

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	\$1,909,924	\$6,484,806	\$4,940,295	\$4,460,722	\$4,665,718	\$4,640,111	\$5,533,320	\$4,014,195
Average Discount Rate	66%	65%	65%	67%	68%	68%	70%	55%
Number of Service Providers	37	44	43	39	43	44	49	52
Number of Billed Entities	91	95	88	73	82	92	122	99
— School District BENs	68	73	65	51	60	67	93	64
— School BENs	13	14	13	13	12	14	18	23
— Library BENs	9	7	9	8	9	10	10	11
— Consortium BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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

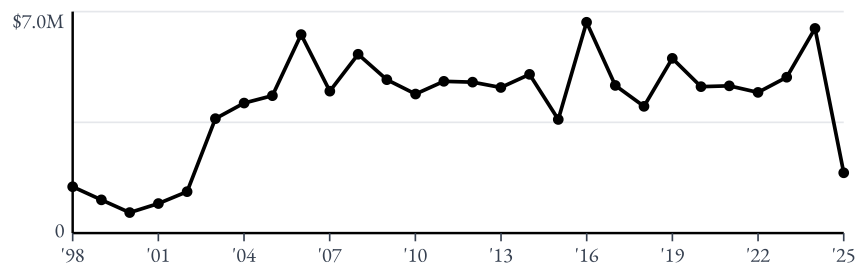


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$52,658
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$1,538,367	\$3,821,954	\$1,924,657	\$1,326,750	\$1,634,008	\$1,475,887	\$2,121,997	\$674,077
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$313,127	\$2,563,543	\$2,891,026	\$3,007,972	\$2,924,934	\$3,080,629	\$3,383,617	\$3,257,802
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$2,353	\$3,003	\$1,973	\$1,342	\$33,551	\$32,245	\$11,229	\$19,181
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$56,077	\$96,305	\$122,638	\$124,658	\$73,225	\$51,350	\$16,477	\$10,477
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
South Dakota State Dept Of Ed	–	\$1.6M	\$2.1M	\$2.1M	\$2.1M	\$2.3M	\$2.2M	\$2.3M	\$8.0M	\$1.6M
Sioux Falls School District 49-5	–	\$2.1M	\$9K	\$9K	–	\$429K	\$2K	–	\$2.1M	\$421K
Rapid City Area School District 51-4	\$147K	\$354K	\$379K	\$429K	\$366K	\$200K	\$198K	\$85K	\$1.7M	\$335K
Huron School District 2-2	\$87K	\$58K	\$94K	\$87K	\$137K	\$101K	\$66K	\$19K	\$463K	\$93K
Yankton School District 63-3	–	\$24K	\$204K	\$96K	\$138K	\$38K	\$88K	\$81K	\$462K	\$92K
Harrisburg School District 41-2	–	\$182K	\$145K	\$19K	\$68K	\$102K	\$31K	\$31K	\$415K	\$83K
Tiospa Zina Tribal School	–	\$80K	\$69K	\$125K	\$116K	\$101K	\$63K	\$66K	\$391K	\$78K
Mitchell School District 17-2	–	–	\$102K	\$236K	\$49K	\$13K	\$246K	\$6K	\$387K	\$77K
Little Wound Day School	\$69K	\$75K	\$75K	\$75K	\$73K	\$97K	\$55K	\$58K	\$367K	\$73K
Meade School District 46-1	\$44K	\$39K	\$112K	\$42K	\$89K	\$62K	\$38K	\$50K	\$325K	\$65K

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
South Dakota Network, Llc	–	\$1.7M	\$2.0M	\$2.1M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.2M	\$7.8M	\$1.6M
Riverside Technologies, Inc.	\$864K	\$927K	\$748K	\$688K	\$817K	\$795K	\$1.1M	\$54K	\$4.0M	\$809K
Marco Technologies, Llc	\$106K	\$2.2M	\$50K	\$66K	\$165K	\$133K	\$102K	\$120K	\$2.6M	\$519K
Midcontinent Communications	\$5K	\$434K	\$611K	\$617K	\$603K	\$673K	\$552K	\$422K	\$2.3M	\$454K
Golden West Technologies	\$166K	\$191K	\$267K	\$77K	\$472K	\$379K	\$607K	\$446K	\$1.2M	\$235K
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	\$241K	\$245K	\$161K	\$181K	\$71K	\$13K	\$9K	\$40K	\$900K	\$180K
Twotrees Technologies	\$303K	\$130K	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$433K	\$87K
High Point Networks, Llc	\$20K	\$6K	\$182K	\$59K	\$134K	\$52K	\$73K	\$5K	\$401K	\$80K
It Outlet Inc.	\$54K	\$155K	\$46K	\$101K	\$21K	\$49K	\$43K	–	\$376K	\$75K
Santel Communications Cooperative	–	\$57K	\$69K	\$100K	\$80K	\$28K	\$10K	\$965	\$305K	\$61K

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	29,054	25,061	28,022	31,561	19,568	29,049	24,972	28,020	31,558	19,566

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