

Power consumption of server racks in the big data center



Overview

Traditional server racks consume 5-15 kW, while AI-optimized racks with high-performance GPUs require 40-60+ kW. Some cutting-edge AI training facilities are pushing individual racks to 100+ kW, fundamentally changing data center design and cooling requirements. Currently consuming approximately 1% of global electricity, this figure is projected to rise dramatically, with U. This growth is heavily influenced by the proliferation of AI, Machine Learning (ML), and High-Performance. Understanding kilowatts per rack (kW/rack) is important for businesses using colocation. It helps improve efficiency and control costs. Just like virtual CPUs (vCPUs) relate to physical CPUs in cloud computing, kW/rack defines power use per server rack. This impacts colocation pricing, energy use. Use this TradeOff Tool to estimate the power required by a data center with traditional, or AI/HPC servers. Department of Energy's 2024 report provides the most authoritative data on American data center consumption: This represents a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 18% from 2018 to 2023, with projections suggesting this could accelerate to 13-27% between 2023 and 2028.



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