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Sometimes free web hosting isn't a smart option (very limited).

The popularity of free web hosting has exploded in recent years.

And it's easy to see why – with all the different expenses required to run a successful website, it's tempting to try and cut costs wherever possible to stay within your budget.

And what's more budget-friendly than *free* web hosting, right?

Well, not exactly...

Free web hosts aren't always what they market themselves to be. Tight restrictions they place on bandwidth, storage

capacity, server speed, and uptimes can make your new site all but unusable.

In general, we don't recommend free hosting providers. It's much a better to get a good shared host at low cost, such as [Bluehost.com](https://www.bluehost.com) (which is also ranked well in our ["best web hosting" page](#)).

But don't worry, if you really have no budget – we've done the heavy lifting for you. In this review, we compare 7 free hosting options to help you find the best fit for your site.

Let's dive in:

1. Hostinger.com

The Best "Almost-Free" Hosting (\$0.99/mo)

Sub-domain included:	Yes
Bandwidth:	100GB
Disk Space:	10GB
Support:	Live Chat 24/7
Max. Websites:	1
Max. Email Accounts:	1

Uptime & Speed:	Very Good
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	www.Hostinger.com

After nearly 16 years in business and a client base of more than 29,000,000 people spread across 178 countries, Hostinger has become one of the free web hosting industry's most dominant players.

Ok, so they aren't technically "free"...

... But at only \$0.99/month for their limited shared hosting plan they're still one of the most budget-friendly web hosts on the market.

With average load times of only 355ms (the second-best we've ever recorded), they're also one of the fastest.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Even their most basic plan comes armed to the teeth with a whole bag of goodies including:

- 1 MySQL database
- 1 FTP user
- Access to their website builder
- One-click install of WordPress or other CMS
- 24/7 customer support (seriously, it's one of the best)
- 100GB of Bandwidth and 10GB of Disk Space
- One free email account

And, if the needs of your site outgrow the limits of their basic hosting plan, you can always upgrade to their premium

shared hosting plan.

Which include:

- **Unlimited websites**
- **Unlimited email accounts**
- **Unlimited bandwidth**
- **Weekly memory backups**
- **Free domain**

The image displays three pricing cards for Hostinger shared hosting plans. Each card shows the plan name, a discounted price, a 'SAVE' percentage, the original price, and a 'Click here to see all features' link.

Plan Name	Original Price	Discount	Current Price	Renewal Price
Single Shared Hosting	\$9.99	SAVE 90%	\$0.99 /mo	\$2.15/mo when you renew
Premium Shared Hosting	\$40.99	SAVE 74%	\$2.89 /mo	\$3.49/mo when you renew
Business Shared Hosting	\$15.99	SAVE 75%	\$3.99 /mo	\$7.95/mo when you renew

Single Shared Hosting Features:

- ✓ 1 Website
- ✓ 1 Email Account
- ✓ Limited Bandwidth (100 GB)
- ✓ 1X Processing Power & Memory

Premium Shared Hosting Features:

- ✓ Unlimited* Number of Websites
- ✓ Unlimited* Email Accounts
- ✓ Unlimited* Bandwidth
- ✓ 2X Processing Power & Memory

Business Shared Hosting Features:

- ✓ All Benefits From Premium
- ✓ Daily Backups
- ✓ Free SSL Certificate
- ✓ 4X Processing Power & Memory

Limitations

One of the only major annoyances we had while reviewing Hostinger is that their user interface doesn't give you access to a classic cPanel...

Instead, you'll get a slightly downgraded made-in-house interface called the hPanel.

It's not our favorite user interface, but – considering the exceptional speeds, customer support, and features – we're hard-pressed *not* to hold it against them.

Hostinger's "shared plan" average uptime and load time in 2019:



Hostinger's uptime and speed 2019

- Here's our Hostinger "test site": hostingfacts-hostinger.com
- [Click here](#) to find complete uptime and load time statistics for the last months

With some of the fastest speeds we've ever seen and uptimes on par with those of HostGator's Cloud, Hostinger is *the* best "almost free" host that we've ever reviewed.

[Visit Hostinger.com](https://www.hostinger.com)

...or read our full [Hostinger review here](#).

2. 000WebHost.com

\$0/mo – But 2 Hours Offline Every Month

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POWERED BY HOSTINGER

SALE
Cheap Web Hosting Website Builder Forum

EN SIGN IN NEW YEAR SALE

Free Web Hosting

Zero cost website hosting with PHP, MySQL, cPanel & no ads!

