

# **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	\$1,536,415	\$5,264,824	\$15,082,738	\$8,209,076	\$30,166,657	\$11,416,240	\$32,713,629	\$17,972,451
Average Discount Rate	79%	77%	81%	75%	79%	78%	77%	60%
Number of Service Providers	36	32	31	31	29	36	37	43
Number of Billed Entities	36	37	40	42	42	44	46	43
– School District BENS	16	15	18	18	18	18	18	18
– School BENS	18	20	20	22	22	24	26	22
– Library BENS	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
– Consortium BENS	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

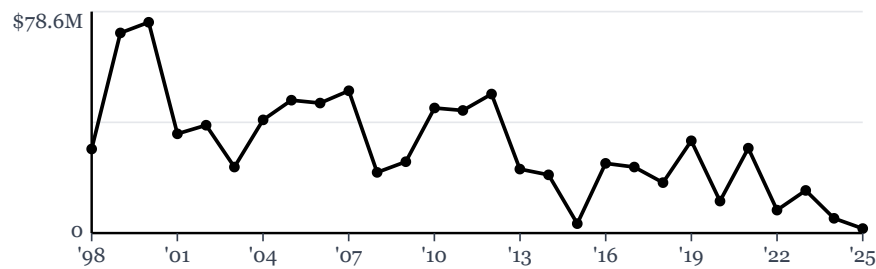


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$480,613
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$828,870	\$712,949	\$647,997	\$2,543,407	\$24,705,660	\$6,365,860	\$589,383	\$3,582,914
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$692,624	\$4,491,591	\$14,403,849	\$5,644,276	\$5,365,839	\$4,997,201	\$32,103,362	\$13,880,919
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	\$28,380	\$19,998	\$18,393	\$12,732	\$27,402	\$6,569	\$20,323
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$14,921	\$31,905	\$10,893	\$3,000	\$82,427	\$25,777	\$14,316	\$7,682
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
Chicago Public Schools	–	\$2.6M	\$12.4M	\$5.7M	\$25.8M	\$8.7M	\$30.1M	\$14.7M	\$46.4M	\$9.3M
Noble Network Of Charter Schools	\$217K	\$445K	\$511K	\$511K	\$2.3M	\$460K	\$510K	\$575K	\$4.0M	\$795K
Youth Connection Charter School	\$241K	\$555K	\$307K	\$274K	\$258K	\$335K	\$305K	\$305K	\$1.6M	\$327K
Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview S.D. #89	–	\$249K	\$553K	\$230K	\$253K	\$264K	\$256K	\$710K	\$1.3M	\$257K
Chicago Public Library	–	\$280K	\$277K	\$271K	\$338K	\$356K	\$0	–	\$1.2M	\$233K
Kipp Chicago Schools	\$123K	\$194K	\$162K	\$217K	\$226K	\$231K	\$311K	\$164K	\$923K	\$185K
Proviso Twp High Sch Dist 209	\$524K	\$26K	\$162K	\$23K	\$22K	\$0	\$22K	\$210K	\$759K	\$152K
Learn Charter School Network	\$102K	\$99K	\$106K	\$168K	\$157K	\$181K	\$210K	\$304K	\$633K	\$127K
Oak Park Elem School Dist 97	–	\$402K	\$7K	\$16K	\$17K	\$74K	\$138K	\$137K	\$442K	\$88K
Oak Park-River Forest Dist 200	\$20K	\$14K	\$11K	\$207K	\$35K	\$54K	\$86K	\$63K	\$287K	\$57K

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
Sentinel Technologies, Inc.	\$27K	\$16K	–	\$2.0M	\$24.5M	\$6.0M	–	\$2.8M	\$26.5M	\$5.3M
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Llc	\$22K	\$566K	\$3.7M	\$4.3M	\$3.4M	\$3.2M	\$2.8M	\$12.0M	\$12.0M	\$2.4M
Netsync Network Solutions	–	\$2.6M	\$9.2M	–	–	–	\$27.5M	–	\$11.8M	\$2.4M
Onshore, Inc.	\$353K	\$607K	\$694K	\$684K	\$671K	\$623K	\$671K	\$657K	\$3.0M	\$602K
Comcast Business Communications	\$56K	\$290K	\$314K	\$264K	\$446K	\$477K	\$436K	\$428K	\$1.4M	\$274K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$25K	\$163K	\$177K	\$202K	\$592K	\$433K	\$387K	\$723K	\$1.2M	\$232K
Cdw Government Llc	\$102K	\$484K	\$23K	\$360K	\$133K	\$218K	\$381K	\$281K	\$1.1M	\$221K
Em3 Networks Llc	\$165K	\$211K	\$156K	\$133K	\$173K	\$191K	\$169K	\$107K	\$838K	\$168K
Tympani Incorporated	\$503K	\$16K	\$174K	\$9K	\$60K	\$24K	\$66K	–	\$762K	\$152K
Amco Hbs Holdings Lp	–	\$21K	\$321K	\$57K	\$44K	\$53K	\$37K	\$355K	\$442K	\$88K

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	47,135	18,948	19,608	58,275	15,564	47,188	18,947	19,607	58,275	11,601

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