



**April 18, 2010**  
**ISP 1 Article by Dan Karas**

**New**

## **DSL vs. Cable?**

Are you still using [dial-up Internet access](#), and desire to upgrade to a high speed broadband connection, or have you recently moved to a new area and need high speed Internet service?

Now you are faced with a dilemma, which should I choose DSL or Cable Internet service?

Several factors come into play in choosing the right high speed Internet service provider; I have listed a few below.

### **Physical Location:**

A lot depends on your location, DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) is only available a limited distance from the local phone company's central office. High speed cable Internet is generally available anywhere the cable provider offers cable TV services.

### **Connection Speeds:**

Broadband cable Internet connection speeds are usually faster. Newer [DOCSIS 3.0 cable modems](#) can provide up to 100Mbps download speeds. These blazing speeds aren't yet available in most areas, but it's coming soon. Cable download speed will vary and be limited by the number of users sharing the bandwidth, and by the tier of service you purchase from the cable provider. DSL speeds don't fluctuate like cable but will be limited by the quality of the connection and the service package that you purchase.

### **Monthly Cost:**

In most local markets where both DSL & cable Internet access are available, pricing will be pretty competitive between the two, usually around \$20 to \$60 per month. Pricing also depends on other factors such as bundled services from the provider and Internet package connection speed. Most cable and DSL providers offer several tiers of service with costs increasing as speed, performance, and packaged extras such as an Internet security suite are added.

### **Conclusion:**

There is really no clear cut answer to the debate of DSL vs. Cable; it really depends on what is available in your local market and your personal high speed Internet access needs, wants, and desires. I would recommend you research the broadband Internet services that are available in your local area and make an informed decision on the package that is just right for you or your family.

You can [Compare DSL vs Cable Internet Providers](#) and choose a high speed Internet package that you'll be satisfied with on the ISP 1 broadband comparison page:

<http://isp1.us/high-speed/>