

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	\$768,103	\$801,245	\$1,628,795	\$1,362,084	\$2,299,228	\$1,124,124	\$1,248,926	\$1,705,211
Average Discount Rate	52%	51%	53%	52%	51%	51%	52%	51%
Number of Service Providers	18	15	20	24	27	25	26	34
Number of Billed Entities	26	24	24	26	27	27	30	24
– School District BENs	13	11	13	14	15	14	15	15
– School BENs	10	11	9	11	10	11	12	6
– Library BENs	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1
– Consortium BENs	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	2

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

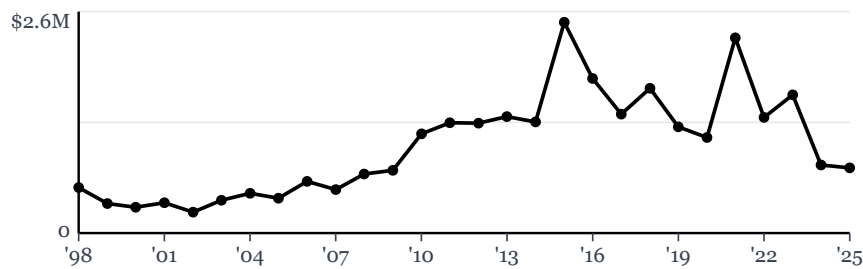


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$2,348
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$309,503	\$189,159	\$1,076,491	\$635,622	\$1,433,741	\$424,320	\$242,761	\$531,540
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$450,100	\$612,087	\$502,263	\$686,064	\$796,011	\$692,547	\$998,799	\$1,144,044
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	\$40,753	\$35,957	\$34,798	\$1,303	\$7,365	\$27,278
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$8,500	–	\$9,288	\$4,440	\$34,678	\$5,953	–	–
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
The Catholic Bishop Of Chicago	\$306K	\$305K	\$200K	\$265K	\$282K	\$209K	\$264K	\$299K	\$1.4M	\$272K
Palatine Cc School District 15	–	–	\$735K	\$109K	\$482K	–	\$128K	\$383K	\$1.3M	\$265K
Barrington Cusd 220	\$125K	\$36K	\$15K	\$50K	\$461K	\$174K	\$57K	\$117K	\$686K	\$137K
East Maine School District 63	\$29K	\$54K	\$54K	\$359K	\$137K	\$104K	\$134K	\$147K	\$631K	\$126K
Leyden Comm High Sch Dist 212	\$33K	–	\$163K	\$39K	\$293K	\$156K	\$97K	\$178K	\$528K	\$106K
Northwest Suburban Spec Ed Org	\$98K	\$124K	\$94K	\$91K	\$94K	\$108K	\$92K	\$89K	\$502K	\$100K
Park Rdg Comm Cons Sch Dist 64	\$22K	\$87K	\$130K	\$175K	\$85K	\$62K	\$81K	\$76K	\$499K	\$100K
Rowe Elementary Charter Schools	\$32K	\$50K	\$50K	\$51K	\$139K	\$72K	\$39K	\$67K	\$322K	\$64K
Lake Zurich School District 95	\$35K	\$45K	\$106K	–	\$10K	\$8K	\$112K	\$91K	\$196K	\$39K
Mount Prospect School Dist 57	–	\$24K	\$24K	\$27K	\$78K	\$31K	\$39K	\$60K	\$153K	\$31K

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	\$129K	\$102K	\$796K	\$186K	\$123K	\$60K	\$103K	\$79K	\$1.3M	\$267K
Comcast Business Communications	\$161K	\$207K	\$202K	\$198K	\$315K	\$257K	\$248K	\$503K	\$1.1M	\$217K
Comcast Cable Communications, Llc	\$192K	\$240K	\$158K	\$188K	\$199K	\$171K	\$170K	\$2K	\$977K	\$195K
Amco Hbs Holdings Lp	\$136K	\$36K	\$15K	–	\$434K	\$154K	\$13K	\$29K	\$621K	\$124K
Step Cg, Llc	–	–	\$41K	\$33K	\$482K	–	–	–	\$556K	\$111K
Opt2mized Networks, Inc.	–	–	\$163K	–	\$250K	\$120K	\$38K	\$110K	\$412K	\$82K
22vets Llc	–	–	–	\$270K	–	–	–	–	\$270K	\$54K
Onshore, Inc.	\$26K	\$50K	\$50K	\$51K	\$38K	\$38K	\$39K	\$65K	\$214K	\$43K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$42K	\$54K	\$17K	\$43K	\$40K	\$37K	\$61K	\$62K	\$195K	\$39K
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Llc	\$605	\$10K	\$22K	\$52K	\$59K	\$49K	\$188K	\$210K	\$144K	\$29K

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	1,818	1,599	1,840	1,787	1,401	1,389	1,264	1,552	1,614	1,240

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