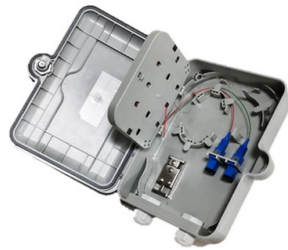


Cost Analysis of Fiber Optic Cable Laying



Article Overview

Fiber optic cable installation costs range from \$1 to \$12 per linear foot, with total project costs varying from a few thousand dollars for small runs to over \$60,000 for large, complex deployments.

Per-Foot Costs

The cost of laying fiber optic cable depends on the installation method and cable type. For 2026, typical per-foot costs are:

- Open trench (lawn/field): \$0.90 – \$1.80 per foot
 - Directional boring (road crossings, driveways): \$3.00 – \$7.00 per foot
 - Aerial (utility poles): \$1.20 – \$2.50 per foot
 - Indoor plenum or riser: \$0.80 – \$1.70 per foot
- Single-mode fiber is generally less expensive than multimode, while armored or plenum-rated cables add \$0.25–\$1.20 per foot depending on reinforcement and safety requirements .

Total Project Costs

- Small residential or short runs: \$1,500 – \$7,000, averaging around \$4,500 for typical home installations .
- Commercial or longer underground projects: \$5,000 – \$20,000 per mile.
- Aerial commercial installations: \$40,000 – \$60,000 per mile .
- Complex urban or heavily regulated underground deployments: \$8,000 – \$60,000 or more, depending on trenching depth, permits, and local regulations

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