FREE SIGN UP GO PREMIUM

\$0⁰⁰/mo

Sub-domain included:	Yes
Bandwidth:	10GB
Disk Space:	1GB
Support:	Forum/Knowledge Base
Max. Websites:	1
Max. Email Accounts:	0
Uptime & Speed:	Bad Uptime, Good Speed
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	www.000WebHost.com

“Zero cost web hosting with PHP, MySQL, cPanel, and no ads!”.

That’s the marketing slogan of 000webhost.com, Hostinger’s partner company and one of the top-rated free web hosts in the world.

Now, if it sounds just a little too good to be true – IT IS!

Yes, 000WebHost offers impressive speeds (especially for a shared free host), and their no-ads policy makes for a much cleaner and friendlier user experience.

Unfortunately, these two factors alone simply aren’t enough to compensate for the myriad of other limitations.

Free Fantastic Features

[FREE SIGN UP](#)

- 10 GB of bandwidth!
- Almost endless 1 GB disk space
- No Ads
- Free Cpanel web hosting admin panel
- Easy to use Free Website Builder
- WordPress Auto Installer
- Full PHP & MySQL database support
- Instant account activation, no fees!

*Note: It's worth mentioning that 000WebHost experienced a [massive security breach](#) back in 2015 where the private information of more than 13,000,000 customers was leaked.

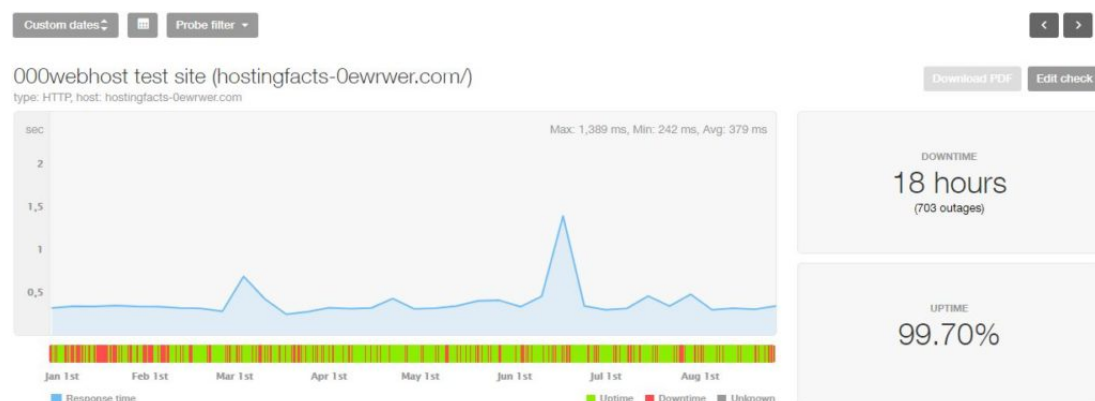
Limitations

Of the many problems that we experienced while reviewing 000WebHost, none was more prevalent or frustrating than their utterly unusable uptimes.

With an average uptime of only 99.70%, you can expect to experience at least an hour of downtime every other week on your site. Think of all the traffic and sales you might lose every single month.

To make matters worse, you're also limited to a mere 10GB of bandwidth, 1GB of disk space. To top it off, there is no email or live chat customer support to assist you in the (all but certain) event you encounter a problem with their service.

Here's 000WebHost free plan average uptime and load time in 2019:



000WebHost's uptime and speed 2019

- Here's our 000WebHost test site: <http://hostingfacts-0ewrwer.com/>
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the last months

Despite having admittedly impressive speeds, with such horrible uptimes and heavy limitations, we cannot recommend 000WebHost to *anyone* unless it's an absolute necessity.

3. InfinityFree.net

Most Unlimited Features



Sub-domain included:	Yes
Bandwidth:	Unlimited
Disk Space:	Unlimited
Support:	Forum/Knowledge Base
Max. Websites:	400
Max. Email Accounts:	10
Uptime & Speed:	Good
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	InfinityFree.net

With only over 300,000 customers, InfinityFree is a relatively

small player in the web hosting game.

Despite their small client base, they've managed to carve out a reputation for themselves as the most feature-rich free web host on the market.

Even though you will undoubtedly experience some problems with their service, this reputation is well earned.

