

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	\$2,000,587	\$2,250,154	\$2,909,694	\$2,686,236	\$5,095,076	\$2,065,011	\$2,445,636	\$2,423,559
Average Discount Rate	73%	74%	69%	71%	71%	71%	71%	65%
Number of Service Providers	45	42	41	40	40	44	47	53
Number of Billed Entities	140	142	143	145	143	145	148	149
— School District BENs	131	131	130	130	131	130	133	132
— School BENs	7	8	8	10	8	9	10	9
— Library BENs	2	3	5	5	4	6	5	8

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

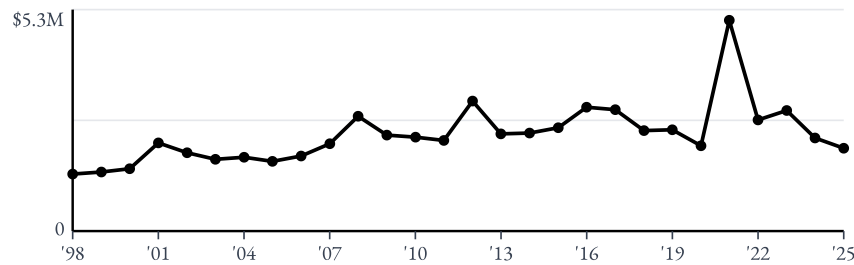


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$17,074
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$760,277	\$626,605	\$1,342,965	\$1,055,917	\$1,020,454	\$450,834	\$725,612	\$557,008
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,183,935	\$1,570,804	\$1,524,590	\$1,600,990	\$4,035,551	\$1,567,576	\$1,678,325	\$1,782,755
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$0	\$1,173	\$365	\$473	\$4,104	\$6,802	\$6,344	\$19,195
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$56,375	\$51,571	\$41,774	\$28,856	\$34,967	\$39,799	\$35,355	\$47,528
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
Great Falls Public Schools A.K.A. Great Falls School District 1&A	\$21K	\$123K	\$342K	\$110K	\$2.7M	\$295K	\$230K	\$219K	\$3.3M	\$665K
Billings School District 2	\$247K	\$299K	\$521K	\$582K	\$446K	\$200K	\$196K	\$386K	\$2.1M	\$419K
Helena Public School Dist 1	\$134K	\$123K	\$108K	\$267K	\$111K	\$101K	\$101K	\$80K	\$743K	\$149K
Havre School District 16 A A.K.A. Havre Public Schools	\$10K	\$25K	\$168K	\$152K	\$48K	\$48K	\$90K	\$62K	\$403K	\$81K
Lame Deer School District 6 A.K.A. Lame Deer Public Schools	\$114K	\$58K	\$69K	\$74K	\$79K	\$78K	\$60K	\$50K	\$394K	\$79K
Laurel School District 7-70 A.K.A. Laurel Public Schools	\$34K	\$35K	\$166K	\$29K	\$92K	\$39K	\$112K	\$209K	\$357K	\$71K
Miles City Unif Sch Dist 1 A.K.A. Miles City Public Schools	\$30K	\$161K	\$17K	\$46K	\$44K	\$45K	\$31K	\$28K	\$298K	\$60K
Rocky Boy School District 87-J A.K.A. Rocky Boy Public Schools	\$83K	\$56K	\$45K	\$53K	\$32K	\$29K	\$62K	\$23K	\$267K	\$53K
St. Labre Indian Educational Association	\$66K	\$53K	\$77K	\$32K	\$29K	\$31K	\$32K	\$18K	\$256K	\$51K
Hardin School Dist 1 & 17-H	\$10K	\$42K	\$27K	\$106K	\$40K	\$5K	\$99K	—	\$226K	\$45K

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
Wanrack Llc	—	\$60K	\$60K	\$37K	\$2.3M	—	—	—	\$2.4M	\$489K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$400K	\$489K	\$432K	\$425K	\$572K	\$515K	\$538K	\$644K	\$2.3M	\$464K
Netdiverse Llc	\$219K	\$154K	\$321K	\$261K	\$328K	\$150K	\$189K	\$250K	\$1.3M	\$257K
Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.	\$279K	\$289K	\$225K	\$200K	\$203K	\$191K	\$157K	\$140K	\$1.2M	\$239K
Vision Net, Inc	\$120K	\$131K	\$132K	\$159K	\$240K	\$108K	\$113K	\$27K	\$783K	\$157K
Bytespeed, Llc	—	\$2K	\$274K	\$156K	\$122K	\$50K	\$68K	\$100K	\$555K	\$111K
Pine Cove Consulting, Llc	\$184K	\$82K	\$34K	\$36K	\$189K	\$56K	\$131K	\$24K	\$526K	\$105K
High Tech Solutions-Systems Group, Inc	—	—	—	\$338K	\$181K	—	—	—	\$520K	\$104K
Range Telephone Coop., Inc.	\$89K	\$97K	\$116K	\$111K	\$94K	\$117K	\$78K	\$63K	\$507K	\$101K
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Clec)	\$52K	\$60K	\$101K	\$136K	\$125K	\$122K	\$89K	\$76K	\$474K	\$95K

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	1,927	1,837	1,775	1,836	1,785	1,924	1,816	1,765	2,295	1,777

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