

# **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	\$1,300,416	\$3,244,123	\$4,103,447	\$4,040,643	\$2,219,309	\$2,236,791	\$1,142,706	\$2,567,365
Average Discount Rate	69%	69%	77%	73%	67%	66%	71%	66%
Number of Service Providers	12	13	13	12	15	15	13	17
Number of Billed Entities	15	17	16	16	13	18	16	19
— School District BENs	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
— School BENs	5	7	6	6	6	8	6	8
— Library BENs	4	4	4	4	1	4	4	5

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

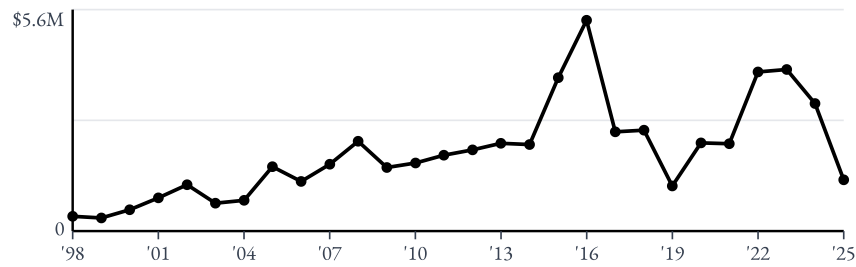


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$21,647
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$602,144	\$2,324,985	\$3,045,365	\$2,956,433	\$1,153,537	\$1,158,544	\$78,488	\$1,394,743
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$683,800	\$897,478	\$1,028,312	\$1,062,837	\$1,051,789	\$1,051,198	\$1,029,621	\$1,046,610
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	\$5,160	–	–	\$13,984	\$22,218	–	\$51,819
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$14,472	\$16,500	\$29,769	\$21,373	–	\$4,830	\$34,596	\$52,545

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
Gaston County School District	—	\$223K	\$2.1M	\$2.2M	\$798K	\$313K	\$303K	\$291K	<b>\$5.3M</b>	\$1.1M
Cleveland County Schools	\$203K	\$2.3M	\$213K	\$219K	\$219K	\$219K	\$219K	\$1.1M	<b>\$3.2M</b>	\$631K
Burke County Public Schools	\$197K	\$197K	\$961K	\$1.2M	\$250K	\$966K	\$240K	\$698K	<b>\$2.8M</b>	\$569K
Rutherford Co School District	\$297K	\$260K	\$582K	\$140K	\$632K	\$383K	\$171K	\$200K	<b>\$1.9M</b>	\$382K
Polk County School District	\$269K	\$9K	\$150K	\$42K	\$42K	\$98K	\$43K	\$43K	<b>\$513K</b>	\$103K
Gaston Community Action Inc.	\$127K	\$54K	\$76K	\$97K	\$65K	\$52K	\$42K	\$91K	<b>\$420K</b>	\$84K
Piedmont Community Charter	\$144K	\$39K	\$15K	\$18K	\$32K	\$58K	\$82K	\$11K	<b>\$248K</b>	\$50K
Community School Of Davidson Hs	\$7K	\$33K	\$22K	\$13K	\$69K	\$5K	—	\$41K	<b>\$143K</b>	\$29K
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	\$3K	\$5K	\$10K	\$3K	\$68K	\$66K	\$5K	\$78K	<b>\$89K</b>	\$18K
Gaston Christian School, Inc.	\$44K	\$20K	\$5K	\$5K	\$5K	\$4K	\$4K	\$4K	<b>\$78K</b>	\$16K

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
Applied Network Consulting Group	\$528K	\$2.2M	\$1.2M	\$999K	\$652K	\$788K	\$21K	\$284K	<b>\$5.6M</b>	\$1.1M
Nwn Corporation-Raleigh	—	—	—	\$1.9M	—	—	—	—	<b>\$1.9M</b>	\$371K
Disys Solutions, Inc	—	—	\$1.7M	—	—	—	—	—	<b>\$1.7M</b>	\$340K
Broadplex, Llc	—	—	\$248K	\$459K	\$468K	\$475K	\$459K	\$451K	<b>\$1.2M</b>	\$235K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	\$3K	\$229K	\$277K	\$307K	\$305K	\$313K	\$303K	\$307K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$224K
Conterra Ultra Broadband, Llc	\$400K	\$404K	\$213K	—	—	—	—	—	<b>\$1.0M</b>	\$203K
E-Polk, Inc.	\$174K	\$150K	\$192K	\$191K	\$178K	\$185K	\$191K	\$184K	<b>\$885K</b>	\$177K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$103K	\$99K	\$89K	\$90K	\$86K	\$61K	\$63K	\$95K	<b>\$466K</b>	\$93K
Internetwork Services, Inc.	—	—	—	—	\$405K	—	—	—	<b>\$405K</b>	\$81K
Encore Technology Group Llc	—	—	\$108K	—	—	—	—	—	<b>\$108K</b>	\$22K

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	3,894	3,181	2,278	2,098	2,042	3,894	3,181	2,278	2,098	2,042

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