InfinityFree comes with the following:

- **Free SSL certificate with all plans (a very nice bonus)**
- **No front-end ads**
- **Free Cloudflare CDN**
- **10 email accounts**
- **1 FTP account**
- **Unlimited bandwidth and storage space**
- **400 MySQL databases.**

It's safe to say that InfinityFree gives you a *big* bang for your unpaid buck.

But when you skim through their terms of service and acceptable use policies, things start to get a little more "interesting."

Limitations

What InfinityFree *doesn't* advertise on their website is that their offers of "unlimited" bandwidth and storage space come with some seriously limited restrictions.

In their [terms of service](#), they place significant and ambiguous restrictions on the types of content and files you're allowed to upload. Also, the amount of the so-called "unlimited"

bandwidth on offer is also questionable.

And the best part?

The penalty for non-compliance with the limitations on their “unlimited” offer is the suspension or elimination of your website and data – Ouch!

11. USAGE OF DISK SPACE TERMS

InfinityFree offers large web space and bandwidth with hosting accounts. By this, we mean space for legitimate web site content and bandwidth for visitors to view it. All files on a domain must be part of the active website and linked to the site. Sites should not contain any backups, downloads, or other non-web based content. We will treat all password protected archive (e.g. zip and rar) files as unacceptable. Multimedia content such as audio and video is acceptable provided it is streamed to the user, links to HTTP download of this content is not acceptable.

Archives of movie files, audio files, zips, rars or any large volumes of files used for downloading / sharing is not allowed.

Here’s InfinityFree’s free plan average uptime and load time in 2019:



InfinityFree uptime and speed 2019

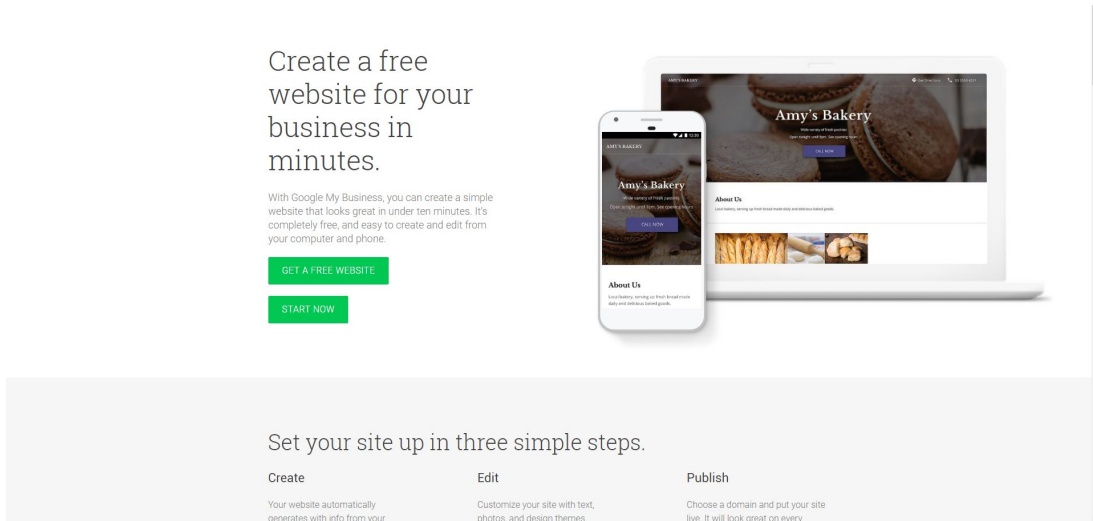
- Here’s our InfinityFree.net test site: <http://hostingfacts.epizy.com>
- [Click here](#) to find complete uptime and load time statistics for the months

Generally, their uptime is pretty good, but this January, for example, we experienced over 40 hours of downtime.

4. Sites.Google.com

Great For Personal and Small Business Websites





Sub-domain included:	Yes
Bandwidth:	Unknown
Disk Space:	Unknown
Support:	Forum/Knowledge Base
Max. Websites:	Unlimited
Max. Email Accounts:	G-Suite(\$6/mo)
Uptime & Speed:	Very Good
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	Sites.Google.com

Despite being very well known for its search engine and other online products such as Sheets, Docs, and Gmail, they also offer a free website builder since 2008. The website builder got a complete rebuild in 2016 and currently hosts over 70,000 live websites.

