

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	\$2,495,341	\$3,044,814	\$4,509,699	\$3,444,478	\$4,508,251	\$4,207,721	\$4,128,329	\$4,393,794
Average Discount Rate	66%	66%	64%	67%	63%	67%	68%	59%
Number of Service Providers	19	17	17	20	16	24	16	19
Number of Billed Entities	57	55	58	61	60	59	61	61
— School District BENs	25	24	26	26	26	26	26	27
— School BENs	28	28	28	31	30	29	31	29
— Library BENs	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	4
— Consortium BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

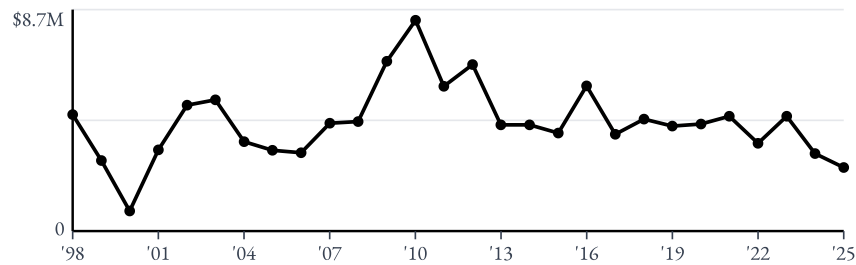


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$42,326
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,002,091	\$589,845	\$2,000,127	\$488,785	\$1,268,254	\$966,574	\$612,817	\$880,294
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$1,389,033	\$1,854,287	\$1,961,659	\$2,316,106	\$2,661,933	\$2,799,747	\$3,088,509	\$3,081,295
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$35,080	\$519,545	\$540,466	\$529,925	\$502,853	\$429,508	\$427,003	\$389,878
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$69,137	\$81,136	\$7,446	\$109,662	\$75,212	\$11,893	–	–
Wi-Fi Hotspots 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
R.I. Department Of Elementary & Secondary	\$763K	\$1.1M	\$1.2M	\$1.5M	\$1.8M	\$1.9M	\$2.1M	\$2.3M	\$6.4M	\$1.3M
Providence School District	\$41K	\$500K	\$1.4M	\$534K	\$795K	\$750K	\$611K	\$506K	\$3.3M	\$663K
Pawtucket City School District	\$658K	\$44K	\$433K	\$67K	\$70K	\$165K	\$316K	\$53K	\$1.3M	\$254K
Central Falls School District	\$204K	\$74K	\$76K	\$76K	\$397K	\$185K	\$78K	\$28K	\$827K	\$165K
Children'S Friend And Service	\$43K	\$210K	\$169K	\$219K	\$153K	\$97K	\$264K	\$207K	\$794K	\$159K
Woonsocket School District	\$79K	\$95K	\$349K	\$119K	\$69K	\$69K	\$80K	\$277K	\$712K	\$142K
East Providence School Dist	\$24K	\$499K	\$26K	\$6K	\$30K	\$80K	\$43K	\$657K	\$585K	\$117K
Bristol Warren Regional School Dist	\$59K	\$8K	\$128K	\$18K	\$178K	\$134K	\$9K	\$43K	\$392K	\$78K
Newport Public School District	\$39K	\$74K	\$76K	\$105K	\$77K	\$67K	\$92K	\$17K	\$372K	\$74K
Lincoln School Department	\$45K	\$55K	\$10K	\$62K	\$55K	\$26K	\$8K	\$19K	\$227K	\$45K

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
Cox Rhode Island Telcom, Llc	\$910K	\$886K	\$1.3M	\$1.4M	\$1.4M	\$1.8M	\$1.7M	\$1.8M	\$5.9M	\$1.2M
Custom Computer Specialist, Inc.	\$95K	\$991K	\$1.5M	\$603K	\$911K	\$803K	\$557K	\$395K	\$4.1M	\$819K
Oshean Inc	\$403K	\$571K	\$511K	\$724K	\$667K	\$635K	\$622K	\$575K	\$2.9M	\$575K
Eplus Technology, Inc.	\$761K	–	\$516K	\$57K	\$563K	\$260K	\$374K	\$34K	\$1.9M	\$380K
Crown Castle Fiber Llc	\$85K	\$286K	\$50K	\$97K	\$495K	\$111K	\$575K	\$514K	\$1.0M	\$203K
The Apex Technology Group, Inc.	\$0	\$23K	\$290K	\$57K	\$57K	\$85K	\$46K	\$219K	\$426K	\$85K
Carousel Industries Of North America, Inc.	–	\$44K	\$36K	\$200K	\$53K	–	\$60K	–	\$333K	\$67K
Verizon Business Global Llc	–	\$145K	\$135K	–	–	–	–	–	\$280K	\$56K
Whally Computer Associates, Inc.	\$41K	\$15K	\$8K	\$6K	\$208K	\$6K	\$1K	\$673	\$277K	\$55K
Verizon Rhode Island	–	–	–	\$103K	\$100K	\$96K	\$203K	\$204K	\$203K	\$41K

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	2,261	2,195	1,802	1,573	1,265	2,193	2,164	1,805	1,578	1,256

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