

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	\$1,480,734	\$5,084,447	\$1,683,676	\$2,119,805	\$4,792,247	\$4,800,731	\$1,765,382	\$1,806,859
Average Discount Rate	75%	77%	80%	81%	79%	78%	75%	72%
Number of Service Providers	23	21	24	20	20	25	21	28
Number of Billed Entities	25	23	15	20	19	22	17	20
— School District BENs	9	9	6	9	13	12	9	12
— School BENs	8	7	6	7	5	4	4	3
— Library BENs	8	7	3	4	1	6	4	5

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

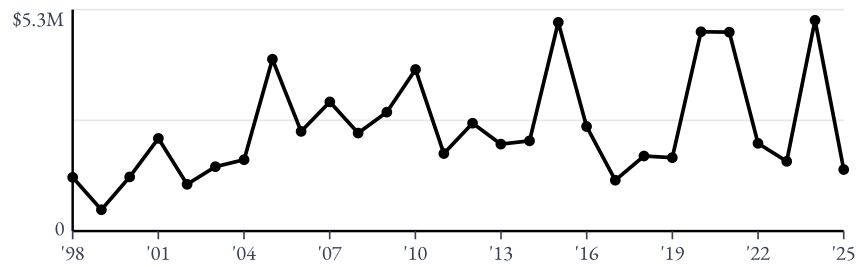


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$47,077
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,374,901	\$4,744,459	\$1,552,817	\$2,003,564	\$4,609,036	\$4,678,996	\$1,656,877	\$1,580,638
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$57,603	\$292,875	\$125,819	\$106,613	\$143,434	\$116,740	\$98,505	\$105,881
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	\$0	\$3,796	\$39,778	\$4,996	–	\$73,262
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$48,231	\$47,114	\$5,040	\$5,832	–	–	\$10,000	–
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
Sumter School District	\$31K	\$996K	\$152K	\$894K	\$25K	\$865K	\$495K	\$263K	\$2.1M	\$420K
Lancaster County School District	\$45K	\$119K	\$957K	\$154K	\$652K	\$1.1M	—	\$23K	\$1.9M	\$385K
Kershaw County School District	\$148K	\$1.3M	—	—	—	\$64K	—	\$165K	\$1.5M	\$295K
Fort Mill School District 4	\$133K	\$867K	—	—	\$453K	\$275K	\$188K	\$102K	\$1.5M	\$291K
Rock Hill School District 3	\$228K	\$384K	\$98K	\$41K	\$658K	\$1.2M	—	\$424K	\$1.4M	\$282K
Spartanburg County School District Two	—	—	—	—	\$1.2M	—	—	\$35K	\$1.2M	\$248K
Cherokee County School District 1	—	\$726K	\$33K	—	\$177K	\$513K	—	\$9K	\$936K	\$187K
Chester County School District	—	\$178K	—	\$214K	\$482K	\$135K	\$222K	—	\$874K	\$175K
York County School District 2	\$606K	—	—	\$4K	\$13K	\$115K	\$152K	\$378K	\$623K	\$125K
Union County School District	—	—	\$162K	\$381K	—	\$124K	\$349K	\$4K	\$543K	\$109K

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
Bridgetek Solutions Llc	—	\$1.6M	\$957K	\$94K	\$1.6M	\$2.1M	\$9K	\$1.2M	\$4.3M	\$852K
Mgt Impact Solutions, Llc	\$143K	\$867K	—	\$232K	\$2.0M	\$402K	\$256K	\$137K	\$3.3M	\$652K
Netsource Et, Llc	—	\$950K	—	\$894K	—	\$865K	\$495K	—	\$1.8M	\$369K
Encore Technology Group. Llc	—	\$731K	\$33K	—	\$205K	\$337K	—	\$6K	\$969K	\$194K
Lockstep Technology Group Llc	\$845K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$845K	\$169K
Encore Technology Group Llc	\$96K	—	—	\$214K	\$482K	\$135K	\$222K	—	\$793K	\$159K
Telcom, Inc.	\$182K	—	\$162K	\$381K	—	\$124K	\$498K	\$2K	\$726K	\$145K
Systems & Solutions, Inc	\$12K	\$66K	\$68K	\$75K	\$197K	\$90K	\$69K	\$81K	\$419K	\$84K
Lancaster Telephone Company	—	\$119K	—	\$154K	\$81K	\$350K	—	—	\$354K	\$71K
Applied Network Consulting Group	\$95K	\$127K	\$89K	\$25K	—	\$34K	\$74K	—	\$336K	\$67K

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	4,955	787	4,204	4,614	3,777	4,955	787	4,204	4,614	3,777

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