

# **E-RATE FUNDING IN U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

*District-by-District Scorecards, 1998–2025*

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# About This Report

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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](https://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	\$3,181,661	\$10,075,122	\$10,599,550	\$10,427,001	\$10,276,497	\$10,770,059	\$10,026,417	\$10,348,109
Average Discount Rate	82%	82%	82%	83%	83%	81%	79%	64%
Number of Service Providers	50	46	43	46	51	52	43	53
Number of Billed Entities	64	60	64	61	59	66	63	75
– School District BENs	45	39	44	41	39	45	43	54
– School BENs	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
– Library BENs	17	18	17	17	17	19	18	19
– Consortium BENs	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1

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

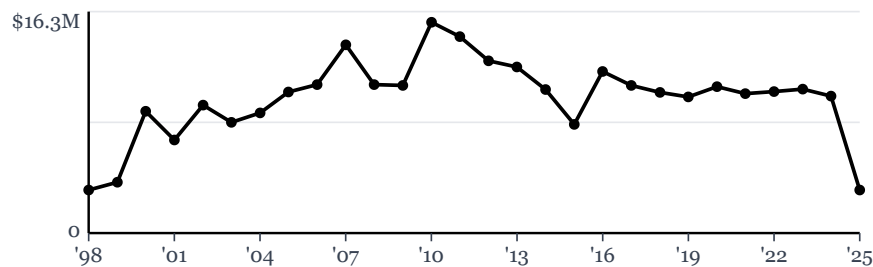


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$24,482
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,643,856	\$1,649,081	\$2,550,401	\$2,343,269	\$1,996,777	\$1,651,189	\$1,437,535	\$1,090,094
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,475,306	\$8,367,103	\$7,964,956	\$8,025,658	\$8,225,198	\$9,027,368	\$8,581,240	\$9,173,354
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$8,695	\$1,045	\$13,554	\$9,559	\$21,548	\$18,693	\$2,668	\$9,156
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$53,805	\$57,893	\$70,639	\$48,515	\$32,974	\$72,809	\$4,974	\$51,024
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
Dis State Of Arkansas	–	\$6.2M	\$6.1M	\$6.2M	\$6.3M	\$6.7M	\$6.4M	\$6.8M	\$24.9M	\$5.0M
Great Rivers Educational Cooperative	\$702K	\$839K	\$894K	\$858K	\$1.8M	–	–	–	\$5.1M	\$1.0M
Jonesboro School District	\$110K	\$277K	\$493K	\$619K	\$119K	\$239K	\$238K	\$163K	\$1.6M	\$323K
Marion School District	\$92K	\$90K	\$386K	\$223K	\$143K	\$238K	\$321K	\$72K	\$933K	\$187K
Nettleton Public School Dist	\$36K	\$278K	\$342K	\$137K	\$136K	\$149K	\$248K	\$137K	\$928K	\$186K
Cabot Public School District	\$20K	\$330K	\$75K	\$210K	\$121K	\$77K	\$117K	\$140K	\$756K	\$151K
Harrison Public School Dist	\$155K	\$94K	\$71K	\$226K	\$112K	\$119K	\$73K	\$63K	\$658K	\$132K
Newport School District	\$173K	\$159K	\$114K	\$88K	\$88K	\$93K	\$53K	\$62K	\$622K	\$124K
Batesville Public School Dist	\$66K	\$61K	\$342K	\$64K	\$43K	\$120K	\$122K	\$40K	\$576K	\$115K
Mountain Home School District	\$41K	\$51K	\$41K	\$279K	\$74K	\$11K	\$64K	\$150K	\$487K	\$97K

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
E. Ritter Communications Holdings, Llc.	\$303K	\$2.4M	\$2.3M	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	\$2.1M	\$9.8M	\$2.0M
Windstream Communications, Llc	\$702K	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$2.7M	\$2.4M	\$2.7M	\$6.8M	\$1.4M
Jsk Company, Inc	\$662K	\$550K	\$1.6M	\$394K	\$1.2M	\$1.0M	\$182K	\$100K	\$4.4M	\$877K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$2K	\$1000K	\$1.0M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$4.2M	\$843K
Arkansas K12 Llc	\$474K	\$853K	\$271K	\$1.6M	\$231K	\$204K	\$493K	\$457K	\$3.4M	\$682K
Cox Arkansas Telecom, Llc	–	\$691K	\$670K	\$652K	\$722K	\$794K	\$703K	\$753K	\$2.7M	\$547K
Centurylink Qwest Communications Company, Llc	–	\$567K	\$662K	\$648K	\$674K	\$831K	\$69K	\$87K	\$2.6M	\$510K
Rasornet, Inc.	–	\$438K	\$436K	\$417K	\$416K	\$124K	–	–	\$1.7M	\$341K
Townes Broadband Corporation	–	\$227K	\$225K	\$228K	\$212K	\$103K	\$87K	\$96K	\$893K	\$179K
Cdw Government Llc	\$170K	\$174K	\$258K	\$70K	\$156K	\$227K	\$125K	\$6K	\$828K	\$166K

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	45,212	44,836	47,117	39,019	38,724	45,210	44,835	47,116	39,019	38,723

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