

# Server Rack Wide Temperature Range Energy Efficiency Comparison



## Overview

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Server rack temperature directly affects hardware reliability, energy efficiency, and operational costs. Maintaining 68°F–77°F (20°C–25°C) minimizes overheating risks while balancing cooling expenses. ASHRAE recommends this range for modern servers, though some operators push to 80°F (27°C) for. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, nor any of their contractors, subcontractors or their employees, makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or any third party's use. According to the Uptime Institute's 2011 Data Center Survey, 97% of respondents said reducing energy use was either "somewhat" or "very" important, and 87% said the primary motivation was cost reduction. An Uptime Institute study also found that up to 70% of data center energy use is for cooling. Whether you're upgrading existing racks to increase density, building new edge data centers, or striving for net-zero emissions, this guide provides a practical framework, real-world case studies, and future-proofing trends to help you turn rack cooling from a disadvantage into a competitive. ASHRAE Thermal Guidelines for Data Processing Environments (ASHRAE, 2021) provide standardized operating thermal environments (temperature) for electronic equipment to create a better alignment between equipment manufacturers and facility operations to ensure energy-efficient and fault-tolerant. Rack mount equipment generates heat as a result of the processes it completes; the amount of heat a piece of equipment dissipates is approximately equal to the total electrical power delivered to it. This heat is absorbed by the ambient air in the server, and removed by airflows generated by fans.

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