

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	\$2,851,075	\$2,220,804	\$1,898,737	\$2,279,149	\$2,689,196	\$2,016,291	\$2,283,395	\$2,270,955
Average Discount Rate	73%	74%	70%	71%	72%	72%	71%	67%
Number of Service Providers	48	46	39	39	36	35	45	53
Number of Billed Entities	103	102	102	99	99	101	102	105
— School District BENs	89	89	87	85	85	86	88	91
— School BENs	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	8
— Library BENs	8	7	9	7	7	8	7	7

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

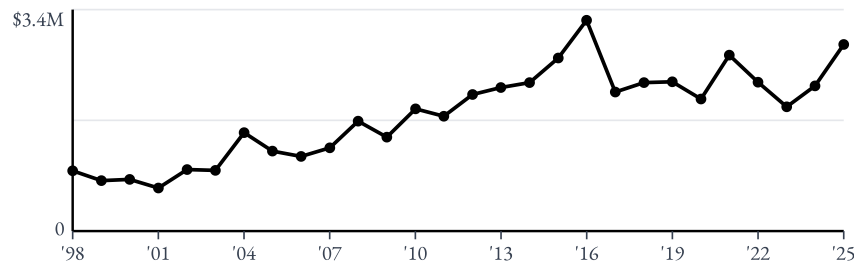


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$6,274
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$1,769,563	\$776,306	\$429,305	\$864,885	\$1,210,470	\$377,430	\$852,783	\$612,695
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,024,141	\$1,404,925	\$1,408,323	\$1,350,767	\$1,430,075	\$1,610,661	\$1,419,160	\$1,638,265
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$2,741	\$3,600	\$11,620	\$8,810	\$7,968	\$15,652	\$5,157	\$8,991
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$54,630	\$35,973	\$49,489	\$54,686	\$40,683	\$12,549	\$6,296	\$4,730
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
Judy Jonart	\$191K	\$148K	\$218K	\$178K	\$514K	\$166K	\$422K	\$306K	\$1.2M	\$250K
Kalispell School District 5	\$172K	\$192K	\$94K	\$130K	\$120K	\$117K	\$175K	\$195K	\$707K	\$141K
Browning School District 9 A.K.A. Browning Public Schools	\$5K	\$136K	\$134K	\$114K	\$288K	\$125K	\$31K	\$64K	\$676K	\$135K
Belgrade School District 44 A.K.A. Belgrade Public Schools	\$343K	\$54K	\$54K	\$75K	\$116K	\$103K	\$84K	\$56K	\$642K	\$128K
Bozeman School District 7 A.K.A. Bozeman Public Schools	\$445K	\$9K	\$32K	\$6K	\$98K	\$6K	\$13K	\$31K	\$590K	\$118K
Columbia Falls Sch District 6	\$43K	\$55K	\$72K	\$230K	\$102K	\$79K	\$73K	\$63K	\$502K	\$100K
Polson School District 23 A.K.A Polson Public Schools	\$45K	\$264K	\$33K	\$37K	\$47K	\$68K	\$42K	\$32K	\$425K	\$85K
Ronan School District 30 A.K.A. Ronan Public Schools	\$42K	\$127K	\$31K	\$35K	\$134K	\$39K	\$34K	\$27K	\$368K	\$74K
Hamilton School District 3	\$52K	\$108K	\$59K	\$52K	\$41K	\$52K	\$99K	\$42K	\$313K	\$63K
Cut Bank School District 15 A.K.A. Cut Bank Public Schools	\$87K	\$60K	\$57K	\$27K	\$68K	\$26K	\$37K	\$32K	\$298K	\$60K

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
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$273K	\$292K	\$253K	\$280K	\$297K	\$286K	\$307K	\$357K	\$1.4M	\$279K
Fatbeam, Llc	\$224K	\$203K	\$199K	\$232K	\$242K	\$189K	\$186K	\$186K	\$1.1M	\$220K
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$164K	\$174K	\$187K	\$185K	\$179K	\$136K	\$211K	\$212K	\$888K	\$178K
Compunet, Inc.	\$450K	—	\$24K	—	\$396K	—	\$258K	\$140K	\$871K	\$174K
Netdiverse Llc	\$387K	\$78K	\$26K	\$150K	\$131K	\$91K	\$59K	\$9K	\$772K	\$154K
Pine Cove Consulting, Llc	\$174K	\$65K	\$167K	\$180K	\$148K	\$71K	\$109K	\$6K	\$735K	\$147K
Blackfoot Communications, Inc.	\$94K	\$181K	\$177K	\$94K	\$154K	\$78K	\$116K	\$166K	\$700K	\$140K
High Point Networks, Llc	\$181K	\$151K	\$63K	\$141K	\$54K	\$124K	\$53K	\$108K	\$590K	\$118K
Siyeh Communications	\$3K	\$160K	\$157K	\$43K	\$20K	—	—	—	\$383K	\$77K
Communication Resources, Llc	—	\$18K	\$14K	\$74K	\$276K	—	\$68K	—	\$381K	\$76K

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	2,521	2,327	2,258	1,634	1,457	2,747	2,327	2,256	1,475	1,455

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