

# **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	\$4,602,452	\$5,652,949	\$4,205,573	\$6,684,854	\$7,020,688	\$5,842,986	\$5,583,482	\$3,966,004
Average Discount Rate	88%	87%	87%	87%	87%	86%	86%	51%
Number of Service Providers	42	43	36	35	34	40	46	39
Number of Billed Entities	74	72	73	72	76	78	79	75
— School District BENs	44	41	42	42	46	47	46	44
— School BENs	1	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
— Library BENs	29	28	28	27	27	28	29	28

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

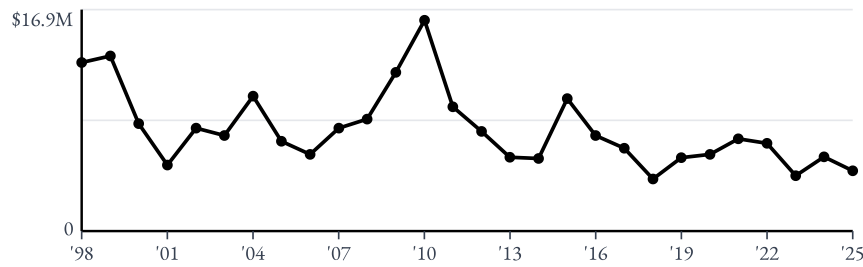


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$117,115
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$3,403,929	\$2,127,903	\$1,238,711	\$4,033,914	\$4,228,071	\$2,795,356	\$2,472,715	\$743,349
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$957,679	\$3,225,732	\$2,595,327	\$2,413,025	\$2,688,859	\$2,931,451	\$3,086,847	\$3,078,940
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	\$1,479	–	\$10,998	\$15,715	\$5,696	\$23,920	\$26,600
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$240,844	\$297,835	\$371,534	\$226,917	\$88,042	\$110,483	–	–
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
Pike County School District	\$10K	\$247K	\$435K	\$892K	\$250K	\$443K	\$167K	\$167K	<b>\$1.8M</b>	\$367K
Pulaski County Schools	\$170K	\$546K	\$182K	\$229K	\$406K	\$398K	\$442K	\$110K	<b>\$1.5M</b>	\$307K
Floyd County School District	\$132K	\$144K	\$181K	\$811K	\$200K	\$243K	\$204K	\$204K	<b>\$1.5M</b>	\$293K
Ashland Indep School District	\$25K	\$1.2M	\$68K	\$68K	\$68K	\$86K	\$347K	\$79K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$283K
Carter County School District	\$108K	\$439K	\$362K	\$154K	\$154K	\$333K	\$407K	\$206K	<b>\$1.2M</b>	\$244K
Laurel County School District	\$290K	\$39K	\$42K	\$366K	\$371K	\$40K	\$40K	\$67K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$221K
Whitley County School District	\$147K	\$118K	\$143K	\$186K	\$511K	\$192K	\$85K	\$76K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$221K
Harlan County School District	\$307K	\$129K	\$126K	\$122K	\$419K	\$148K	\$182K	\$116K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$220K
Lincoln County School District	\$458K	\$140K	\$154K	\$140K	\$140K	\$186K	\$135K	\$132K	<b>\$1.0M</b>	\$206K
Wayne County School District	\$34K	\$83K	\$301K	\$32K	\$511K	\$286K	\$243K	\$85K	<b>\$961K</b>	\$192K

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	\$96K	\$59K	\$344K	\$3.3M	\$3.5M	\$2.6M	\$2.4M	\$673K	<b>\$7.2M</b>	\$1.4M
Step Resources Communication	\$646K	\$676K	\$754K	\$207K	\$199K	\$62K	\$10K	–	<b>\$2.5M</b>	\$496K
Windstream Communications, Llc	\$187K	\$411K	\$450K	\$512K	\$524K	\$607K	\$710K	\$964K	<b>\$2.1M</b>	\$417K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$358K	\$476K	\$486K	\$352K	\$328K	\$340K	\$293K	\$296K	<b>\$2.0M</b>	\$400K
Trace3, Llc	\$974K	\$45K	\$51K	\$37K	\$645K	–	–	–	<b>\$1.8M</b>	\$350K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	\$92K	\$414K	\$407K	\$371K	\$307K	\$251K	\$252K	\$274K	<b>\$1.6M</b>	\$318K
Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Co., Inc.	–	\$322K	\$348K	\$353K	\$353K	\$351K	\$254K	\$345K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$275K
Convergeone, Inc.	\$666K	\$484K	\$15K	–	–	–	–	–	<b>\$1.2M</b>	\$233K
Encore Technologies	\$439K	\$282K	–	\$29K	\$297K	\$41K	–	–	<b>\$1.0M</b>	\$209K
Gearheart Communications, Inc	\$174K	\$180K	\$180K	\$179K	\$179K	\$229K	\$216K	\$216K	<b>\$893K</b>	\$179K

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	7,263	6,661	5,899	5,511	5,569	7,249	6,647	5,873	5,486	5,540

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