

# **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	\$2,159,003	\$22,629,989	\$19,125,566	\$18,491,722	\$26,202,881	\$17,514,489	\$15,156,345	\$18,962,873
Average Discount Rate	71%	72%	67%	65%	70%	75%	72%	60%
Number of Service Providers	37	32	31	36	39	41	45	40
Number of Billed Entities	30	26	25	28	31	35	35	31
— School District BENs	10	7	7	11	11	16	15	13
— School BENs	9	9	11	12	11	9	8	6
— Library BENs	10	9	6	4	8	9	11	10
— Consortium BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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

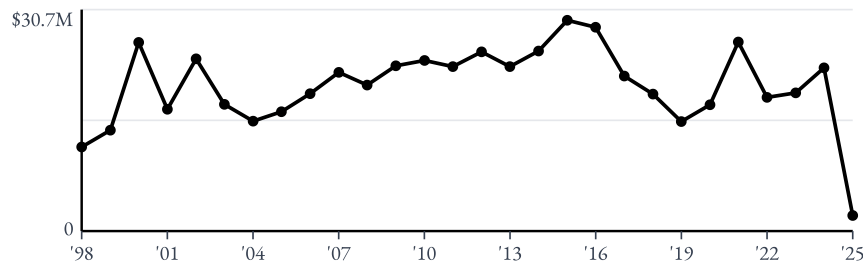


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$57,496
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$1,453,922	\$3,735,884	\$1,312,880	\$1,215,991	\$7,504,993	\$1,528,653	\$2,262,714	\$1,054,119
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$613,219	\$18,807,858	\$17,750,490	\$17,049,275	\$18,592,963	\$15,911,824	\$12,811,555	\$17,711,235
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$31,875	\$217	\$15,034	\$153,044	\$10,700	\$23,762	\$34,019	\$97,064
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$59,987	\$86,030	\$47,162	\$73,412	\$94,226	\$50,251	\$48,057	\$42,959
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
Division Of Technology	\$540K	\$18.7M	\$17.6M	\$16.9M	\$18.5M	\$15.8M	\$12.6M	\$17.5M	<b>\$72.3M</b>	\$14.5M
Charleston County School Dist	\$651K	\$2.5M	\$298K	\$428K	\$1.9M	\$155K	\$1.1M	\$321K	<b>\$5.8M</b>	\$1.2M
Richland County School Dist 1	—	—	—	\$266K	\$3.0M	\$682K	\$29K	\$621K	<b>\$3.2M</b>	\$648K
Orangeburg County School District	—	\$279K	—	—	\$1.1M	\$161K	—	—	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$284K
Colleton County School Dist	\$152K	—	\$574K	—	—	\$65K	\$40K	\$6K	<b>\$726K</b>	\$145K
Richland Library	\$27K	\$113K	\$238K	—	\$210K	—	\$90K	\$57K	<b>\$588K</b>	\$118K
Clarendon County School District	\$246K	\$219K	—	—	—	—	\$226K	—	<b>\$465K</b>	\$93K
Florence County School Dist 3	—	\$236K	—	\$119K	\$78K	\$92K	\$10K	\$28K	<b>\$433K</b>	\$87K
Williamsburg Co School Dist	—	—	—	—	\$399K	\$2K	—	\$7K	<b>\$399K</b>	\$80K
Diocese Of Charleston Schools	\$36K	\$85K	\$69K	\$78K	\$97K	\$68K	\$121K	\$90K	<b>\$366K</b>	\$73K

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
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	—	\$13.6M	\$12.7M	\$12.5M	\$12.8M	\$11.3M	\$8.9M	\$13.5M	<b>\$51.5M</b>	\$10.3M
South Carolina Net, Llc	\$549K	\$5.1M	\$5.0M	\$4.5M	\$5.7M	\$4.5M	\$3.7M	\$4.1M	<b>\$20.9M</b>	\$4.2M
Encore Technology Group Llc	\$651K	\$2.5M	\$298K	\$548K	\$1.9M	\$155K	\$1.2M	\$335K	<b>\$5.9M</b>	\$1.2M
A3 Communications, Inc.	—	\$236K	\$192K	\$266K	\$3.3M	\$809K	\$44K	\$620K	<b>\$4.0M</b>	\$802K
Netsource Et, Llc	\$166K	\$434K	—	—	\$1.1M	\$127K	\$227K	\$15K	<b>\$1.7M</b>	\$340K
Aercor Wireless, Inc.	\$152K	—	\$574K	—	—	\$54K	—	—	<b>\$726K</b>	\$145K
Bridgetek Solutions Llc	—	—	—	—	\$709K	\$16K	—	—	<b>\$709K</b>	\$142K
Applied Network Consulting Group	\$78K	\$384K	\$56K	\$16K	\$112K	\$115K	\$310K	\$26K	<b>\$645K</b>	\$129K
Converged Networks, Llc	—	—	\$135K	\$228K	\$49K	\$111K	\$41K	\$4K	<b>\$413K</b>	\$83K
Palmetto Telephone Communications	—	—	\$36K	\$203K	—	\$3K	\$4K	\$6K	<b>\$239K</b>	\$48K

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	2,119	1,529	2,198	1,825	1,634	2,112	1,524	2,189	1,818	1,627

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