

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	\$1,152,963	\$1,711,369	\$2,687,448	\$3,725,719	\$4,707,537	\$3,291,000	\$2,823,934	\$2,656,265
Average Discount Rate	80%	79%	77%	77%	74%	75%	75%	56%
Number of Service Providers	29	24	18	26	28	32	32	36
Number of Billed Entities	32	35	31	33	34	34	35	32
– School District BENs	18	20	19	20	21	21	22	22
– School BENs	6	7	4	6	7	7	8	6
– Library BENs	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	3
– Consortium BENs	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1

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

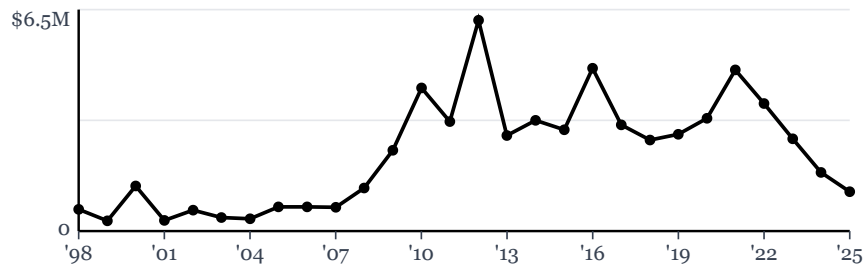


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$130,045
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$475,490	\$309,475	\$801,082	\$2,042,797	\$2,956,792	\$1,376,894	\$1,160,987	\$662,269
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$664,820	\$1,369,854	\$1,864,730	\$1,543,546	\$1,630,102	\$1,655,531	\$1,579,327	\$1,806,294
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$320	\$0	\$0	\$71,295	\$27,236	\$7,447	\$7,689	\$3,973
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$12,332	\$32,041	\$21,637	\$68,082	\$93,407	\$251,128	\$75,930	\$53,684
Wi-Fi Hotspots 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
Cicero School District 99	\$224K	\$374K	\$374K	\$378K	\$2.0M	\$576K	\$533K	\$539K	\$3.3M	\$661K
Uno Charter School Network	\$186K	\$332K	\$832K	\$673K	\$335K	\$455K	\$667K	\$616K	\$2.4M	\$472K
Berwyn South Sd 100	\$377K	\$196K	\$195K	\$414K	\$195K	\$276K	\$168K	\$148K	\$1.4M	\$275K
Morton High School Dist 201	–	\$63K	–	\$506K	\$789K	\$439K	\$179K	\$176K	\$1.4M	\$272K
Mannheim School District 83	–	–	\$660K	\$52K	\$190K	\$378K	\$195K	\$73K	\$902K	\$180K
Berkeley School District 87	–	\$69K	\$73K	\$431K	\$114K	\$119K	\$88K	\$177K	\$687K	\$137K
North Berwyn Sd 98	\$12K	\$84K	\$103K	\$264K	\$128K	\$132K	\$133K	\$258K	\$591K	\$118K
Aspira District	–	\$38K	\$64K	\$64K	\$220K	\$128K	–	\$121K	\$385K	\$77K
Franklin Park School Dist 84	–	\$51K	\$46K	\$51K	\$220K	\$77K	\$101K	\$79K	\$369K	\$74K
Hinsdale Township H S Dist 86	\$14K	\$17K	\$17K	\$137K	\$177K	\$135K	\$106K	\$45K	\$364K	\$73K

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
Cdw Government Llc	\$109K	–	\$187K	\$88K	\$1.6M	\$254K	\$232K	\$129K	\$2.0M	\$399K
Lighttower Fiber Networks Ii, Llc	\$224K	\$335K	\$347K	\$351K	\$351K	\$340K	\$257K	\$257K	\$1.6M	\$322K
Onshore, Inc.	\$186K	\$308K	\$308K	\$302K	\$321K	\$322K	\$326K	\$315K	\$1.4M	\$285K
Comcast Business Communications	\$60K	\$249K	\$340K	\$332K	\$355K	\$389K	\$344K	\$526K	\$1.3M	\$267K
Blue Wire Communications	–	–	–	\$443K	\$731K	\$101K	\$74K	–	\$1.2M	\$235K
Sentinel Technologies, Inc.	\$12K	\$32K	\$569K	\$385K	\$76K	\$470K	\$470K	\$325K	\$1.1M	\$215K
Comcast Phone, Llc	\$164K	\$175K	\$174K	\$190K	\$214K	\$191K	\$91K	\$18K	\$918K	\$184K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$23K	\$130K	\$137K	\$167K	\$176K	\$172K	\$163K	\$205K	\$634K	\$127K
E2 Services, Inc.	–	\$8K	\$3K	\$382K	\$75K	\$51K	\$9K	\$98K	\$468K	\$94K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	–	–	\$435K	–	–	–	–	–	\$435K	\$87K

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	3,826	3,088	2,450	2,405	2,655	3,824	3,082	2,439	2,396	2,648

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