

# **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	\$4,817,510	\$3,741,971	\$4,507,333	\$3,347,252	\$3,816,597	\$3,988,642	\$4,389,489	\$4,089,138
Average Discount Rate	81%	80%	80%	80%	81%	82%	79%	68%
Number of Service Providers	19	17	14	16	18	25	25	24
Number of Billed Entities	53	53	52	54	53	54	53	52
— School District BENs	33	33	33	34	34	35	34	32
— School BENs	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	6
— Library BENs	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
— Consortium BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3

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

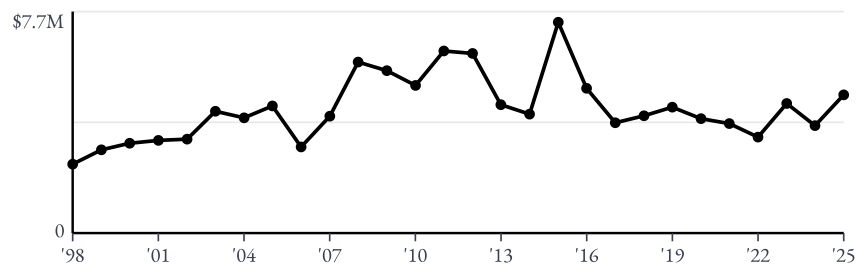


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$40,056
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$3,171,199	\$1,648,122	\$2,276,342	\$1,249,982	\$1,801,094	\$1,629,794	\$1,946,495	\$1,086,231
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,554,117	\$2,021,449	\$2,153,455	\$2,017,974	\$1,944,607	\$2,246,308	\$2,285,537	\$2,814,337
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$795	\$1,754	—	—	—	\$18,244	—	\$29,916
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$91,399	\$70,647	\$77,535	\$79,296	\$70,896	\$94,296	\$157,457	\$118,598
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
Madison County School District	—	\$150K	\$1.1M	\$174K	\$168K	\$219K	\$478K	\$162K	<b>\$1.6M</b>	\$328K
Rankin County School District	\$134K	\$352K	\$429K	\$350K	\$371K	\$119K	\$431K	\$312K	<b>\$1.6M</b>	\$327K
Lauderdale County School District	\$118K	\$495K	\$79K	\$79K	\$349K	\$87K	\$84K	\$102K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$224K
Meridian School District	\$649K	\$61K	\$68K	\$58K	\$41K	\$63K	\$63K	\$70K	<b>\$877K</b>	\$175K
Lawrence County School District	\$376K	\$123K	\$123K	\$131K	\$115K	\$114K	\$206K	\$123K	<b>\$869K</b>	\$174K
Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District	\$444K	\$64K	\$61K	\$47K	\$174K	\$138K	\$236K	\$296K	<b>\$790K</b>	\$158K
Pearl Public School District	\$428K	\$55K	\$180K	\$55K	\$55K	\$106K	\$118K	\$102K	<b>\$772K</b>	\$154K
Brookhaven School District	\$357K	\$80K	\$80K	\$71K	\$71K	\$186K	\$46K	\$46K	<b>\$659K</b>	\$132K
Simpson County School District	\$327K	\$65K	\$73K	\$73K	\$97K	\$97K	\$103K	\$525K	<b>\$634K</b>	\$127K
Jefferson Davis County School District	\$75K	\$83K	\$75K	\$67K	\$309K	\$107K	\$151K	\$107K	<b>\$610K</b>	\$122K

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
Telepak Networks, Inc.	\$1.3M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$1.4M	\$1.2M	\$495K	\$447K	\$618K	<b>\$6.9M</b>	\$1.4M
Southern Light, Llc	\$642K	\$712K	\$607K	\$613K	\$563K	\$295K	\$317K	\$85K	<b>\$3.1M</b>	\$627K
Synergetics Diversified Computer Services, Inc	\$47K	\$413K	\$1.1M	\$353K	\$579K	\$921K	\$550K	\$166K	<b>\$2.5M</b>	\$498K
Innovative Software, Inc.	\$1.2M	\$381K	—	\$188K	\$376K	\$340K	—	\$514K	<b>\$2.2M</b>	\$433K
Howard Technology Solutions	\$396K	\$17K	—	\$479K	\$191K	\$115K	\$368K	—	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$216K
Office Management Systems, Inc.	—	—	\$981K	—	—	—	—	—	<b>\$981K</b>	\$196K
Business Communications, Inc.	\$169K	\$146K	\$30K	\$31K	\$240K	\$67K	\$145K	\$70K	<b>\$617K</b>	\$123K
Cdw Government Llc	\$395K	\$40K	—	\$7K	—	\$38K	—	—	<b>\$441K</b>	\$88K
Shi International Corpo.	\$428K	—	—	—	—	\$15K	—	—	<b>\$428K</b>	\$86K
Convergeone, Inc.	—	—	\$155K	\$113K	\$141K	\$22K	—	—	<b>\$409K</b>	\$82K

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	7,234	7,436	6,294	5,982	5,890	7,234	7,433	6,294	5,973	5,879

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