

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	\$3,043,121	\$4,521,913	\$5,017,224	\$4,525,115	\$4,478,382	\$4,505,005	\$4,156,573	\$2,994,235
Average Discount Rate	76%	78%	76%	78%	80%	81%	82%	67%
Number of Service Providers	16	16	18	17	19	23	18	19
Number of Billed Entities	48	49	48	46	45	46	39	39
— School District BENs	27	27	26	25	25	26	27	27
— School BENs	11	12	12	11	10	10	2	2
— Library BENs	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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

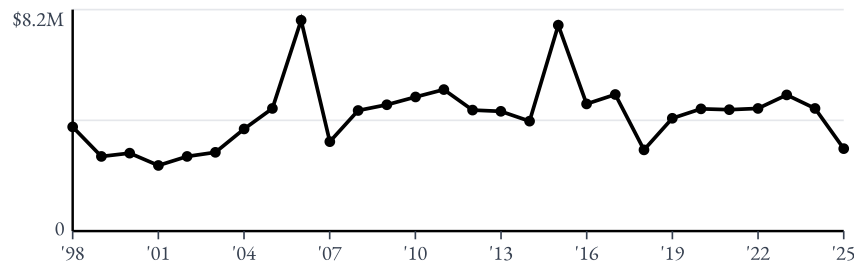


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$9,872
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,473,104	\$2,265,520	\$2,745,114	\$2,272,880	\$2,215,069	\$2,116,463	\$1,812,205	\$556,028
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,565,367	\$2,255,757	\$2,205,776	\$2,220,459	\$2,228,523	\$2,361,132	\$2,314,175	\$2,418,501
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$4,649	\$336	\$31,028	–	\$1,144	\$3,262	\$27,792	\$7,814
Managed Internal Broadband Services	–	\$300	\$35,305	\$31,776	\$33,646	\$24,149	\$2,400	\$2,020
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
Harrison County School Dist	—	\$148K	\$421K	\$1.1M	\$898K	\$163K	\$307K	\$158K	\$2.6M	\$512K
Pascagoula-Gautier School District	\$529K	\$503K	\$375K	\$202K	\$404K	\$248K	\$722K	\$296K	\$2.0M	\$403K
Jackson County School District	\$169K	\$509K	\$191K	\$722K	\$286K	\$571K	\$172K	\$159K	\$1.9M	\$376K
Lamar County School District	\$388K	\$267K	\$467K	\$391K	\$166K	\$166K	\$620K	\$278K	\$1.7M	\$336K
Biloxi School District	—	\$135K	\$294K	\$134K	\$808K	\$210K	\$130K	\$112K	\$1.4M	\$274K
Hancock County School District	\$121K	\$594K	\$58K	\$58K	\$53K	—	—	\$49K	\$885K	\$177K
George County School District	\$71K	\$82K	\$338K	\$58K	\$334K	\$480K	\$46K	\$43K	\$882K	\$176K
Picayune School District	\$233K	\$246K	\$60K	\$105K	\$145K	\$138K	\$142K	\$72K	\$788K	\$158K
Jones County School District	\$203K	\$236K	\$93K	\$139K	\$67K	\$133K	\$383K	\$155K	\$738K	\$148K
Wayne County School District	\$100K	\$217K	\$231K	\$74K	\$50K	\$122K	\$186K	\$65K	\$672K	\$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
Southern Light, Llc	\$846K	\$1.1M	\$1.0M	\$907K	\$916K	\$916K	\$779K	\$671K	\$4.8M	\$967K
Telepak Networks, Inc.	\$800K	\$1.1M	\$1.0M	\$982K	\$876K	\$133K	\$162K	\$119K	\$4.8M	\$958K
Teklinks, Inc	\$173K	\$185K	\$274K	\$948K	\$1.0M	\$432K	\$144K	—	\$2.6M	\$522K
Synergetics Diversified Computer Services, Inc	\$36K	\$326K	\$1.3M	\$562K	\$259K	\$647K	\$171K	\$41K	\$2.5M	\$504K
Business Communications, Inc.	\$563K	\$894K	\$13K	\$117K	\$1K	\$388K	\$304K	\$40K	\$1.6M	\$318K
Innovative Software, Inc.	—	\$655K	\$69K	—	\$74K	—	\$34K	—	\$798K	\$160K
Wescott Technologies Llc	—	—	—	—	\$601K	\$63K	—	—	\$601K	\$120K
Cdw Government Llc	\$251K	\$55K	\$210K	\$27K	\$35K	\$18K	—	—	\$577K	\$115K
Contact Network, Llc	—	—	—	\$231K	\$334K	\$352K	\$368K	\$406K	\$565K	\$113K
Howard Technology Solutions	\$20K	\$5K	\$215K	\$288K	—	—	\$397K	\$384K	\$528K	\$106K

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	6,124	6,086	5,862	5,452	4,936	6,115	6,078	5,858	5,448	4,933

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