

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	\$8,503,464	\$9,386,956	\$9,893,329	\$10,112,219	\$8,659,995	\$8,544,790	\$8,961,689	\$7,678,995
Average Discount Rate	82%	81%	78%	80%	80%	81%	81%	70%
Number of Service Providers	15	15	16	17	17	18	18	19
Number of Billed Entities	32	35	36	35	35	35	36	35
— School District BENs	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
— School BENs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
— Library BENs	11	14	15	14	14	14	15	15

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

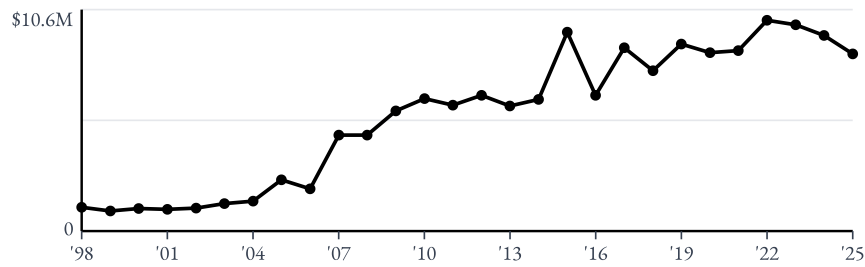


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$11,042
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,570,459	\$883,393	\$1,993,733	\$2,505,616	\$1,957,085	\$1,703,142	\$1,924,847	\$870,539
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$6,644,854	\$8,225,139	\$7,620,180	\$7,316,067	\$6,423,157	\$6,599,977	\$6,821,822	\$6,589,945
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$9,526	\$691	\$1,543	\$12,645	\$6,130	–	\$3,246	\$7,376
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$278,626	\$277,733	\$277,873	\$277,891	\$273,623	\$241,671	\$211,774	\$200,093
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
Sevier County School System	\$1.3M	\$1.4M	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	\$1.5M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$6.3M	\$1.3M
Hamblen County School District	\$678K	\$1.0M	\$1.3M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$995K	\$600K	\$543K	\$5.2M	\$1.0M
Hawkins County School District	\$719K	\$804K	\$1.2M	\$665K	\$638K	\$597K	\$695K	\$800K	\$4.0M	\$807K
Sullivan County School Dist	\$460K	\$594K	\$648K	\$852K	\$1.2M	\$1.1M	\$906K	\$738K	\$3.8M	\$756K
Kingsport City School District	\$729K	\$734K	\$674K	\$650K	\$440K	\$422K	\$838K	\$380K	\$3.2M	\$646K
Greene County School District	\$329K	\$390K	\$390K	\$1.2M	\$373K	\$420K	\$452K	\$332K	\$2.7M	\$544K
Johnson City School District	\$902K	\$445K	\$704K	\$303K	\$242K	\$240K	\$660K	\$366K	\$2.6M	\$519K
Deanie Grooms	\$363K	\$564K	\$565K	\$596K	\$485K	\$421K	\$364K	\$396K	\$2.6M	\$515K
Carter County School District	\$451K	\$608K	\$610K	\$429K	\$383K	\$460K	\$599K	\$568K	\$2.5M	\$496K
Jefferson County Schools	\$367K	\$441K	\$441K	\$619K	\$598K	\$615K	\$662K	\$443K	\$2.5M	\$493K

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
Zayo Education, Llc	\$5.7M	\$8.3M	\$7.7M	\$7.3M	\$6.4M	\$6.6M	\$6.8M	\$6.6M	\$35.4M	\$7.1M
Central Knox Inc	\$407K	\$479K	\$769K	\$1.5M	\$916K	\$1.2M	\$631K	\$775K	\$4.0M	\$807K
Personal Computer Systems, Inc	\$878K	\$444K	\$405K	\$888K	\$600K	\$332K	\$908K	\$141K	\$3.2M	\$643K
Sos Computers, Llc	—	—	\$377K	\$281K	\$602K	\$371K	—	—	\$1.3M	\$252K
United Data Technologies, Inc.	\$895K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$895K	\$179K
Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc	\$536K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$536K	\$107K
Encore Technology Group Llc	—	\$30K	\$373K	\$22K	—	—	—	—	\$425K	\$85K
Converged Networks, Llc	—	—	\$151K	\$124K	—	—	—	—	\$276K	\$55K
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	\$26K	\$34K	\$31K	\$29K	\$21K	\$24K	\$29K	\$27K	\$141K	\$28K
Nac Ram Inc	—	—	—	—	\$96K	—	—	—	\$96K	\$19K

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	6,102	4,347	4,366	4,619	4,892	6,095	4,338	4,350	4,615	4,886

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