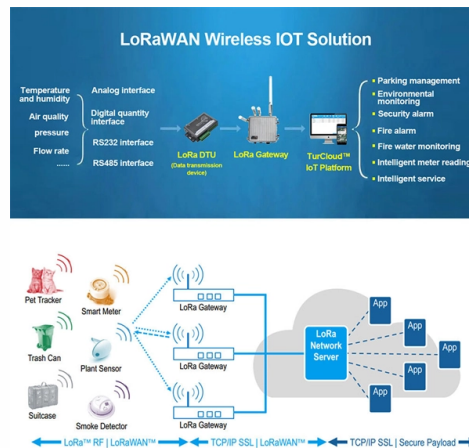


# How many server racks are in a cold aisle



## Article Overview

The number of server racks in a single cold aisle varies based on aisle length, rack size, and cooling requirements, typically ranging from 4 to 12 racks per aisle in standard data center layouts.

### Factors Affecting Rack Count

**Aisle Length and Width:** Cold aisles are designed to deliver cold air directly to server intakes while maintaining safe access for personnel. Standard aisle widths are 36–42 inches to allow maintenance and equipment movement, and the aisle length determines how many racks can be placed back-to-back along the row . **Rack Size and Density:** Typical server racks are 42U high and 24–36 inches deep. High-density racks with power consumption above 12–20 kW may require additional spacing or dedicated cooling, reducing the number of racks per aisle . **Cooling and Containment:** Cold aisle containment (CAC) ensures uniform airflow and prevents hot air recirculation. Containment systems use doors, ceiling panels, and structural frames to enclose the aisle, which may limit the practical number of racks to maintain effective cooling and avoid hotspots . **Power and Cable Management:** Adequate power distribution units (PDUs), cabling, and access to liquid cooling or rear-door heat exchangers can influence aisle layout. Overcrowding racks can compromise airflow and make maintenance difficult .

### Typical Configurations

- **Small to Medium Data Centers:** Often install 4–6 racks per cold aisle, balancing cooling efficiency and accessibility ....

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