

# **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	\$2,601,647	\$5,177,627	\$6,303,879	\$3,412,326	\$4,524,539	\$3,657,276	\$8,525,014	\$4,010,904
Average Discount Rate	72%	74%	72%	72%	75%	79%	82%	55%
Number of Service Providers	24	27	20	24	23	25	26	28
Number of Billed Entities	21	27	22	22	28	28	29	26
— School District BENs	8	8	8	7	8	9	9	9
— School BENs	10	15	10	11	15	13	15	11
— Library BENs	3	4	4	4	5	6	5	6

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

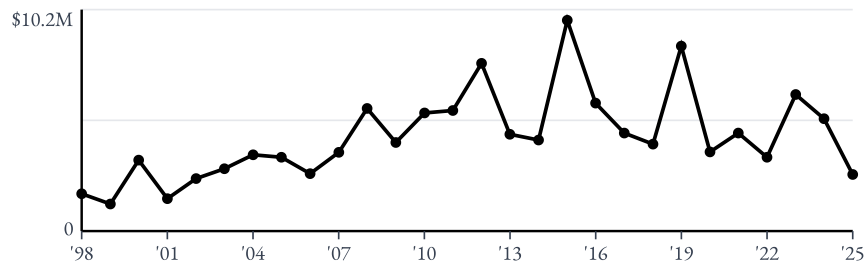


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$82,148
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$972,886	\$2,449,065	\$3,493,575	\$607,880	\$1,639,494	\$612,795	\$5,320,182	\$568,996
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,619,940	\$2,715,579	\$2,794,415	\$2,800,122	\$2,841,420	\$3,024,961	\$3,193,318	\$3,346,566
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$3,398	–	–	–	\$30,473	\$8,168	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$5,424	\$12,983	\$15,888	\$4,323	\$13,152	\$11,352	\$11,514	\$13,194
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
Brunswick County Schools	\$1.0M	\$1.2M	\$1.9M	\$744K	\$1.3M	\$1.1M	\$690K	\$692K	<b>\$6.1M</b>	\$1.2M
New Hanover County Board Of Ed	\$1.0M	\$1.2M	\$2.2M	\$289K	\$322K	\$308K	\$885K	\$396K	<b>\$5.0M</b>	\$1.0M
Cumberland County School Dist	—	\$666K	\$1.0M	\$1.0M	\$998K	\$1.3M	\$5.5M	\$1.2M	<b>\$3.7M</b>	\$735K
Pender County School District	\$107K	\$1.3M	\$184K	\$184K	\$556K	—	\$215K	\$497K	<b>\$2.3M</b>	\$468K
Bladen County School District	\$227K	\$220K	\$320K	\$801K	\$335K	\$437K	\$335K	\$485K	<b>\$1.9M</b>	\$381K
Columbus County Schools District	\$74K	\$99K	\$431K	\$115K	\$664K	\$266K	\$281K	\$314K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$277K
Whiteville City School District	\$32K	\$141K	\$138K	—	\$15K	—	\$104K	\$34K	<b>\$326K</b>	\$65K
Cumberland Community Action Program, Inc. (Ccap)	\$28K	\$66K	\$56K	\$43K	\$59K	\$81K	\$81K	\$78K	<b>\$253K</b>	\$51K
Brunswick County Library	\$12K	\$79K	\$31K	\$72K	\$16K	\$19K	\$17K	\$14K	<b>\$210K</b>	\$42K
Columbus Charter School	—	\$25K	—	\$20K	\$38K	\$15K	—	\$37K	<b>\$83K</b>	\$17K

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
Atlantic Seawinds Communications, Llc	\$945K	\$1.0M	\$762K	\$759K	\$759K	\$752K	\$632K	\$613K	<b>\$4.2M</b>	\$847K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$50K	\$430K	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.4M	\$1.4M	\$1.2M	<b>\$3.8M</b>	\$757K
Internetwork Services, Inc.	—	—	\$3.0M	—	\$155K	\$13K	—	—	<b>\$3.1M</b>	\$630K
Applied Network Consulting Group	\$124K	\$1.1M	\$472K	\$33K	\$934K	—	\$180K	—	<b>\$2.6M</b>	\$526K
Star Telephone Membership Corporation	\$227K	\$220K	\$320K	\$333K	\$335K	\$335K	\$335K	\$481K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$287K
Cnic, Inc.	—	\$873K	\$16K	—	\$447K	—	\$1K	\$33K	<b>\$1.3M</b>	\$267K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	\$316K	\$416K	\$303K	\$16K	\$6K	\$5K	\$6K	\$1K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$211K
True Ip Solutions Llc	—	\$184K	\$184K	\$184K	\$184K	—	\$215K	\$257K	<b>\$737K</b>	\$147K
At&T Corp.	—	—	—	\$289K	\$322K	\$308K	\$333K	\$281K	<b>\$611K</b>	\$122K
Encore Technology Group Llc	\$33K	\$20K	\$7K	\$476K	\$42K	\$509K	—	—	<b>\$579K</b>	\$116K

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	7,040	4,201	4,749	1,899	3,707	7,020	4,163	4,733	1,880	3,691

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