

# **E-RATE FUNDING IN U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

*District-by-District Scorecards, 1998–2025*

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## About This Report

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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](https://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	\$3,480,174	\$4,408,577	\$3,518,876	\$4,441,145	\$3,914,150	\$4,421,687	\$3,709,044	\$2,533,542
Average Discount Rate	78%	76%	75%	76%	73%	76%	74%	56%
Number of Service Providers	30	34	32	29	27	32	30	33
Number of Billed Entities	64	64	63	64	60	62	67	63
— School District BENs	31	31	30	32	28	30	34	30
— School BENs	15	16	15	14	14	14	15	15
— Library BENs	18	17	18	18	18	18	18	18

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

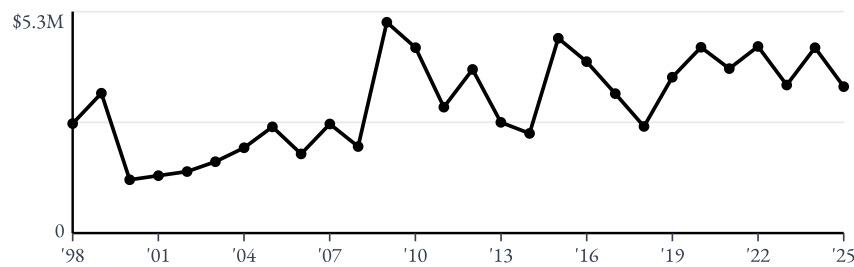


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$53,615
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$2,634,096	\$2,645,063	\$2,003,303	\$2,603,023	\$2,604,531	\$2,775,154	\$2,270,765	\$1,061,042
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$652,662	\$1,484,313	\$1,325,429	\$1,670,741	\$1,251,309	\$1,594,192	\$1,398,304	\$1,368,070
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$7,146	\$107,779	\$26,657	\$28,397	\$34,631	\$37,363	\$36,946	\$37,674
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$186,270	\$171,422	\$163,487	\$138,985	\$23,681	\$14,978	\$3,028	\$13,141
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
Boone County School District	\$0	\$1.1M	\$178K	\$640K	\$971K	\$781K	\$513K	\$322K	<b>\$2.8M</b>	\$569K
Kenton County School District	\$1.8M	\$114K	\$114K	\$82K	\$0	\$564K	\$351K	\$98K	<b>\$2.1M</b>	\$414K
Shelby County Public Schools	\$129K	\$645K	\$60K	\$94K	\$123K	\$328K	\$394K	—	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$210K
Oldham County School District	—	\$372K	\$224K	\$317K	\$70K	\$194K	\$188K	\$648K	<b>\$984K</b>	\$197K
Campbell County School Dist	\$171K	\$94K	\$109K	\$462K	\$121K	\$252K	\$139K	\$86K	<b>\$958K</b>	\$192K
Lewis County School District	\$89K	\$111K	\$108K	\$500K	\$127K	\$129K	\$42K	\$100K	<b>\$936K</b>	\$187K
Grant County School District	\$238K	\$77K	\$86K	\$77K	\$370K	\$223K	\$67K	—	<b>\$848K</b>	\$170K
Nelson County School District	\$2K	\$56K	\$601K	\$56K	\$96K	\$158K	\$56K	\$61K	<b>\$810K</b>	\$162K
Covington Independent Public Schools	\$44K	\$327K	\$223K	\$116K	\$81K	\$198K	\$86K	\$112K	<b>\$791K</b>	\$158K
Pendleton County School Dist	\$101K	\$229K	\$83K	\$126K	\$130K	\$126K	\$145K	\$184K	<b>\$669K</b>	\$134K

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
Extreme Networks	\$164K	\$54K	\$1.1M	\$2.2M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$953K	<b>\$5.6M</b>	\$1.1M
Step Cg, Llc	\$959K	\$2.6M	\$181K	\$102K	\$18K	\$34K	\$15K	—	<b>\$3.8M</b>	\$767K
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Llc (Ky)	\$233K	\$693K	\$711K	\$678K	\$544K	\$710K	\$623K	\$603K	<b>\$2.9M</b>	\$572K
Encore Technologies	\$1.5M	\$62K	\$700K	—	—	\$11K	—	—	<b>\$2.3M</b>	\$453K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$266K	\$399K	\$383K	\$706K	\$299K	\$426K	\$233K	\$114K	<b>\$2.1M</b>	\$410K
Alpha Technologies Inc	—	—	—	\$210K	\$473K	—	—	—	<b>\$683K</b>	\$137K
Windstream Communications, Llc	\$84K	\$85K	\$83K	\$81K	\$169K	\$120K	\$136K	\$204K	<b>\$503K</b>	\$101K
Trace3, Llc	\$152K	\$78K	\$78K	\$27K	\$6K	\$8K	—	—	<b>\$341K</b>	\$68K
Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (Kedc)	\$72K	\$19K	\$11K	\$126K	\$45K	\$232K	\$30K	\$19K	<b>\$274K</b>	\$55K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	—	\$74K	\$60K	\$64K	\$72K	\$68K	\$74K	\$31K	<b>\$270K</b>	\$54K

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	5,854	4,057	4,797	4,001	3,395	5,827	4,033	4,768	3,953	3,387

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