

Unit Price for Optical Cable Burial



Overview

Armored fiber optic cables designed for direct burial cost \$6-14 per linear foot. Conduit systems add \$2-4 per foot but allow future cable additions. HDPE conduits last longer than PVC but cost slightly more. These fibers are thin strands, often as small as a human hair, that transmit data as pulses of light. With prices ranging from \$1 to over \$ 50 per linear foot, depending on the installation method, understanding these costs helps make informed decisions about this essential connectivity investment. This breakdown gives you real numbers to build better estimates. However, compared with aerial fiber networks, underground deployment typically requires higher upfront investment because of excavation work, cable protection. The Fiber Broadband Association has partnered with Cartesian to research the cost of deploying fiber and provide insight on how these costs are evolving over time. Data aggregated from Q1 2026 contractor invoices across Texas, Ohio, and North Carolina.



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Typical costs ranged from \$10 to \$27 per foot for underground deployments, compared to \$5 to \$14 for aerial deployments. The share of deployment costs attributable to labor costs range

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