

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	\$2,443,832	\$2,802,051	\$2,182,876	\$2,778,508	\$3,477,298	\$3,683,343	\$3,660,587	\$2,404,263
Average Discount Rate	68%	68%	68%	67%	66%	66%	65%	63%
Number of Service Providers	63	63	64	72	86	87	90	85
Number of Billed Entities	103	109	112	114	125	137	132	128
— School District BENs	73	80	80	82	91	101	98	94
— School BENs	10	10	12	12	13	16	15	13
— Library BENs	20	19	20	20	21	20	19	21

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

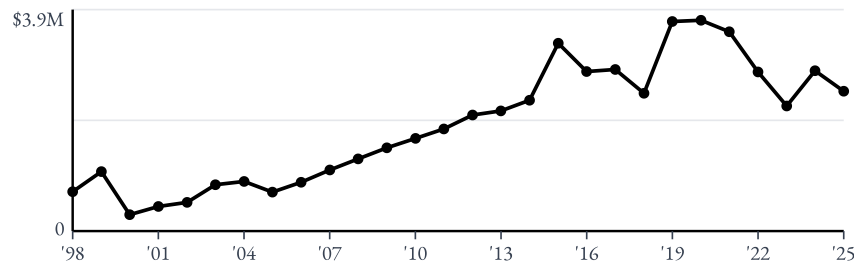


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$7,775
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,677,862	\$1,649,393	\$926,030	\$1,303,508	\$1,433,870	\$1,441,236	\$1,087,406	\$639,540
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$689,441	\$937,662	\$1,098,341	\$1,277,612	\$1,853,198	\$2,094,188	\$2,464,426	\$1,668,484
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$12,100	\$11,966	\$18,965	\$8,934	\$8,215	\$67,867	\$44,059	\$24,641
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$64,429	\$203,031	\$139,540	\$188,455	\$182,015	\$80,053	\$64,695	\$63,823
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
Mclean County Sch Dist Unit 5	\$406K	\$190K	\$173K	\$174K	\$204K	\$547K	\$116K	\$105K	\$1.1M	\$229K
Harlem School District 122	\$79K	\$747K	\$12K	—	—	\$136K	\$172K	\$276K	\$838K	\$168K
Harvard School District 50	\$211K	\$64K	\$64K	\$169K	\$33K	\$279K	\$36K	\$53K	\$542K	\$108K
North Boone School Dist 200	\$34K	\$34K	\$29K	\$53K	\$254K	\$614K	\$37K	\$48K	\$403K	\$81K
Putnam County School District 535	\$28K	\$7K	\$14K	\$16K	\$308K	\$7K	\$17K	\$4K	\$373K	\$75K
Pleasant Valley School Dist 62	\$78K	\$78K	\$68K	\$73K	\$65K	\$42K	\$84K	\$54K	\$361K	\$72K
Geneseo School District 228	\$217K	\$27K	\$17K	\$17K	\$17K	\$17K	\$37K	\$17K	\$294K	\$59K
Coal City Comm Unit Sch Dist 1	\$160K	\$33K	\$21K	\$22K	\$22K	\$74K	\$76K	\$44K	\$259K	\$52K
Minooka School District 201	\$14K	\$87K	\$71K	\$49K	\$35K	\$27K	\$31K	\$50K	\$256K	\$51K
South Beloit Unit Sch Dist 320	\$69K	\$32K	\$40K	\$54K	\$60K	\$54K	\$54K	\$53K	\$255K	\$51K

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
Stratus Networks, Inc	\$230K	\$355K	\$394K	\$420K	\$498K	\$413K	\$462K	\$390K	\$1.9M	\$379K
Cdw Government Llc	\$154K	\$885K	\$38K	\$271K	\$163K	\$380K	\$148K	\$231K	\$1.5M	\$302K
Heart Technologies, Inc.	\$281K	\$132K	\$215K	\$345K	\$198K	\$82K	\$286K	—	\$1.2M	\$234K
Presidio Networked Solutions Group Llc	\$141K	\$99K	\$52K	\$129K	\$289K	\$34K	\$35K	\$45K	\$710K	\$142K
Presidio Networked Solutions Group Llc	\$374K	\$158K	\$59K	\$79K	\$3K	\$455K	\$124K	\$7K	\$673K	\$135K
Comcast Business Communications	\$13K	\$80K	\$116K	\$170K	\$201K	\$346K	\$430K	\$345K	\$581K	\$116K
Northern Illinois University	\$32K	\$75K	\$78K	\$139K	\$191K	\$166K	\$150K	\$156K	\$516K	\$103K
Shi International Corpo.	\$217K	\$49K	\$59K	\$153K	\$33K	\$30K	\$5K	\$4K	\$512K	\$102K
Mcnabb Internet Connections	\$4K	\$7K	\$7K	\$2K	\$305K	—	—	—	\$325K	\$65K
Net56, Inc	\$189K	\$45K	\$45K	\$45K	—	\$0	—	—	\$324K	\$65K

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	2,104	1,872	1,378	986	1,489	1,922	1,735	1,225	968	1,138

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