

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	\$4,676,196	\$8,861,453	\$7,193,355	\$3,677,918	\$4,763,580	\$6,359,484	\$3,158,340	\$3,305,207
Average Discount Rate	83%	83%	79%	78%	78%	78%	80%	73%
Number of Service Providers	19	21	18	16	22	23	15	22
Number of Billed Entities	25	24	25	24	24	26	21	21
— School District BENs	15	14	15	15	15	15	15	13
— School BENs	6	6	6	4	4	6	1	3
— Library BENs	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5

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

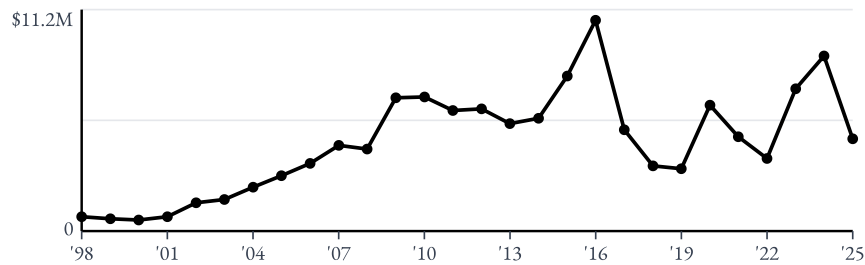


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$4,141
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$2,641,627	\$6,431,289	\$4,984,118	\$1,389,978	\$2,346,794	\$3,779,302	\$815,357	\$904,674
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,862,503	\$2,202,502	\$1,972,618	\$1,996,769	\$2,251,004	\$2,356,956	\$2,325,481	\$2,341,943
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	\$19,932	\$15,258	\$54,449
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$172,065	\$227,663	\$236,618	\$291,171	\$165,783	\$203,294	\$2,244	–
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
Guilford County School Dist	\$1.6M	\$6.1M	\$2.2M	\$1.8M	\$1.9M	\$2.9M	\$652K	\$658K	\$13.5M	\$2.7M
Caldwell County School Dist	\$1.1M	\$248K	\$373K	\$228K	\$647K	\$685K	\$727K	\$649K	\$2.6M	\$514K
Rockingham County Schools	\$136K	\$488K	\$1.6M	\$134K	\$167K	\$630K	\$175K	\$164K	\$2.6M	\$512K
Wilkes County School District	\$424K	\$231K	\$1.1M	\$179K	\$179K	\$214K	\$352K	\$134K	\$2.1M	\$429K
Surry County School District	\$481K	\$194K	\$145K	\$402K	\$536K	\$488K	\$300K	\$405K	\$1.8M	\$351K
Stokes County School District	\$94K	\$536K	\$95K	\$295K	\$104K	\$256K	\$118K	\$309K	\$1.1M	\$225K
Alexander County School Dist	\$114K	\$354K	\$418K	\$77K	\$104K	\$224K	\$112K	\$119K	\$1.1M	\$214K
Watauga County School District	\$69K	\$237K	\$448K	\$59K	\$75K	\$124K	\$84K	\$118K	\$887K	\$177K
Ashe County School District	\$190K	\$99K	\$328K	\$88K	\$88K	\$166K	\$110K	\$170K	\$794K	\$159K
Alleghany County School District	\$78K	\$69K	\$69K	\$69K	\$188K	\$106K	\$69K	\$71K	\$473K	\$95K

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
Encore Technology Group Llc	\$297K	\$5.1M	\$1.4M	—	\$77K	—	—	—	\$6.9M	\$1.4M
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$1.1M	\$1.4M	\$1.3M	\$1.3M	\$1.3M	\$1.3M	\$464K	\$435K	\$6.3M	\$1.3M
Nwn Corporation-Raleigh	—	—	\$1.3M	\$826K	\$812K	\$1.4M	\$7K	\$10K	\$2.9M	\$590K
A3 Communications, Inc.	—	\$778K	\$1.5M	—	—	\$529K	\$142K	\$28K	\$2.3M	\$456K
Cnic, Inc.	—	\$227K	\$447K	\$204K	\$580K	\$975K	\$476K	\$242K	\$1.5M	\$291K
Applied Network Consulting Group	\$646K	\$136K	\$77K	\$166K	\$338K	\$516K	\$38K	\$265K	\$1.4M	\$272K
Converged Networks, Llc	\$639K	\$31K	—	\$257K	\$318K	\$236K	\$70K	\$190K	\$1.2M	\$249K
Surry Telephone Membership Corp.	\$212K	\$214K	\$192K	\$192K	\$222K	\$289K	\$296K	\$292K	\$1.0M	\$206K
Southeastern Technology Group, Inc.	\$158K	\$215K	\$227K	\$208K	\$163K	\$149K	—	—	\$970K	\$194K
Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation	\$200K	\$194K	\$185K	\$175K	\$176K	\$176K	\$185K	\$187K	\$931K	\$186K

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	3,595	3,498	3,440	2,848	1,860	3,592	3,495	3,438	2,846	1,853

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