

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	\$2,887,211	\$4,306,720	\$5,566,389	\$5,096,671	\$5,226,318	\$5,906,731	\$4,407,110	\$3,734,549
Average Discount Rate	75%	76%	73%	73%	72%	77%	73%	63%
Number of Service Providers	54	53	58	54	50	65	61	65
Number of Billed Entities	78	80	87	93	96	98	101	95
— School District BENs	45	47	49	55	55	59	64	63
— School BENs	17	18	21	20	22	20	20	15
— Library BENs	16	15	17	18	19	19	17	17

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

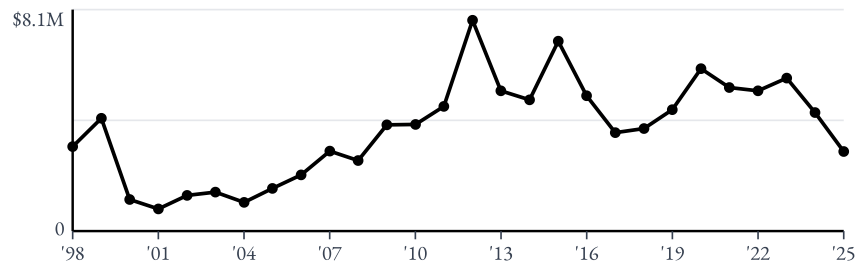


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$63,539
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,613,400	\$2,050,681	\$1,884,267	\$2,949,999	\$2,635,202	\$3,438,106	\$1,560,163	\$1,129,616
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,114,924	\$2,179,061	\$3,539,335	\$2,074,951	\$2,425,422	\$2,447,968	\$2,820,603	\$2,491,848
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$5,546	\$11,446	\$7,536	\$0	\$12,344	\$20,201	\$21,402	\$49,545
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$153,341	\$65,532	\$135,251	\$71,721	\$153,350	\$456	\$4,942	–
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
Rockford School District 205	\$1.3M	\$1.1M	\$964K	\$2.4M	\$1.3M	\$2.0M	\$1.2M	\$493K	\$7.1M	\$1.4M
Peoria School District 150	—	\$301K	\$866K	\$160K	\$870K	\$1.2M	\$969K	\$393K	\$2.2M	\$440K
East Moline School District 37	\$259K	\$49K	\$1.3M	\$150K	\$112K	\$167K	\$43K	\$176K	\$1.9M	\$378K
Freeport School District 145	—	\$404K	\$96K	\$100K	\$286K	\$100K	\$85K	\$2K	\$885K	\$177K
Bloomington Public Schools, District 87	\$262K	\$381K	\$76K	\$73K	\$78K	\$473K	\$87K	\$121K	\$869K	\$174K
Galesburg Community Unit School District #205	—	\$65K	\$73K	\$205K	\$508K	\$67K	\$60K	\$268K	\$851K	\$170K
Rockford Public Library System	\$33K	\$48K	\$321K	\$223K	\$39K	\$32K	\$113K	\$116K	\$664K	\$133K
Canton Union School Dist 66	\$57K	\$63K	\$194K	\$97K	\$192K	\$63K	\$78K	\$66K	\$602K	\$120K
Rock Island-Milan School District 41	\$50K	\$206K	\$79K	\$79K	\$105K	\$85K	\$162K	\$172K	\$518K	\$104K
Kewanee School District 229	—	\$169K	\$85K	\$94K	\$138K	\$172K	\$146K	\$140K	\$486K	\$97K

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	\$814K	\$892K	\$101K	\$1.8M	\$975K	\$1.7M	\$654K	\$594K	\$4.6M	\$922K
Unite Private Networks, Llc-Illinois	\$637K	\$766K	\$796K	\$803K	\$761K	\$756K	\$743K	\$589K	\$3.8M	\$753K
Wanrack Llc	\$33K	\$33K	\$1.2M	—	—	—	—	—	\$1.3M	\$252K
Heart Technologies, Inc.	\$65K	\$156K	\$15K	\$287K	\$601K	\$256K	\$6K	—	\$1.1M	\$225K
Stratus Networks, Inc	\$104K	\$179K	\$241K	\$213K	\$230K	\$273K	\$286K	\$270K	\$966K	\$193K
Windstream Communications, Llc	—	\$283K	\$275K	\$58K	\$329K	\$306K	\$326K	\$341K	\$945K	\$189K
Geneseo Communications, Inc.	\$25K	\$42K	\$203K	\$187K	\$172K	\$189K	\$77K	\$78K	\$629K	\$126K
Presidio Networked Solutions Group Llc	—	\$18K	\$591K	—	—	—	—	—	\$609K	\$122K
Mcc Telephony, Llc	\$81K	\$134K	\$147K	\$106K	\$132K	\$159K	\$238K	\$203K	\$600K	\$120K
Presidio Networked Solutions Group Llc	—	—	—	—	\$474K	\$874K	\$656K	\$63K	\$474K	\$95K

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	6,126	6,886	5,551	4,488	4,624	6,112	6,881	5,538	4,465	4,613

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