

# **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	\$3,114,509	\$3,695,062	\$3,982,522	\$2,320,790	\$5,684,863	\$4,532,812	\$3,656,322	\$2,787,084
Average Discount Rate	80%	77%	71%	70%	66%	76%	76%	69%
Number of Service Providers	31	30	29	28	33	36	33	34
Number of Billed Entities	33	31	32	32	34	35	32	33
— School District BENs	15	14	15	16	16	18	18	16
— School BENs	9	8	8	8	9	9	6	9
— Library BENs	9	9	9	8	9	8	8	8

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

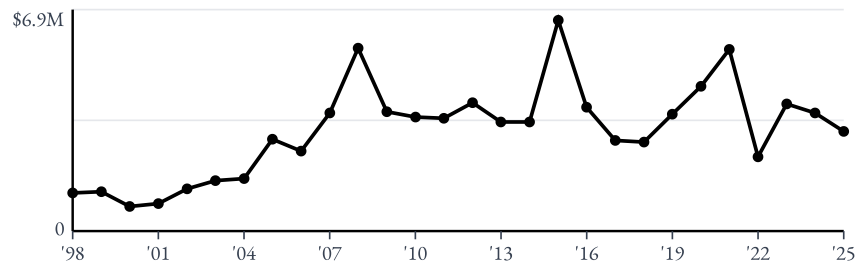


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$9,609
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,862,272	\$2,069,415	\$2,341,504	\$744,679	\$3,993,655	\$2,826,685	\$1,890,085	\$869,862
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,239,802	\$1,605,581	\$1,610,492	\$1,550,143	\$1,673,378	\$1,683,097	\$1,738,352	\$1,890,447
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	\$286	\$228	\$1,540	\$6,199	\$21,463	\$14,348
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$12,435	\$20,066	\$30,240	\$25,740	\$16,290	\$16,832	\$6,422	\$2,817
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
Buncombe Co School District	\$1.1M	\$1.0M	\$1.1M	\$428K	\$1.8M	\$1.9M	\$1.7M	\$428K	<b>\$5.5M</b>	\$1.1M
Henderson County Public School District	\$131K	\$307K	\$175K	\$161K	\$1.8M	\$478K	\$173K	\$326K	<b>\$2.6M</b>	\$524K
Mcdowell County Schools	\$474K	\$525K	\$255K	\$139K	\$267K	\$171K	\$256K	\$171K	<b>\$1.7M</b>	\$332K
Haywood County School District	\$154K	\$258K	\$443K	\$119K	\$113K	\$271K	\$201K	\$604K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$217K
Transylvania Co Sch District	\$221K	\$89K	\$80K	\$267K	\$94K	\$270K	\$80K	\$80K	<b>\$751K</b>	\$150K
Fontana Regional Library	\$70K	\$140K	\$194K	\$173K	\$173K	\$130K	\$161K	\$159K	<b>\$749K</b>	\$150K
Asheville City School District	\$295K	\$105K	\$143K	\$83K	\$53K	\$133K	\$104K	\$224K	<b>\$679K</b>	\$136K
Macon County School District	—	—	\$566K	—	\$46K	\$145K	\$101K	—	<b>\$612K</b>	\$122K
Mitchell County School Dist	\$53K	\$268K	\$94K	\$80K	\$80K	\$134K	\$48K	\$87K	<b>\$576K</b>	\$115K
Yancey County School District	\$101K	\$193K	\$75K	\$74K	\$74K	\$109K	\$142K	\$71K	<b>\$517K</b>	\$103K

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
Internetwork Services, Inc.	—	\$720K	\$785K	\$127K	\$2.1M	\$3K	—	—	<b>\$3.7M</b>	\$749K
Encore Technology Group Llc	\$387K	\$463K	\$886K	\$294K	\$510K	\$178K	\$47K	\$6K	<b>\$2.5M</b>	\$508K
Conterra Ultra Broadband, Llc	\$658K	\$655K	\$550K	\$127K	\$13K	\$13K	\$13K	\$13K	<b>\$2.0M</b>	\$401K
Applied Network Consulting Group	\$390K	\$266K	\$501K	\$217K	\$36K	\$320K	\$50K	\$398K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$282K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	\$139K	\$202K	\$349K	\$318K	\$339K	\$318K	\$328K	\$536K	<b>\$1.3M</b>	\$270K
Broadplex, Llc	—	—	—	\$428K	\$599K	\$599K	\$599K	\$599K	<b>\$1.0M</b>	\$205K
Cdw Government Llc	\$10K	\$14K	—	\$28K	\$972K	\$357K	\$10K	\$4K	<b>\$1.0M</b>	\$205K
Balsamwest Fibernet, Llc	\$75K	\$213K	\$189K	\$219K	\$265K	\$281K	\$355K	\$349K	<b>\$962K</b>	\$192K
Cnic, Inc.	—	\$527K	\$158K	\$31K	\$95K	\$45K	\$235K	\$127K	<b>\$811K</b>	\$162K
French Broad Electric Membership Corporation	\$98K	\$105K	\$188K	\$179K	\$174K	\$174K	\$152K	\$105K	<b>\$744K</b>	\$149K

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	4,831	5,047	4,862	3,582	3,093	4,828	5,026	4,858	3,579	3,090

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