

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	\$2,593,774	\$5,073,937	\$4,558,670	\$5,516,764	\$5,616,630	\$3,853,846	\$4,963,553	\$4,345,427
Average Discount Rate	69%	72%	71%	71%	72%	72%	72%	70%
Number of Service Providers	69	66	60	61	70	66	67	68
Number of Billed Entities	219	239	211	198	195	201	214	235
— School District BENs	135	152	127	115	116	123	135	152
— School BENs	24	27	26	27	24	25	25	28
— Library BENs	56	56	54	52	51	49	50	52
— Consortium BENs	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

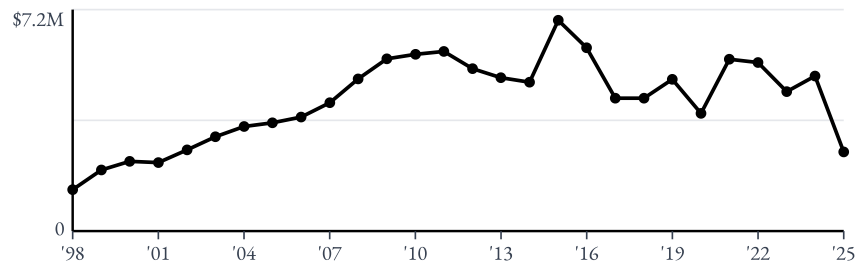


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$357
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$1,425,122	\$2,157,947	\$1,636,250	\$2,570,233	\$2,185,159	\$735,552	\$1,370,594	\$956,626
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,123,461	\$2,895,712	\$2,883,565	\$2,905,313	\$3,385,868	\$3,079,398	\$3,567,848	\$3,376,218
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$12,082	\$14,277	\$5,096	—	\$809	\$420	\$17,157	\$12,227
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$33,109	\$6,000	\$33,759	\$41,218	\$44,794	\$38,476	\$7,955	—
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
State Of Neb Dept Of Admin Services, Office Of The Cio	\$112K	\$961K	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.2M	\$1.4M	\$184K	\$4.4M	\$882K
Grand Island Public Schools	\$31K	\$381K	\$224K	\$917K	\$761K	\$223K	\$222K	\$463K	\$2.3M	\$463K
Southwest Nebraska Distance Education Network	\$4K	\$216K	\$326K	\$321K	\$330K	\$329K	\$470K	\$401K	\$1.2M	\$239K
Kearney Public School District	\$33K	\$37K	\$37K	\$37K	\$712K	\$89K	\$86K	\$92K	\$855K	\$171K
Educational Service Unit No. 13	\$95K	\$163K	\$140K	\$179K	\$178K	\$180K	\$198K	\$186K	\$754K	\$151K
Hastings Public School Dist	\$75K	\$89K	\$50K	\$240K	\$166K	\$57K	\$186K	\$57K	\$620K	\$124K
South Sioux City School Dist	\$37K	\$20K	\$351K	\$24K	\$154K	\$37K	\$134K	\$32K	\$586K	\$117K
Beatrice Public School District	\$29K	\$91K	\$61K	\$252K	\$95K	\$59K	\$169K	\$55K	\$528K	\$106K
North Platte Public Schools	–	\$214K	\$52K	\$74K	\$111K	\$38K	\$11K	–	\$451K	\$90K
Scottsbluff Public Sch Dist	\$25K	\$39K	\$90K	\$149K	\$86K	\$28K	\$59K	\$49K	\$389K	\$78K

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
Unite Private Networks, Llc	\$518K	\$950K	\$847K	\$833K	\$1.2M	\$818K	\$795K	\$866K	\$4.3M	\$861K
Prime Communications, Inc.	\$281K	\$456K	\$310K	\$1.2M	\$367K	\$26K	\$143K	\$38K	\$2.6M	\$513K
Nebraska Link Llc	\$45K	\$391K	\$547K	\$567K	\$671K	\$640K	\$977K	\$875K	\$2.2M	\$444K
Great Plains Communications, Inc.	\$70K	\$376K	\$565K	\$590K	\$592K	\$667K	\$712K	\$609K	\$2.2M	\$438K
Sterling Computers Corporation	\$351K	\$231K	\$152K	\$50K	\$132K	\$158K	\$183K	–	\$915K	\$183K
Riverside Technologies, Inc.	\$11K	\$229K	\$331K	\$40K	\$293K	\$65K	\$17K	\$6K	\$904K	\$181K
Allo Communications Llc	\$77K	\$196K	\$141K	\$222K	\$208K	\$230K	\$228K	\$186K	\$844K	\$169K
Cdw Government Llc	\$210K	\$37K	\$142K	\$352K	\$24K	\$94K	\$35K	\$332K	\$766K	\$153K
Hamilton Long Distance Company	\$24K	\$70K	\$176K	\$108K	\$321K	\$35K	\$47K	\$34K	\$699K	\$140K
20/20 Technologies Llc	\$27K	\$54K	\$156K	\$125K	\$268K	\$129K	\$272K	\$123K	\$631K	\$126K

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	35,181	32,560	12,412	13,362	13,336	35,225	32,604	12,412	13,361	13,335

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