

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	\$928,565	\$1,270,589	\$1,807,445	\$2,180,639	\$1,196,659	\$1,215,630	\$1,894,349	\$1,690,545
Average Discount Rate	59%	56%	56%	54%	53%	55%	55%	51%
Number of Service Providers	33	28	35	34	31	32	34	37
Number of Billed Entities	43	43	45	43	43	42	44	43
— School District BENs	24	24	26	25	25	25	26	26
— School BENs	14	14	14	13	11	11	11	12
— Library BENs	4	4	4	4	6	5	6	4
— Consortium BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

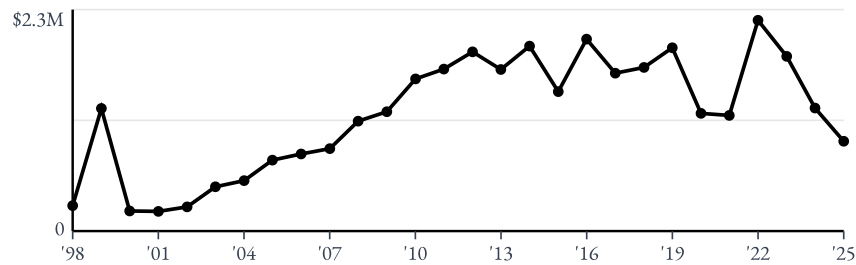


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$651
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$647,513	\$514,237	\$1,020,187	\$1,339,554	\$284,219	\$388,011	\$862,334	\$585,354
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$280,587	\$732,769	\$756,868	\$806,688	\$892,362	\$806,282	\$1,011,115	\$1,076,508
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$464	\$23,583	\$15,840	\$17,243	\$18,883	\$20,739	\$19,704	\$26,836
Managed Internal Broadband Services	—	—	\$14,550	\$17,155	\$1,195	\$598	\$1,195	\$1,195
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
Evanston-Skokie School District 65	\$138K	\$259K	\$95K	\$343K	\$170K	\$191K	\$454K	\$437K	\$1.0M	\$201K
Niles Township High School D219	—	\$59K	\$235K	\$242K	\$42K	\$43K	\$234K	\$33K	\$579K	\$116K
Community High School Dist 155	—	\$141K	\$179K	\$71K	\$83K	\$72K	\$79K	\$79K	\$474K	\$95K
Wilmette School District 39	\$28K	\$82K	\$56K	\$212K	\$56K	\$45K	\$46K	\$45K	\$433K	\$87K
Arlington Heights Sch Dist 25	\$25K	—	\$131K	\$164K	\$41K	\$76K	\$138K	\$152K	\$360K	\$72K
Northfield Twp H S Dist 225	\$313K	\$15K	\$30K	—	—	\$5K	\$0	—	\$358K	\$72K
New Trier High School District 203	\$6K	\$7K	\$21K	\$259K	\$55K	\$75K	\$68K	\$58K	\$347K	\$69K
Cary Elementary School District 26	\$41K	\$76K	\$60K	\$67K	\$68K	\$74K	\$68K	\$75K	\$312K	\$62K
Evanston Township High School District 202	—	\$35K	\$158K	\$42K	\$71K	\$130K	\$32K	—	\$306K	\$61K
Skokie School District 69	\$27K	\$53K	\$86K	\$51K	\$50K	\$77K	\$53K	\$52K	\$267K	\$53K

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	\$424K	\$281K	\$410K	\$616K	\$201K	\$245K	\$637K	\$454K	\$1.9M	\$386K
Comcast Business Communications	\$115K	\$388K	\$429K	\$359K	\$403K	\$405K	\$590K	\$655K	\$1.7M	\$339K
Rcn Telecom Sevices Of Illinois, Llc	\$51K	\$107K	\$106K	\$127K	\$105K	\$56K	\$48K	\$48K	\$497K	\$99K
Unite Private Networks, Llc-Illinois	\$54K	\$79K	\$79K	\$115K	\$147K	\$148K	\$147K	\$147K	\$474K	\$95K
Sentinel Technologies, Inc.	\$19K	\$130K	\$83K	\$177K	\$13K	\$55K	\$24K	\$15K	\$422K	\$84K
Qubit Networks, Llc	—	—	\$239K	\$121K	—	—	—	—	\$360K	\$72K
Comcast Phone, Llc	\$17K	\$28K	\$35K	\$82K	\$74K	\$34K	\$35K	\$39K	\$236K	\$47K
Mnj Technologies Direct, Inc.	\$35K	\$12K	\$38K	\$111K	\$12K	\$532	\$29K	\$4K	\$208K	\$42K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$31K	\$49K	\$37K	\$44K	\$45K	\$44K	\$50K	\$51K	\$206K	\$41K
E2 Services, Inc.	\$69K	\$39K	\$41K	\$14K	\$12K	\$3K	\$50K	\$18K	\$175K	\$35K

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	5,820	4,259	4,948	2,871	2,653	5,807	4,249	4,934	2,859	2,648

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