

**DATA CENTER DEFINITIONS (linked bylaw/ord language as available)**

General information: [Planetizen research](#) (and [summary of legislation at the state and local level](#)), [DataCenterMap](#)

COMMUNITY	DEFINITION	USE CATEGORY
<a href="#">Shutesbury, MA</a>	<p>Data Center: A facility housing computers/servers, data storage systems, networking systems, electrical backup systems, computing resources, and/or cooling systems that is used to process, store, and/or disseminate large amounts of data and applications, and that the aforementioned data processing and management is the principal use.</p> <p>Data Center design and performance shall comply with Sections 3.1-1 and 8.13-3 of this bylaw.</p>	<p>Industrial</p>
<a href="#">Mansfield, MA</a>	<p>A facility, or portion thereof, primarily designed or used to house computer servers and related information technology infrastructure for the storage, processing, management, or transmission of electronic data. A data center may include, but is not limited to, server racks, data storage systems, cooling systems, power conditioning equipment, substations, uninterruptible power supplies, backup generators, telecommunications equipment, security systems, and associated mechanical and electrical infrastructure.</p> <p>A use shall be classified as a Data Center where either: (a) more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area is devoted to server racks, stationary computing equipment, or associated mechanical or electrical infrastructure; or (b) the primary purpose of the facility, as determined by the Planning Board, is the housing and operation of computer servers and related infrastructure, regardless of floor area allocation.</p> <p><b>For purposes of this bylaw, a Data Center shall not be considered an Office use.</b></p>	<p>Industrial</p>

<p>Everett, MA</p>	<p>Data Center / Data Processing Facility: A facility or specialized space primarily used for the centralized housing and operation of computer servers, data storage systems, and associated telecommunications equipment. Such facilities are characterized by high-density power requirements and specialized climate control systems.</p> <p><b>This definition shall not include small-scale server rooms or IT closets that are clearly incidental and accessory to a primary permitted office, research, or industrial use.</b></p>	<p>Innovation/Industrial</p>
<p>Lowell, MA</p>	<p>DATA CENTERS: a building or series of buildings, with the intended primary use being commercial, that houses and supports the high-performance servers, storage systems, networking equipment, and related computing infrastructure and equipment necessary for storing, processing, and distributing data and applications</p>	<p>Industrial</p>