

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	\$2,781,143	\$3,127,629	\$5,021,483	\$3,743,499	\$2,799,477	\$4,016,563	\$3,689,684	\$3,349,307
Average Discount Rate	69%	63%	60%	56%	62%	66%	56%	60%
Number of Service Providers	23	17	22	18	26	26	22	24
Number of Billed Entities	18	22	23	24	25	26	30	25
– School District BENs	12	14	15	15	15	14	16	16
– School BENs	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	2
– Library BENs	3	5	5	6	6	7	8	7

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

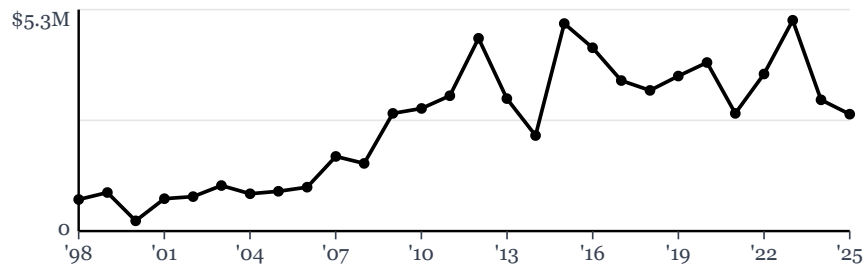


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$6,023
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$2,423,665	\$1,775,873	\$1,447,690	\$2,201,675	\$794,133	\$2,032,325	\$1,641,002	\$1,240,663
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$328,874	\$1,321,308	\$3,563,420	\$1,519,790	\$1,983,289	\$1,951,019	\$2,002,553	\$2,050,485
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$14,385	\$30,448	\$10,373	\$10,009	\$19,655	\$15,571	\$33,799	\$52,136
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$14,219	–	–	\$12,025	\$2,400	\$17,649	\$12,330	–
Wi-Fi Hotspots Services and Equipment	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Sources: USAC Open Data — E-Rate Recipient Details and Commitments (avi8-svp9); FCC Form 471 FRN Status (qdmf-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
School District Unit 46	\$1.7M	\$765K	\$745K	\$1.8M	\$703K	\$1.3M	\$1.1M	\$1.3M	\$5.6M	\$1.1M
Schaumburg School District 54	\$0	\$542K	\$2.2M	\$291K	\$272K	\$354K	\$317K	\$116K	\$3.3M	\$663K
Township High School Dist 214	–	\$163K	\$642K	\$422K	\$165K	\$512K	\$573K	\$180K	\$1.4M	\$278K
Des Plaines School District 62	\$76K	\$495K	\$182K	\$102K	\$422K	\$280K	\$213K	\$250K	\$1.3M	\$255K
Community Consolidated School District 59	–	\$245K	\$356K	\$359K	\$115K	\$255K	\$151K	\$105K	\$1.1M	\$215K
Marquardt School District 15	\$239K	\$271K	\$124K	\$121K	\$299K	\$261K	\$230K	\$405K	\$1.1M	\$211K
Community Unit School Dist 300	\$388K	\$235K	\$59K	\$179K	\$192K	\$511K	\$498K	\$349K	\$1.1M	\$211K
Du Page High Sch District 88	\$325K	\$17K	\$203K	\$40K	\$41K	\$22K	\$25K	\$30K	\$626K	\$125K
Community Cons School Dist 093	\$3K	\$170K	\$144K	\$135K	\$87K	\$110K	\$179K	\$200K	\$538K	\$108K
Wood Dale School District 7	–	\$34K	\$42K	\$63K	\$194K	\$86K	\$60K	\$62K	\$333K	\$67K

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	\$709K	\$974K	\$544K	\$335K	\$276K	\$678K	\$803K	\$261K	\$2.8M	\$567K
Comcast Phone, Llc	–	\$188K	\$747K	\$625K	\$745K	\$548K	\$562K	\$476K	\$2.3M	\$461K
Sentinel Technologies, Inc.	\$396K	\$296K	–	\$1.2M	\$17K	\$677K	\$409K	\$124K	\$1.9M	\$388K
Wanrack Llc	\$0	–	\$1.8M	–	–	–	–	–	\$1.8M	\$369K
Comcast Business Communications	\$129K	\$239K	\$370K	\$414K	\$455K	\$835K	\$653K	\$686K	\$1.6M	\$321K
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Llc	\$57K	\$198K	\$228K	\$186K	\$389K	\$419K	\$445K	\$509K	\$1.1M	\$212K
Low Voltage Solutions, Inc.	\$449K	–	\$515K	–	–	–	–	–	\$964K	\$193K
Metro Fibernet Llc	–	\$440K	\$92K	–	\$50K	\$32K	\$29K	–	\$583K	\$117K
Unite Private Networks, Llc-Illinois	–	\$144K	\$142K	\$142K	\$142K	\$143K	\$113K	\$113K	\$570K	\$114K
Dsn Group	–	–	\$235K	\$239K	\$94K	–	–	–	\$568K	\$114K

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	7,075	8,785	8,474	7,266	6,101	27,257	8,784	8,766	7,576	6,099

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