



# Reduced Cost Internet Services

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## Michigan Home Internet Options\* for the Economically Disadvantaged

**Spectrum Internet Assist** from Charter/Spectrum provides low-cost internet for \$14.99 per month, plus taxes and fees.

Eligibility requirements:

- Have at least one student who participates in the [National School Lunch Program](#)
- Without outstanding debt for Charter/Spectrum service within the last year
- Cannot have had a Charter/Time Warner Cable/Bright House Network broadband subscription within 60 days of signing up

**Comcast Internet Essentials Program** provides affordable Internet for \$9.95 a month plus tax, Now free for 60 days, with no term contract, no credit check, no installation fee, with In-home Wifi. 1-800-266-2278 once connected follow the prompts to access the Internet Essentials program.

You may also use this link to access the enrollment site from any internet capable device:

[www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com)

Eligibility requirements:

- Have at least one child who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program
- Do not have outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than a year old. Families with outstanding debt more than a year old may still be eligible.
- Live in an area where Comcast Internet Service is available but have not subscribed to it within the last 90 days. [Access an availability map from Comcast here.](#)

**CenturyLink® Internet Basics** provides affordable Internet for \$9.95 a month plus taxes and fees, with a 12-month contract at speeds up to 1.5Mbps.

Eligibility requirements:

- Either meet the income-based eligibility requirements: household income at or below 135 percent of [federal poverty guidelines](#) OR if you, or someone in your household participates in one of the following federal or state assistance programs: National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program, Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribal TANF
- Do not have outstanding debt to CenturyLink
- Live in an area where CenturyLink Internet Service is available but have not subscribed within the last 90 days. [Access an available map from Centurylink here.](#)



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**Access from AT&T** provides low-cost internet to qualifying households in Michigan for \$5-\$10 a month depending on options in your area.

Eligibility requirements:

- At least one household member who participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Without outstanding debt for AT&T Internet service within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under this program.

## Other Resources

Visit [EveryoneOn](#) to learn what Internet options are available for low income families in your area, including mobile hotspots. The site also lists information on discounted computers for qualified families, as well as local training opportunities.

Opportunities are also available for discounted service for eligible applicants without home telephone or mobile phone connectivity through the [Universal Service Administrative Company \(USAC\)'s Lifeline Support Program](#).

\* The MDE neither promotes specific vendors nor does the MDE provide technical assistance for home connectivity. The programs listed above are simply low-cost options for economically disadvantaged families in Michigan.

### **EveryoneOn.org** [EveryoneOn](#)

This site allows you to enter your zip code and then select any one or more of the qualifications listed below to determine your eligibility for low cost internet and/or computing devices.

Qualifiers:

Low-income (household of four: at or below \$49,000 annual income)

Live in public housing

Have a K-12 student or college student in your household

Participate in the National School Lunch Program (free or reduced lunch at school)

Participate in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps)

Participate in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF)

Participate in Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Participate in Medicaid or Medi-Cal

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Lifeline is the FCC's program to help make communications services more affordable for eligible consumers. The site allows you to search by zip code and locate providers of low cost internet and phone services.

## Summary of Jackson internet providers

Provider	Type	Download speeds up to	User Rating
<a href="#">AT&amp;T</a>	DSL & Fiber	50 Mbps	3.0/5
<a href="#">Xfinity</a>	Cable	1000 Mbps	2.5/5
<a href="#">Frontier</a>	DSL	25 Mbps	2.5/5
<a href="#">Viasat</a>	Satellite	25 Mbps	2.0/5
<a href="#">HughesNet</a>	Satellite	25 Mbps	2.5/5
<a href="#">Greak Lakes High Speed, LLC</a>	Fixed Wireless	3 Mbps	N/A
<a href="#">Iserv</a>	DSL	6 Mbps	N/A
<a href="#">ACD.net</a>	DSL	10 Mbps	N/A

Availability and speeds displayed are not guaranteed and are subject to change.



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## Technology Type

**DSL:** DSL provides internet service via phone cables and is up to ten times faster than dial-up service.

**Cable:** Cable provides internet speeds faster than DSL through the same cables used for cable TV.

**Satellite:** Satellite internet is widely available, but offers slower speeds due to a far-traveling signal.

**Fiber:** Fiber relies on glass strands to relay digital code and is much faster than both DSL and cable.