

# **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	\$3,002,365	\$4,283,047	\$3,974,885	\$4,583,984	\$3,922,954	\$3,778,783	\$4,923,700	\$4,603,551
Average Discount Rate	70%	72%	72%	70%	71%	71%	70%	62%
Number of Service Providers	50	40	40	46	47	54	62	66
Number of Billed Entities	87	83	83	86	88	88	92	84
— School District BENs	65	58	59	61	63	63	67	61
— School BENs	17	20	19	19	20	19	19	18
— Library BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
— Consortium BENs	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	4

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

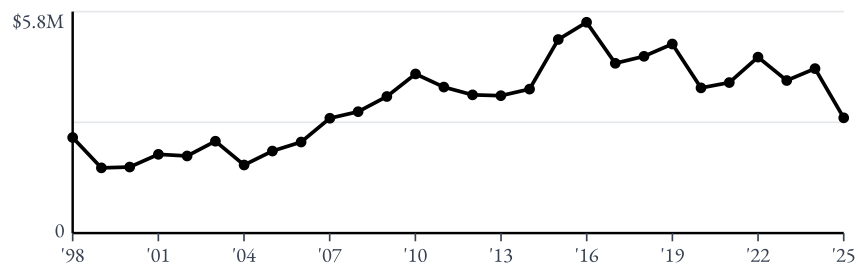


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$25,639
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,396,792	\$1,683,681	\$1,357,016	\$1,668,274	\$1,315,321	\$930,504	\$1,789,645	\$1,271,862
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,581,859	\$2,537,384	\$2,576,478	\$2,892,441	\$2,583,278	\$2,811,692	\$3,097,333	\$3,286,082
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$5,689	\$37,023	\$39,692	\$21,464	\$22,723	\$20,063	\$20,198	\$19,967
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$18,025	\$24,960	\$1,699	\$1,805	\$1,632	\$16,524	\$16,524	–
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
Ecmecc Offices	\$1.0M	\$1.4M	\$1.3M	\$122K	\$122K	\$123K	\$247K	\$251K	<b>\$4.0M</b>	\$800K
Central Minnesota Educational Research And Development Council	—	—	—	\$1.5M	\$1.2M	\$1.3M	\$1.4M	\$1.6M	<b>\$2.7M</b>	\$535K
Duluth School District 709	\$22K	\$123K	\$441K	\$508K	\$163K	\$168K	\$293K	\$180K	<b>\$1.3M</b>	\$251K
Ind School Dist 911	\$220K	\$172K	\$43K	\$229K	\$32K	\$53K	\$27K	\$123K	<b>\$696K</b>	\$139K
Forest Lake School Dist 831	\$210K	\$213K	\$67K	\$67K	\$70K	\$59K	\$86K	\$84K	<b>\$627K</b>	\$125K
Brainerd School District 181	—	\$42K	\$24K	\$198K	\$302K	\$116K	\$109K	\$134K	<b>\$566K</b>	\$113K
Rock Ridge Public Schools #2909	\$33K	\$50K	\$34K	\$382K	\$63K	—	—	—	<b>\$562K</b>	\$112K
Arrowhead Library System	\$118K	\$129K	\$163K	\$133K	—	\$167K	\$146K	\$147K	<b>\$543K</b>	\$109K
St Louis Co Ind Sch Dist 2142	\$54K	\$73K	\$85K	\$75K	\$106K	\$128K	\$134K	\$85K	<b>\$392K</b>	\$78K
Lake Superior School Dist 381	\$44K	\$28K	\$151K	\$40K	\$72K	\$73K	\$32K	\$16K	<b>\$335K</b>	\$67K

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
State Of Minnesota	\$906K	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	\$1.5M	\$1.2M	\$1.3M	\$1.5M	\$1.7M	<b>\$6.0M</b>	\$1.2M
Tech Check, Llc	\$748K	\$644K	\$508K	\$339K	\$440K	\$239K	\$526K	\$108K	<b>\$2.7M</b>	\$536K
Northeast Service Cooperative	\$412K	\$476K	\$561K	\$602K	\$498K	\$644K	\$627K	\$633K	<b>\$2.5M</b>	\$510K
Cdw Government Llc	\$168K	\$406K	\$490K	\$591K	\$346K	\$314K	\$442K	\$206K	<b>\$2.0M</b>	\$400K
Midcontinent Communications	\$182K	\$314K	\$314K	\$278K	\$282K	\$283K	\$356K	\$355K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$274K
Amco Hbs Holdings Lp	\$189K	\$196K	—	\$134K	\$186K	\$180K	\$182K	\$294K	<b>\$704K</b>	\$141K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$22K	\$177K	\$156K	\$149K	\$182K	\$134K	\$131K	\$123K	<b>\$687K</b>	\$137K
Shi International Corpo.	\$21K	\$36K	\$68K	\$305K	—	\$23K	\$20K	\$6K	<b>\$430K</b>	\$86K
Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	—	\$101K	\$79K	\$103K	\$136K	\$110K	\$104K	\$233K	<b>\$419K</b>	\$84K
Aercor Wireless, Inc.	\$8K	\$99K	\$101K	\$20K	\$147K	\$23K	\$128K	\$60K	<b>\$375K</b>	\$75K

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	2,128	1,728	1,812	1,565	1,533	2,125	1,725	1,810	1,563	1,532

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