tower signal and congestion.
- + Satellite: broad rural reach, but equipment, obstructions, latency and data policies matter.

DO NOT BUY BASED ON A ZIP-CODE SEARCH ALONE

Provider websites and broadband maps are useful starting points, but they may not prove that a particular house can be connected immediately. Enter the full street address, call the provider, and ask whether service is active at the home or requires a site survey.

For remote work, request an actual wired speed test at the property.



PROVIDERS & TECHNOLOGIES TO CHECK

Start local, then compare wireless and satellite alternatives

SCRTC - LOCAL COOPERATIVE

LOCAL

SCRTC is a major local broadband provider serving several Hart County communities. Its website offers residential and business internet information. Confirm the service type, available speeds, installation timeline, router or Wi-Fi options, and whether the address is already connected.

5G / FIXED WIRELESS

5G

Check T-Mobile Home Internet, Verizon Home Internet and other fixed-wireless providers by exact address. These services use cellular towers, so hills, trees, home construction and network demand can affect results.

SATELLITE INTERNET

SAT

Starlink, Hughesnet and Viasat may reach homes where wired service is unavailable. Compare equipment costs, installation location, clear-sky requirements, latency, data policies and seasonal tree obstruction.

OTHER WIRED PROVIDERS

WIRE

Depending on the location, buyers may encounter additional cable, telephone-company or fiber options. Do not assume a company serves the entire county because it serves a nearby town.

MOBILE HOTSPOT

BACK

A phone hotspot or dedicated cellular hotspot can provide backup access. Test the specific carrier at the house, including indoors, and review hotspot data limits before using it as a primary connection.

QUESTIONS TO ASK EVERY PROVIDER

- + What download and upload speeds are offered at this exact address?
- + Is there a contract, promotional rate, data cap or equipment charge?
- + Is installation standard, or will construction or a site survey be required?
- + What happens during power outages, and is technical support local or remote?



HOW MUCH SPEED DO YOU NEED?

Choose for the household you actually have - not just the advertised number

BASIC USE

Email, browsing, online bills and one standard-definition stream may work on a modest connection. Reliability matters more than a flashy peak speed.

TYPICAL HOME

Multiple HD streams, video calls, gaming, smart devices and cloud backups generally benefit from stronger download and upload capacity.

HEAVY / REMOTE

Several users, 4K streaming, large file transfers or daily work-from-home use may justify fiber or the strongest stable option available.

SPEED IS ONLY PART OF THE STORY

- + Upload speed matters for Zoom, cloud backups, security cameras and sending large files.
- + Latency matters for video calls, online gaming and remote desktop use.
- + Consistency matters more than a high speed that disappears during busy hours.
- + Whole-home Wi-Fi may require a mesh system, especially in large or older houses.
- + A generator or battery backup may be needed if internet is essential during outages.

REMOTE-WORK TEST

Stand where the office will be located. Run several speed tests at different times, make a video call, and verify that the connection remains stable. Ask whether the employer requires a minimum upload speed, wired Ethernet or a backup connection.

AFFORDABILITY HELP

The federal Lifeline program may provide eligible households a monthly discount of up to \$9.25 on phone, internet or bundled service. Eligibility and participating companies should be confirmed through the official Lifeline program.



BUYER INTERNET CHECKLIST

Complete these steps before removing contingencies or closing

ADDRESS CHECK

- ☐ Enter the full address on provider websites.
- ☐ Call to verify that service is actually orderable.
- ☐ Ask whether the home is active, serviceable or construction-required.

REAL-WORLD TEST

- ☐ Get a recent wired speed test from the home.
- ☐ Test Wi-Fi and cell service in likely work areas.
- ☐ Repeat tests at different times when possible.

COSTS & TERMS

- ☐ Ask about installation, equipment and activation fees.
- ☐ Confirm promotional pricing and the regular rate.
- ☐ Review contracts, data caps and cancellation rules.

BACKUP PLAN

- ☐ Identify a second option such as hotspot or satellite.
- ☐ Plan for outages if working or schooling from home.
- ☐ Consider battery backup for modem, router and computers.

USEFUL OFFICIAL TOOLS

FCC National Broadband Map: compare reported providers and technologies by location.

Kentucky Office of Broadband Development: statewide broadband information and expansion resources.

SCRTC: local availability and service information for communities in and around Hart County.

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Sources: SCRTC, FCC National Broadband Map and consumer guidance, Kentucky Office of Broadband Development, and the federal Lifeline program. Provider availability and plan details change frequently.

