

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	\$1,628,777	\$6,952,585	\$7,570,517	\$5,244,053	\$4,456,421	\$4,594,633	\$3,922,398	\$4,011,821
Average Discount Rate	61%	62%	59%	55%	55%	58%	61%	52%
Number of Service Providers	36	36	43	44	46	46	43	43
Number of Billed Entities	44	46	48	48	54	57	57	54
– School District BENs	35	36	41	41	45	49	49	46
– School BENs	3	5	2	2	4	3	4	4
– Library BENs	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
– Consortium BENs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

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

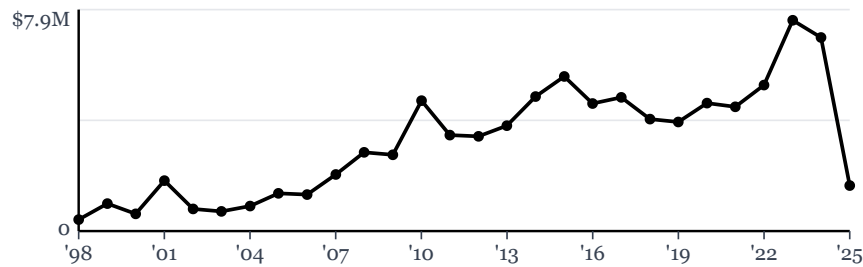


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$96,724
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$809,590	\$1,485,945	\$3,979,957	\$2,115,447	\$1,629,265	\$2,010,740	\$1,248,278	\$992,987
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$783,589	\$5,433,038	\$3,555,947	\$3,035,095	\$2,753,135	\$2,551,670	\$2,621,534	\$2,916,246
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$16,683	\$30,446	\$33,803	\$17,330	\$28,043	\$20,426	\$26,958	\$5,864
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$18,916	\$3,156	\$810	\$76,180	\$45,978	\$11,798	\$25,628	–
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
Wheeling School District 21	\$176K	\$3.9M	\$954K	\$388K	\$437K	\$371K	\$196K	\$141K	\$5.9M	\$1.2M
Waukegan Cud60	\$620K	\$630K	\$2.3M	\$679K	\$876K	\$1.2M	\$923K	\$638K	\$5.1M	\$1.0M
Zion School District 6	\$27K	\$44K	\$1.5M	\$70K	\$99K	\$91K	\$163K	\$145K	\$1.8M	\$358K
Round Lake Area Sch Dist 116	\$61K	\$194K	\$113K	\$751K	\$151K	\$233K	\$207K	\$177K	\$1.3M	\$254K
N Chicago C U Sch Dist 187	–	\$72K	\$177K	\$276K	\$333K	\$415K	\$116K	\$119K	\$857K	\$171K
Deerfield School District 109	\$10K	\$35K	\$33K	\$511K	\$267K	\$109K	\$82K	\$70K	\$855K	\$171K
Lake Co Special Educ Coop	\$46K	\$223K	\$96K	\$142K	\$166K	\$114K	\$119K	\$98K	\$674K	\$135K
North Shore School Dist 112	–	–	\$120K	\$324K	\$224K	\$95K	\$147K	\$288K	\$668K	\$134K
Woodland School District 50	\$19K	\$507K	\$28K	\$12K	\$19K	\$28K	\$12K	\$148K	\$585K	\$117K
Gurnee School District 56	\$26K	–	\$275K	\$70K	\$94K	\$78K	\$69K	\$54K	\$465K	\$93K

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
Wanrack Llc	\$78K	\$3.5M	\$1.2M	\$475K	–	–	–	–	\$5.2M	\$1.0M
Cdw Government Llc	\$253K	\$559K	\$1.4M	\$380K	\$655K	\$893K	\$604K	\$585K	\$3.2M	\$639K
Crown Castle Fiber Llc	\$367K	\$677K	\$576K	\$569K	\$576K	\$565K	\$555K	\$549K	\$2.8M	\$553K
Comcast Business Communications	\$35K	\$145K	\$578K	\$706K	\$753K	\$739K	\$852K	\$1.0M	\$2.2M	\$443K
Paragon Development Systems Inc.	\$132K	–	\$1.6M	\$13K	–	\$570K	\$153K	\$0	\$1.8M	\$354K
Net56, Inc	\$181K	\$533K	\$273K	\$286K	\$370K	\$277K	\$259K	\$166K	\$1.6M	\$329K
22vets Llc	\$69K	\$192K	\$267K	\$1.1M	–	–	–	–	\$1.6M	\$318K
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Llc	\$16K	\$166K	\$352K	\$354K	\$388K	\$311K	\$294K	\$288K	\$1.3M	\$255K
Comcast Phone, Llc	–	\$118K	\$159K	\$164K	\$234K	\$242K	\$189K	\$36K	\$674K	\$135K
Amco Hbs Holdings Lp	–	\$28K	\$27K	\$207K	\$344K	\$39K	\$115K	\$179K	\$606K	\$121K

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	8,561	8,984	5,799	5,277	4,571	8,530	8,956	5,791	5,269	4,569

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