Just like most other Google products, it is entirely free to use.

They offer responsive templates, drag and drop editing, embedding HTML and Javascript, and integrations with most of their other services(Drive, Maps, Calendar, and more).

You also get a free subdomain with an SSL certificate, and Google Sites features no ads on your website.

Limitations

It's not all good though; the styling options are very limited. There is no way to add custom CSS or to even add fonts from their own Google Fonts catalog.

The SEO options are also limited, and you cannot host Google AdSense advertisements.

- Here's our Google Sites test site: <https://sites.google.com/view/hostingfactstest/>
- [Click here](#) to find complete uptime and load time statistics for the months

Although we are still running our own tests to gather more concrete data on the *real* uptimes and load times of GoogleSites hosting, a superficial glance at the other reviews around the web suggests that it's reliable and fast.

5. AwardSpace.com

Free web hosting that sounds too good to be true because it is.

AWARDSPACE

JOIN THE #1 FREE HOSTING SERVICE.

♥ IN LOVE WITH 2.5 MILLION CLIENTS AND COUNTING.

Join for free with Facebook, Google



or use email:

Your Name

E-Mail Address

Password

By clicking Register Now, you agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).



Sub-domain included:	Yes
Bandwidth:	5GB
Disk Space:	1GB
Support:	Live Chat 24/7
Max. Websites:	4
Max. Email Accounts:	1
Uptime & Speed:	Decent
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	www.AwardSpace.com

With over 2.5+ million customers and 17 years in the web hosting business, AwardSpace has carved out a name for itself as one of the top free hosting providers available.



Some of their best features include:

- **100% ad-free hosting to the MySQL database**
- **24/7 customer service (an admittedly enticing bonus)**
- **One-click CMS (WordPress/Joomla) installation**

- **99% uptime guarantee**

Everything looks amazing, right?

Unfortunately, a closer look will reveal questionable features.

Limitations

Although AwardSpace does a few things well, there are several glaring issues with their free hosting, which prevent them from serving as a viable option for any serious webmasters.

For starters, free users are limited to only 1 GB of disk space and 5GB of bandwidth. It means that your new site will be little more than a glorified “demo” of AwardSpace’s premium hosting packages.

There are also a few disconcerting lines of legal jargon in their TOS that seem to permit them to sell off your data to third-party vendors.

3. How is information shared

We may share the information we collect in various ways, including the following:

a. With your consent

We may share information with your consent.

b. Aggregate information

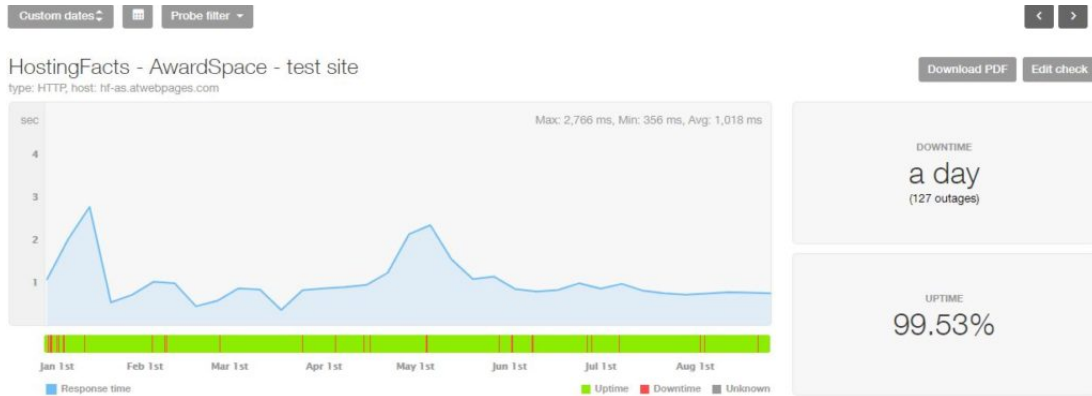
Where legally permissible, we may use and share information about you with our partners in de-identified or aggregated form that can't reasonably be used to identify you.

c. Service Providers and Vendors

We may share information with third-party vendors and service providers that provide services on our behalf, such as helping to provide our Services, for promotional and/or marketing purposes, and to provide you with information relevant to you such as special offers, software updates, product announcements, or other information.

None of it really matters since the *biggest* problem with AwardSpace is the abysmally big downtime which on average is more than an hour a week.

