

# **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	\$3,059,687	\$4,738,931	\$6,212,518	\$6,335,888	\$7,489,510	\$6,299,989	\$6,900,485	\$6,198,431
Average Discount Rate	62%	62%	60%	61%	62%	61%	61%	50%
Number of Service Providers	20	20	17	15	24	18	26	25
Number of Billed Entities	85	89	92	94	95	94	92	93
— School District BENs	25	25	25	23	23	22	22	22
— School BENs	59	63	66	70	71	70	69	69
— Library BENs	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
— Consortium BENs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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

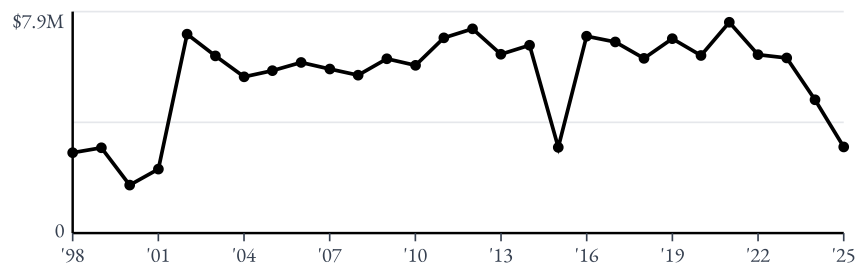


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$63,931
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$529,082	\$1,353,953	\$980,396	\$1,149,928	\$1,204,266	\$842,186	\$769,031	\$414,895
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$2,003,585	\$2,741,948	\$4,205,944	\$4,190,984	\$4,183,060	\$4,567,448	\$4,616,497	\$4,634,437
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	—	\$7,886	\$80,031	\$10,058	\$1,113,648	\$9,902	\$542,482	\$74,973
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$527,020	\$635,144	\$946,147	\$984,919	\$988,536	\$880,453	\$972,475	\$1,010,194
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
Cincinnati City School Dist	\$1.9M	\$1.9M	\$3.6M	\$3.5M	\$4.7M	\$3.6M	\$4.3M	\$4.0M	<b>\$15.5M</b>	\$3.1M
Cincinnati-Hamilton Co Pub Lib	—	\$449K	\$278K	\$550K	\$215K	\$607K	\$408K	\$526K	<b>\$1.5M</b>	\$298K
Forest Hills School District	—	\$446K	\$112K	\$56K	\$51K	\$49K	\$127K	\$139K	<b>\$666K</b>	\$133K
Franklin City School District	\$35K	\$68K	\$94K	\$349K	\$67K	\$108K	\$67K	\$64K	<b>\$613K</b>	\$123K
Lebanon City School District	\$266K	\$55K	\$129K	\$90K	\$59K	\$93K	\$63K	\$50K	<b>\$598K</b>	\$120K
Mason City School District	\$15K	\$79K	\$305K	\$64K	\$84K	\$37K	\$30K	\$67K	<b>\$548K</b>	\$110K
Sycamore Comm School District	\$20K	\$23K	\$23K	\$23K	\$391K	\$49K	\$32K	\$32K	<b>\$482K</b>	\$96K
Kings Local School District	\$16K	\$125K	\$131K	\$97K	\$83K	\$75K	\$113K	\$115K	<b>\$452K</b>	\$90K
Norwood City School District	\$27K	\$298K	\$38K	\$43K	\$43K	\$51K	\$48K	\$49K	<b>\$449K</b>	\$90K
Little Miami Local Schools	\$15K	\$111K	\$141K	\$66K	\$105K	\$53K	\$80K	\$63K	<b>\$437K</b>	\$87K

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
Cincinnati Bell Telephone Llc (Oh)	\$1.9M	\$2.2M	\$3.9M	\$3.8M	\$3.7M	\$4.1M	\$4.2M	\$4.5M	<b>\$15.5M</b>	\$3.1M
Forward Edge, Llc	\$144K	\$763K	\$727K	\$685K	\$469K	\$453K	\$404K	\$282K	<b>\$2.8M</b>	\$558K
Southwest Ohio Computer Association	\$573K	\$480K	\$593K	\$465K	\$458K	\$504K	\$478K	\$472K	<b>\$2.6M</b>	\$514K
Hamilton Clermont Cooperative Association	\$153K	\$406K	\$382K	\$379K	\$383K	\$479K	\$479K	\$464K	<b>\$1.7M</b>	\$340K
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc.	—	—	—	\$0	\$1.3M	—	\$525K	\$28K	<b>\$1.3M</b>	\$253K
Fit Technologiesllc	\$137K	\$156K	\$252K	\$267K	\$261K	\$260K	\$185K	\$87K	<b>\$1.1M</b>	\$215K
Dayton Cincinnati Technology Services Llc	—	\$276K	\$21K	\$48K	\$371K	—	\$16K	—	<b>\$716K</b>	\$143K
Cdw Government Llc	—	\$35K	\$120K	\$395K	\$56K	\$211K	\$106K	\$44K	<b>\$606K</b>	\$121K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$79K	\$113K	\$115K	\$144K	\$126K	\$65K	\$219K	\$50K	<b>\$578K</b>	\$116K
Netdemics, Llc	\$11K	\$13K	\$93K	\$85K	\$183K	\$60K	\$90K	\$14K	<b>\$384K</b>	\$77K

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	7,790	7,749	6,137	5,956	4,561	7,786	7,746	6,133	5,952	4,556

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