

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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Indicator	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total E-Rate Subsidies	\$746,516	\$1,906,207	\$3,053,548	\$1,907,704	\$2,578,485	\$2,495,241	\$2,033,263	\$1,686,007
Average Discount Rate	76%	76%	69%	63%	73%	75%	71%	69%
Number of Service Providers	19	16	17	23	21	19	16	15
Number of Billed Entities	11	11	11	11	10	10	9	9
– School District BENs	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
– School BENs	2	2	2	2	1	1	–	–
– Library BENs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

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

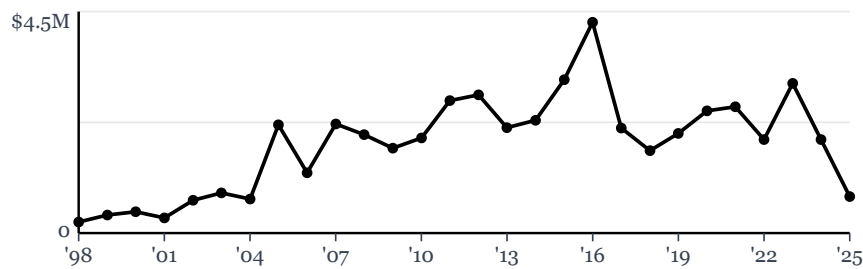


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$418,188	\$424,627	\$1,717,279	\$508,542	\$1,151,740	\$1,034,755	\$395,391	\$3,190
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$306,728	\$1,455,608	\$1,310,008	\$1,347,061	\$1,400,485	\$1,460,486	\$1,584,915	\$1,678,937
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	\$28,102	–	–	\$46,460	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$21,600	\$25,972	\$26,260	\$24,000	\$26,260	–	\$6,497	\$3,881
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
Cherokee County School Dist	–	\$711K	\$885K	\$803K	\$1.1M	\$629K	\$767K	\$594K	\$3.5M	\$694K
Marietta City School District	\$204K	\$149K	\$549K	\$236K	\$463K	\$386K	\$199K	\$245K	\$1.6M	\$320K
Gordon County School Dist	\$202K	\$269K	\$754K	\$144K	\$167K	\$482K	\$182K	\$182K	\$1.5M	\$307K
Bartow County School District	\$99K	\$386K	\$269K	\$132K	\$259K	\$151K	\$340K	\$278K	\$1.1M	\$229K
Pickens County School District	\$73K	\$100K	\$295K	\$118K	\$169K	\$310K	\$147K	\$147K	\$756K	\$151K
Calhoun City Schools	\$116K	\$124K	\$149K	\$66K	\$158K	\$280K	\$52K	\$28K	\$613K	\$123K
Cartersville City Sch District	–	\$60K	\$60K	\$243K	\$73K	\$94K	\$161K	\$59K	\$435K	\$87K
Sequoyah Regional Library	\$21K	\$66K	\$57K	\$88K	\$169K	\$95K	\$96K	\$63K	\$401K	\$80K
Bartow County Library	\$29K	\$32K	\$32K	\$35K	\$40K	\$40K	\$89K	\$89K	\$168K	\$34K
Georgia-Cumberland Academy	–	–	–	\$36K	\$8K	\$27K	–	–	\$44K	\$9K

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
Crown Castle Fiber Llc	–	\$711K	\$598K	\$597K	\$574K	\$574K	\$531K	\$558K	\$2.5M	\$496K
1 Accord Technologies, Llc.	\$67K	\$107K	\$684K	\$87K	\$22K	–	–	–	\$968K	\$194K
Ellijay Telephone Company	\$73K	\$123K	\$318K	\$154K	\$184K	\$348K	\$185K	\$171K	\$853K	\$171K
Ena Services, Llc	\$135K	\$184K	\$166K	\$160K	\$160K	\$217K	\$213K	\$205K	\$804K	\$161K
Wescott Technologies Llc	\$137K	–	–	\$200K	\$296K	\$219K	–	–	\$633K	\$127K
Zayo Group, Llc	\$63K	\$138K	\$138K	\$138K	\$154K	\$154K	\$155K	\$177K	\$632K	\$126K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	–	\$151K	\$151K	\$132K	\$151K	\$151K	\$278K	\$278K	\$587K	\$117K
Veristor Systems, Inc.	–	–	–	–	\$483K	–	–	–	\$483K	\$97K
Smartwave Technologies, Llc	–	–	\$400K	–	–	–	–	–	\$400K	\$80K
Comcast Business Communications	\$32K	\$80K	\$77K	\$101K	\$107K	\$106K	\$154K	\$189K	\$397K	\$79K

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	12,979	9,661	10,763	8,619	6,234	12,979	9,661	10,763	8,619	6,234

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