Here’s AwardSpace free plan average uptime and load time in 2019:

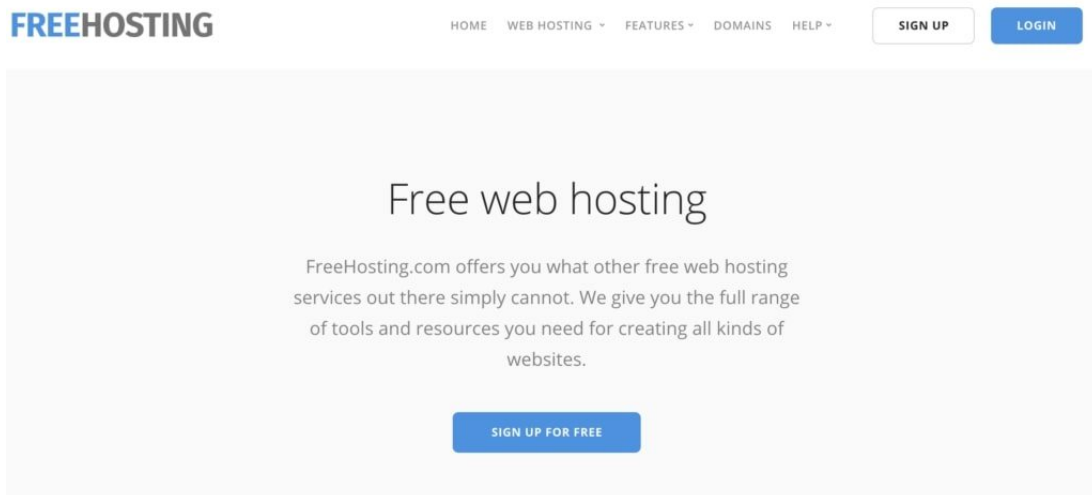


AwardSpace’s uptime and speed 2019

- Here’s our AwardSpace “test site”: hf-as.atwebpages.com
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6. FreeHosting.com

Slow speed and no sub-domain



Sub-domain included:	No
Bandwidth:	Unmetered
Disk Space:	10GB
Support:	Tickets
Max. Websites:	1


Max. Email Accounts:	1
Uptime & Speed:	Horrible
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	www.FreeHosting.com

With a decade in the web hosting business and 15,000 customers, a European company, FreeHosting.com has grown exponentially. Nonetheless, as we've seen time and time again – popularity and performance aren't always correlated.


Equipped with unmetered bandwidth (granted your website complies with their rather stringent [acceptable use policy](#)), you also get the following

- **A multilingual cPanel**
- **10 GB of disk space, one email account**
- **A MySQL database**


FreeHosting.com *seems* like one of the better free hosts available.

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100% free hosting for lifetime

There is no free trial period – free hosting is valid for the entire lifetime of your domain.
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Hosting for your own domain name

You can host your own domain name with us even if it was registered elsewhere. If you don't have one – we can [register](#) it for you at competitive price.
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Unmetered bandwidth

You can offer unlimited downloads to your visitors as long as your website comply with our [Fair Use Policy](#).
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Linux / Apache / PHP / MySQL

Our hosting platform is compatible with majority of modern web [applications](#). PHP has all functions enabled.
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One-time billed addons

With growth of your website you may require more resources at some point in time. We offer one-time billed addons so you can extend your account and keep hosting for free.

What we offer

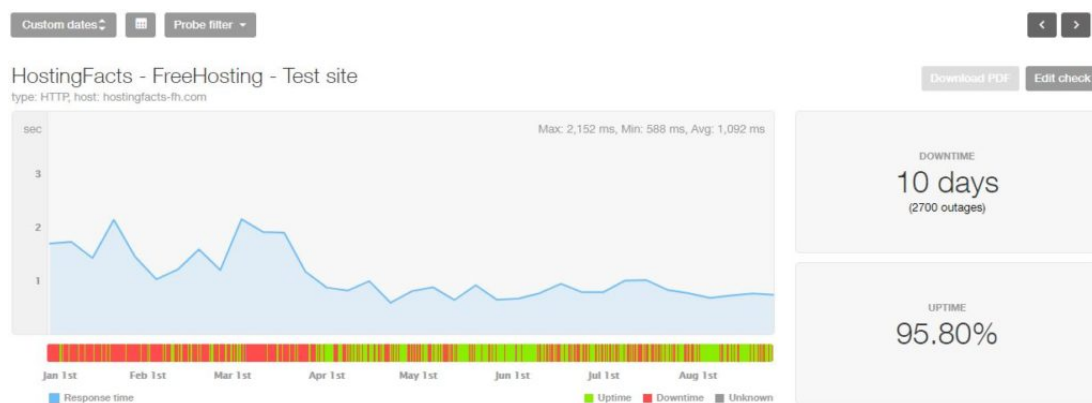
Free hosting package is perfectly suitable for lightweight websites like [Wordpress](#) blog, Internet forum, or website built with our [Site Builder](#). On average, free account can serve roughly 30000 daily visitors of PHP-based website, or virtually unlimited visitors of pure HTML website. We do not limit availability of your website – it will be online 24 hours a day.

