

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	\$1,888,883	\$4,153,234	\$3,758,306	\$4,014,229	\$3,779,803	\$3,156,394	\$3,566,323	\$3,285,125
Average Discount Rate	68%	68%	68%	66%	67%	66%	68%	64%
Number of Service Providers	58	64	65	76	72	66	60	69
Number of Billed Entities	99	90	91	90	91	91	93	90
— School District BENs	81	72	72	71	70	72	70	71
— School BENs	12	12	13	13	15	13	17	14
— Library BENs	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
— Consortium BENs	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

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

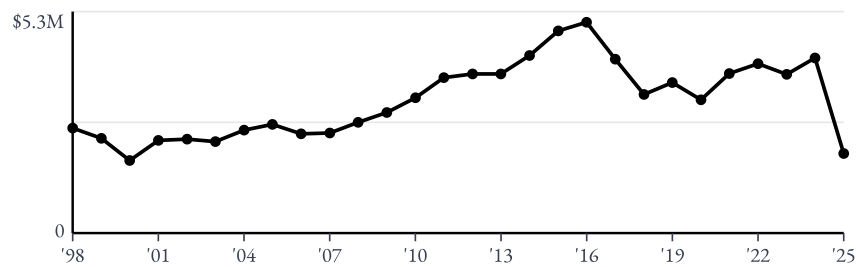


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$5,710
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$987,041	\$2,171,668	\$1,679,709	\$1,963,214	\$1,686,634	\$950,059	\$1,144,713	\$1,038,707
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$864,646	\$1,873,603	\$1,996,679	\$1,880,544	\$1,980,134	\$2,109,160	\$2,385,916	\$2,210,052
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$8,339	\$28,952	\$21,240	\$53,170	\$25,868	\$20,161	\$4,854	\$9,545
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$28,857	\$79,012	\$60,678	\$117,301	\$87,167	\$77,014	\$30,840	\$21,111
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
Project Socrates	\$404K	\$547K	\$543K	\$471K	\$499K	\$452K	\$479K	\$504K	\$2.5M	\$493K
Rochester School Dist 535	—	\$532K	\$303K	\$287K	\$248K	\$202K	\$571K	\$200K	\$1.4M	\$274K
Traverse Des Sioux Library Coop	\$177K	\$202K	\$190K	\$203K	\$174K	\$186K	\$245K	\$227K	\$946K	\$189K
Austin School District 492	\$99K	\$35K	\$249K	\$120K	\$326K	\$227K	\$138K	\$178K	\$829K	\$166K
Mankato School District 77	—	\$636K	\$82K	\$27K	—	\$263K	\$196K	\$280K	\$745K	\$149K
Albert Lea School District 241	—	\$49K	\$49K	\$554K	\$53K	\$53K	\$59K	\$48K	\$705K	\$141K
Worthington School Dist 518	—	\$127K	\$104K	\$70K	\$279K	\$19K	\$25K	\$53K	\$580K	\$116K
Owatonna School District 761	\$32K	\$40K	\$41K	\$334K	\$107K	\$43K	\$248K	\$40K	\$554K	\$111K
Faribault School District 0656	\$32K	\$188K	\$162K	\$60K	\$77K	\$59K	\$90K	\$105K	\$519K	\$104K
Winona Indep School Dist 861	\$13K	\$26K	\$248K	\$30K	\$44K	\$32K	\$33K	\$33K	\$360K	\$72K

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
Fidium Enterprise Services, Llc	\$579K	\$741K	\$730K	\$642K	\$639K	\$327K	\$405K	\$379K	\$3.3M	\$666K
Cdw Government Llc	\$106K	\$1.4M	\$372K	\$303K	\$330K	\$300K	\$530K	\$283K	\$2.5M	\$495K
Matrix Communications, Inc.	—	\$121K	\$17K	\$680K	\$55K	\$52K	\$248K	\$7K	\$872K	\$174K
Shi International Corpo.	\$201K	\$106K	\$296K	\$98K	\$156K	\$56K	\$41K	\$76K	\$856K	\$171K
Metro Fibernet Llc	\$108K	\$206K	\$227K	\$160K	\$106K	—	—	—	\$807K	\$161K
Southeast Minnesota Network (Semnet)	—	\$158K	\$209K	\$196K	\$207K	\$206K	\$209K	\$163K	\$769K	\$154K
Tekstar Communications, Inc.	—	\$172K	\$173K	\$185K	\$213K	\$623K	\$673K	\$691K	\$742K	\$148K
Computer Technology Solutions, Inc.	\$137K	\$128K	\$208K	\$92K	\$21K	\$80K	\$71K	\$181K	\$586K	\$117K
Jaguar Communications, Llc	\$48K	\$73K	\$84K	\$120K	\$228K	\$293K	\$321K	\$284K	\$553K	\$111K
Aercor Wireless, Inc.	\$140K	\$132K	\$161K	\$44K	\$72K	\$29K	\$5K	\$72K	\$549K	\$110K

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	2,991	3,209	2,597	2,593	2,521	2,989	3,204	2,590	2,594	2,525

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