

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	\$6,102,071	\$9,714,182	\$9,708,339	\$7,963,772	\$7,079,998	\$6,781,810	\$7,180,969	\$5,700,588
Average Discount Rate	80%	77%	73%	75%	75%	75%	80%	63%
Number of Service Providers	14	15	19	16	18	20	18	18
Number of Billed Entities	35	35	39	38	40	38	36	36
— School District BENs	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
— School BENs	8	9	10	8	8	9	6	6
— Library BENs	12	11	14	15	17	14	15	15

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

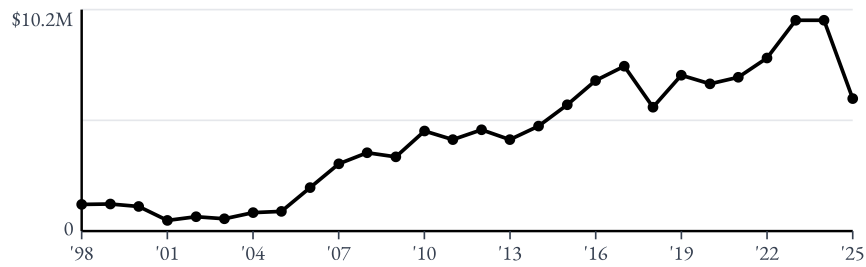


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$21,649
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,088,657	\$2,703,431	\$2,858,370	\$1,559,809	\$1,803,571	\$1,350,428	\$2,045,459	\$491,294
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$4,870,209	\$6,857,808	\$6,387,648	\$6,175,116	\$4,983,929	\$5,129,061	\$4,912,615	\$5,093,775
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	\$41,657	\$54,272	\$141,848	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$143,205	\$152,943	\$462,321	\$228,847	\$250,840	\$248,050	\$81,047	\$93,870
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
Hamilton County School Dist	\$2.1M	\$4.5M	\$4.6M	\$2.7M	\$1.9M	\$1.5M	\$2.7M	\$1.2M	\$15.8M	\$3.2M
Anderson County School Dist	\$1.2M	\$640K	\$569K	\$539K	\$504K	\$1.2M	\$525K	\$528K	\$3.5M	\$697K
Bradley County School District	\$381K	\$472K	\$457K	\$962K	\$974K	\$516K	\$487K	\$535K	\$3.2M	\$649K
Mcminn County School District	\$453K	\$712K	\$550K	\$552K	\$524K	\$524K	\$497K	\$503K	\$2.8M	\$558K
Monroe County School District	\$358K	\$382K	\$632K	\$604K	\$580K	\$678K	\$774K	\$537K	\$2.6M	\$511K
Roane County School District	\$322K	\$1.2M	\$301K	\$358K	\$304K	\$365K	\$370K	\$518K	\$2.5M	\$495K
Cleveland City School District	\$299K	\$415K	\$416K	\$760K	\$428K	\$405K	\$272K	\$482K	\$2.3M	\$464K
Morgan County School District	\$28K	\$336K	\$295K	\$328K	\$691K	\$359K	\$402K	\$335K	\$1.7M	\$336K
Polk County School District	\$234K	\$280K	\$516K	\$244K	\$244K	\$193K	\$239K	\$195K	\$1.5M	\$304K
Athens City School District	\$160K	\$195K	\$238K	\$304K	\$178K	\$242K	\$231K	\$243K	\$1.1M	\$215K

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	\$4.3M	\$6.7M	\$6.2M	\$6.0M	\$4.9M	\$5.0M	\$4.8M	\$5.0M	\$28.2M	\$5.6M
Central Knox Inc	\$1.1M	\$2.5M	\$2.6M	\$1.7M	\$1.6M	\$1.3M	\$1.9M	\$498K	\$9.5M	\$1.9M
Electric Power Board Of Chattanooga	\$58K	\$151K	\$147K	\$129K	\$108K	\$75K	\$80K	\$78K	\$593K	\$119K
United Data Technologies, Inc.	\$503K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$503K	\$101K
Presidio Networked Solutions Llc	—	—	\$406K	—	—	—	—	—	\$406K	\$81K
Gallagher & Associates, Inc.	—	\$247K	—	—	\$91K	—	\$122K	—	\$337K	\$67K
Personal Computer Systems, Inc	\$129K	\$25K	\$14K	\$16K	\$131K	\$77K	\$27K	\$72K	\$315K	\$63K
Edutech, Inc.	—	—	\$236K	—	\$63K	—	\$68K	—	\$299K	\$60K
Datacomm Cabling, Llc	—	—	—	—	\$114K	—	\$0	—	\$114K	\$23K
Cp Green Hills, Llc	—	—	—	\$50K	\$60K	\$53K	—	—	\$110K	\$22K

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	5,284	3,568	4,594	3,363	3,792	5,277	3,559	4,585	3,361	3,790

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