As is self-evident with free web hosts, the endless stream of technical issues posed by FreeHosting's service makes it all but unusable.

Limitations

With abysmally slow load times that border on the 2-second mark – it's one of the worst uptimes we've ever seen and countless customer complaints of [deleted websites](#) and non-responsive customer service, FreeHosting.com is yet another web host that makes big promises but ultimately fails to uphold any of them.

Here's FreeHosting free plan average uptime and load time in 2019:



FreeHosting's uptime and speed 2019

- Here's our FreeHosting test site: hostingfacts-fh.com
- [Click here](#) to find complete uptime and load time statistics for the last months

With some of the worst uptimes and slowest speeds we've ever recorded, we recommend that you avoid FreeHosting.com at all costs.

7. FreeHostia.com

Low disk space and bad speed & uptime.

Sub-domain included:	No
Bandwidth:	6GB
Disk Space:	250MB
Support:	FAQ/Tickets
Max. Websites:	5
Max. Email Accounts:	3
Uptime & Speed:	Bad
Limitations:	See terms of use
Official website:	www.freehostia.com

FreeHostia sets itself apart from the competition with its unique plan names (who knew you could buy “Chocolate” web hosting?). In addition, they also have load-balanced server clusters – which allows for increased load times across the company’s assets.

However, these unique “features” don’t do very much to improve the quality of their hosting.

Their customer service has earned many glowing recommendations in recent years, they offer 3 free email accounts and up to 5 hosted domains (a rarity in the free web hosting space). Yet, these enticing offers aren't nearly enough to offset the hefty restrictions and performance issues with which you'll be faced.

Limitations

The biggest problem with Freehostia's free hosting is the restrictions they place on your storage and bandwidth.

With a paltry 250MB of storage and 6GB of bandwidth, even the most minimalist of webmasters will struggle to build a site that contains more than a few images and a line or two of plain text.

However, the real nails in the coffin are the unreliable uptimes and incredibly slow speeds.

Freehostia might work for hosting a simple test site or low traffic blog... Nevermind – even *that* might be pushing it.

Here's FreeHostia free plan average uptime and load time in 2019:



FreeHostia's uptime and speed 2019

- Here's our FreeHostia test site: hostingfacts-fhostia.com

- [Click here](#) to find complete uptime and load time statistics for the last months

Although the uptimes and load times aren't the worst we've seen (they're still pretty bad), there's no reason to use a company like FreeHostia when you have so many other decent service providers available.

Why We Recommend Avoiding Free Hosting Services

Although the providers we've shared are among the best (which sadly isn't saying much), even the most reputable ones struggle to live up to their promises. Instead, they present their "customers" with slow, and often unusable websites with no chance of succeeding in today's competitive online space.

Also, they can delete your website (or online business) within seconds, leaving you no control...

So, does this mean that hope is lost for the low-budget webmaster-to-be?

Not quite...

Best Alternatives for Free Web Hosting

Free hosts might talk a big game, but at the end of the day will leave you with a shell of a site. All their services are unable to meet even the most basic standards required to run a successful business website.

Even with the tight restrictions on bandwidth, storage, and basic features like email accounts and website installations.

However, you can secure fast and reliable hosting with

truly unlimited bandwidth and storage for pennies on the dollar. This is thanks to advances in technology and competition in the marketplace.

In fact, with the plethora of new-customer discounts and other offers, you can easily buy 2-3 years of web hosting for less than \$100.

So if you didn't find anything useful on this list, we recommend you to browse our [cheap web hosts](#).