

# **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	\$2,072,073	\$2,320,724	\$2,016,922	\$1,926,560	\$2,014,751	\$2,218,526	\$2,036,982	\$2,190,390
Average Discount Rate	65%	64%	62%	63%	63%	62%	61%	58%
Number of Service Providers	23	23	22	25	28	27	33	32
Number of Billed Entities	25	29	26	27	26	28	32	31
— School District BENs	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4
— School BENs	20	23	20	22	20	21	25	25
— Library BENs	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
— Consortium BENs	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

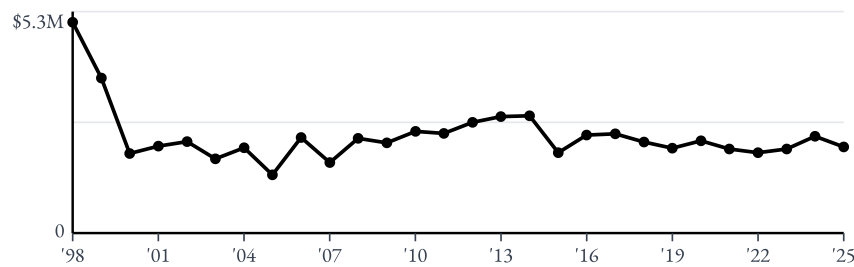


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$42,852
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$195,351	\$171,822	\$69,194	\$136,329	\$167,593	\$265,930	\$102,937	\$54,526
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,852,928	\$2,115,230	\$1,920,368	\$1,746,729	\$1,802,314	\$1,932,138	\$1,921,282	\$2,070,001
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$16,127	\$22,104	—	—	\$7,650	\$8,250	\$0	—
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$7,667	\$11,568	\$27,360	\$43,502	\$37,194	\$12,208	\$12,763	\$23,010

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
New York Public Library	\$1.8M	\$1.9M	\$1.6M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$1.7M	\$1.6M	\$1.7M	<b>\$8.4M</b>	\$1.7M
Ramaz School Administration	\$67K	\$47K	\$22K	\$22K	\$28K	\$57K	\$25K	\$44K	<b>\$187K</b>	\$37K
St Vincent Ferrer High School	\$55K	\$29K	\$29K	\$33K	\$28K	\$66K	\$16K	\$24K	<b>\$173K</b>	\$35K
Trevor Day School	\$14K	\$29K	\$27K	\$43K	\$48K	\$45K	\$82K	\$55K	<b>\$162K</b>	\$32K
Marymount School Of New York	—	\$25K	\$42K	\$47K	\$44K	\$39K	\$42K	\$46K	<b>\$158K</b>	\$32K
Ideal School Of Manhattan, The	—	\$24K	\$68K	\$32K	\$33K	\$39K	\$23K	\$22K	<b>\$157K</b>	\$31K
Association To Benefit Children	—	\$36K	\$27K	\$27K	\$61K	\$20K	\$25K	—	<b>\$152K</b>	\$30K
Convent Of The Sacred Heart	—	\$31K	\$32K	\$36K	\$29K	\$60K	\$31K	\$31K	<b>\$127K</b>	\$25K
Friends Seminary	\$6K	\$9K	\$37K	\$22K	\$23K	\$11K	\$8K	\$11K	<b>\$97K</b>	\$19K
St Jean Baptiste High School	\$14K	\$14K	\$19K	\$19K	\$22K	\$22K	\$10K	\$23K	<b>\$89K</b>	\$18K

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
Lighttower Fiber Networks Ii, Llc	\$1.6M	\$1.7M	\$1.5M	\$1.3M	\$1.3M	\$1.4M	\$1.4M	\$1.5M	<b>\$7.5M</b>	\$1.5M
Zayo Group, Llc	\$67K	\$91K	\$65K	\$104K	\$182K	\$178K	\$144K	\$176K	<b>\$509K</b>	\$102K
Rcn Telecom Services New York, Lp	\$51K	\$69K	\$68K	\$64K	\$67K	\$63K	\$60K	\$85K	<b>\$320K</b>	\$64K
Knight Nets, Inc.	\$85K	\$50K	\$51K	\$58K	\$56K	\$111K	\$5K	\$18K	<b>\$300K</b>	\$60K
Aurora Systems Consulting, Inc.	\$116K	\$135K	—	—	—	—	—	—	<b>\$251K</b>	\$50K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$9K	\$45K	\$57K	\$60K	\$54K	\$50K	\$57K	\$20K	<b>\$225K</b>	\$45K
Atrion Communication Resources, Inc	—	—	—	\$93K	\$74K	\$91K	\$65K	—	<b>\$168K</b>	\$34K
Smart Choice Communications, Llc	—	\$31K	\$32K	\$34K	\$29K	\$25K	\$30K	\$30K	<b>\$126K</b>	\$25K
Stealth Communications Services, Llc.	—	\$28K	\$26K	\$29K	\$43K	\$39K	\$38K	\$46K	<b>\$125K</b>	\$25K
Windstream Communications, Llc	—	\$36K	\$38K	\$27K	\$18K	\$0	\$14K	\$17K	<b>\$120K</b>	\$24K

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	3,130	2,801	1,777	1,673	1,124	3,090	2,756	1,754	1,651	1,090

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