



For the purposes of this study, the data center industry is therefore defined using an expanded, function-based approach that captures data center services wherever they are produced, rather than limiting measurement to a single establishment-based classification. Under this definition, the industry encompasses all activities that are economically inseparable from the delivery of core data center infrastructure services, while continuing to exclude upstream suppliers (such as utilities, construction, and equipment manufacturing) and application layer or end-user services.

This function-based perspective is intended to provide a representation of how data center services are organized, delivered, and scaled in practice. It also ensures that the industry's economic contribution is measured consistently across organizational structures, ownership models, and service-delivery arrangements.



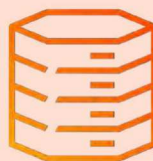
Enterprise

A company-owned data center used for internal data processes.



Hyperscale

A data center containing at least 5,000 servers, spanning a minimum of 10,000 square feet and offering at least 40MW of capacity.



Multitenant

A data center that leases equipment or bandwidth to other companies.



Edge

A smaller data center located as close to the end user as possible, typically used to support Internet of Things and other low-latency demands.

Data center services are delivered through a variety of deployment and operating models. While these models differ in scale, ownership, and configuration, they all support the delivery of core data center infrastructure services as defined in this study. Common data center deployment models include enterprise, hyperscale, multitenant (colocation), and edge data centers.

Under the expanded, function-based definition used in this analysis, data center services delivered through each of these models are included wherever they are produced, including when operational responsibilities are embedded within establishments classified outside NAICS code 518210.