

E-RATE FUNDING IN U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

District-by-District Scorecards, 1998–2025

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About This Report

The federal E-Rate program, administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the Federal Communications Commission, provides discounts of up to 90 percent on telecommunications, internet access, and internal connections for eligible schools and libraries. This report presents an E-Rate funding scorecard for every United States congressional district.

Each billed entity is assigned to the congressional district (119th Congress boundaries, U.S. Census TIGER/Line 2024) containing the largest number of its recipient sites, located by their USAC-reported coordinates; entities without usable coordinates use the district in their USAC profile. Funding totals are total authorized disbursements (FCC Form 471 FRN Status, USAC dataset qdmp-ygft); speeds are from Recipient Details and Commitments (avi8-svp9); pre-2016 history is from USAC legacy data (1998-2015). Note: the last year or two in any disbursement series always looks artificially low (FY2025 invoices are still being paid) — that's the real state of USAC's data, not an error.

Each district receives two pages: a funding overview with total disbursements, average discount rates, participating entities and service providers, and a disbursement history covering 1998–2025; followed by rankings of the district's largest E-Rate recipients and service providers and average contracted connection speeds.

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Data: USAC Open Data (opendata.usac.org), retrieved 2026-06-10.

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Table 1. E-Rate Funding Overview

Indicator	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total E-Rate Subsidies	\$3,167,416	\$5,068,165	\$5,273,756	\$3,251,372	\$4,364,568	\$3,439,352	\$2,743,044	\$2,643,256
Average Discount Rate	84%	83%	83%	83%	80%	84%	79%	48%
Number of Service Providers	18	23	18	17	19	17	18	35
Number of Billed Entities	27	26	26	27	29	28	31	35
– School District BENs	16	16	17	18	19	21	20	22
– School BENs	9	8	7	7	7	4	3	3
– Library BENs	2	2	2	2	3	3	7	9
– Consortium BENs	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1

Figure 1. Total E-Rate Disbursements, 1998–2025

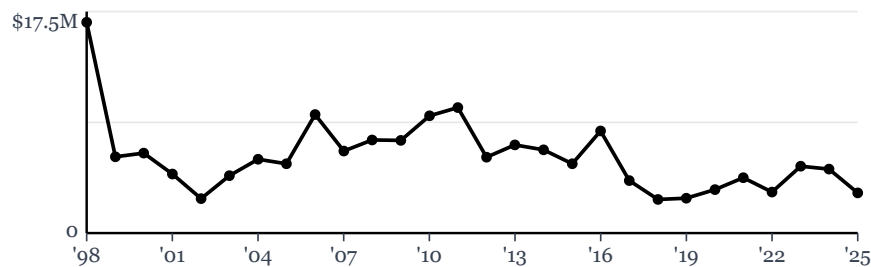


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$140,837
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$2,311,960	\$1,904,361	\$3,162,154	\$1,159,941	\$2,381,749	\$845,822	\$311,262	\$147,141
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$776,756	\$3,064,086	\$1,601,148	\$1,700,184	\$1,722,216	\$2,371,835	\$2,347,835	\$2,219,104
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$76,150	\$73,398	\$176,158	\$68,357	\$0	–	\$491	\$0
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$2,550	\$26,320	\$334,296	\$322,889	\$260,604	\$221,695	\$83,456	\$136,174
Wi-Fi Hotspots Services and Equipment	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Wireless School Bus Services and Equipment	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Sources: USAC Open Data — E-Rate Recipient Details and Commitments (avi8-svp9); FCC Form 471 FRN Status (qdm-p-ygft); USAC legacy commitments 1998–2015. Funding figures are total authorized disbursements; each billed entity is assigned to the 119th-Congress district containing the most of its recipient sites (Census TIGER/Line 2024). 5-yr Total and Average cover FY2021–2025; FY2026 omitted (funding year in progress). Note: the last year or two in any disbursement series always looks artificially low (FY2025 invoices are still being paid), which is why the history charts dip at the end — that’s the real state of USAC’s data, not an error. Technology Policy Institute, 2026-06-10.

Table 3. Top 10 Billed Entities by E-Rate Disbursements (ranked by 5-yr total)

Billed Entity	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	5-yr Total	Average
Jefferson County School District	\$970K	\$2.5M	\$985K	\$746K	\$1.3M	\$447K	\$502K	\$0	\$6.5M	\$1.3M
Birmingham City School District	\$312K	\$533K	\$3.0M	\$822K	\$770K	\$948K	\$810K	\$898K	\$5.4M	\$1.1M
Tuscaloosa City School Dist	\$76K	\$627K	\$280K	\$209K	\$89K	\$78K	\$100K	\$257K	\$1.3M	\$256K
Dallas County School District	\$454K	\$215K	\$182K	\$207K	\$207K	\$200K	\$200K	\$204K	\$1.3M	\$253K
Hoover City School District	\$644K	\$99K	\$117K	\$92K	\$134K	\$87K	\$87K	\$83K	\$1.1M	\$217K
Selma City Schools	–	\$105K	\$85K	\$129K	\$450K	\$275K	–	\$212K	\$769K	\$154K
Bessemer City School Board Of Education	\$174K	–	\$31K	\$103K	\$296K	\$84K	\$53K	\$110K	\$604K	\$121K
Sumter County School District	\$40K	\$196K	\$95K	\$95K	\$95K	\$95K	\$95K	\$143K	\$519K	\$104K
Wilcox County School District	\$39K	\$58K	\$51K	\$87K	\$224K	\$174K	\$87K	\$147K	\$460K	\$92K
Greene County School District	\$71K	\$42K	\$42K	\$145K	\$87K	\$152K	–	\$92K	\$388K	\$78K

Table 4. Top 10 Service Providers by E-Rate Disbursements (ranked by 5-yr total)

Service Provider	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	5-yr Total	Average
Teklinks, Inc	\$1.5M	\$976K	\$1.1M	\$746K	\$1.2M	–	–	–	\$5.6M	\$1.1M
Information Transport Solutions, Inc.	\$642K	\$470K	\$560K	\$777K	\$1.6M	\$1.4M	\$629K	\$926K	\$4.0M	\$806K
Office Management Systems, Inc.	–	\$2K	\$2.5M	\$298K	\$245K	\$211K	\$73K	\$136K	\$3.0M	\$600K
Southern Light, Llc	\$393K	\$611K	\$615K	\$609K	\$572K	\$784K	\$786K	\$690K	\$2.8M	\$560K
Cdw Government Llc	\$76K	\$1.8M	\$145K	\$209K	–	–	\$93K	\$134K	\$2.2M	\$448K
Kam Technologies	\$343K	\$306K	–	\$0	–	–	–	–	\$649K	\$130K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$18K	\$132K	\$143K	\$156K	\$187K	\$139K	\$151K	\$158K	\$637K	\$127K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	\$8K	\$311K	\$40K	–	–	\$447K	\$646K	\$285K	\$359K	\$72K
Technical & Scientific Application Inc.	–	\$134K	\$19K	\$134K	–	–	–	–	\$288K	\$58K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$22K	\$36K	\$12K	\$117K	\$96K	\$165K	\$100K	\$2K	\$282K	\$56K

Table 5. Average Contracted Speeds by Service Type (Mbps)

Service Type	Download					Upload				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	7,049	6,504	6,172	5,666	5,054	7,049	3,227	6,168	5,662	5,052

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