

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	\$6,975,188	\$9,945,525	\$9,055,089	\$9,259,904	\$8,344,601	\$9,178,668	\$7,802,831	\$6,591,472
Average Discount Rate	83%	80%	79%	81%	77%	77%	79%	64%
Number of Service Providers	22	17	17	20	17	19	21	28
Number of Billed Entities	40	38	40	42	39	39	41	42
— School District BENs	22	22	22	22	21	21	21	21
— School BENs	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	3
— Library BENs	18	16	17	19	17	17	19	18

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

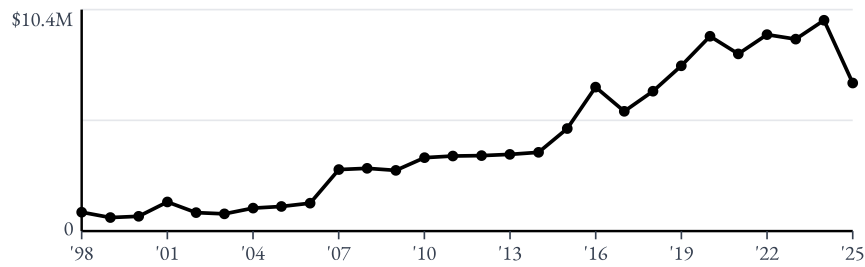


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$31,463
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$1,428,774	\$2,836,029	\$2,189,067	\$2,749,667	\$2,513,648	\$3,101,694	\$1,902,827	\$1,127,285
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$5,485,915	\$7,025,181	\$6,764,267	\$6,394,400	\$5,573,128	\$5,978,762	\$5,840,747	\$5,340,699
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	—	\$2,400	—	\$0	—	\$1,418	—	—
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$60,500	\$81,915	\$101,755	\$115,837	\$257,824	\$96,795	\$59,257	\$92,024

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
Rutherford County School Dist	\$811K	\$2.3M	\$1.3M	\$615K	\$1.3M	\$1.1M	\$1.4M	\$929K	\$6.3M	\$1.3M
Bedford County School District	\$966K	\$1.0M	\$1.2M	\$1.7M	\$821K	\$852K	\$933K	\$636K	\$5.7M	\$1.1M
Murfreesboro City School Dist	\$1.0M	\$1.1M	\$871K	\$600K	\$600K	\$1.4M	\$641K	\$255K	\$4.2M	\$842K
Warren County School District	\$481K	\$607K	\$673K	\$978K	\$882K	\$698K	\$514K	\$637K	\$3.6M	\$725K
Rhea County School District	\$377K	\$559K	\$470K	\$743K	\$398K	\$627K	\$385K	\$379K	\$2.5M	\$509K
Franklin County School Dist	\$279K	\$393K	\$632K	\$537K	\$506K	\$456K	\$663K	\$462K	\$2.3M	\$469K
Marion County School District	\$362K	\$358K	\$352K	\$520K	\$628K	\$548K	\$409K	\$339K	\$2.2M	\$444K
Lawrence County School Dist	\$525K	\$359K	\$413K	\$499K	\$396K	\$292K	\$303K	\$372K	\$2.2M	\$438K
Giles County School District	\$244K	\$465K	\$526K	\$535K	\$351K	\$422K	\$416K	\$379K	\$2.1M	\$424K
Coffee County School District	\$232K	\$353K	\$599K	\$421K	\$372K	\$341K	\$361K	\$322K	\$2.0M	\$395K

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	\$4.6M	\$6.1M	\$5.9M	\$5.8M	\$5.2M	\$5.5M	\$5.4M	\$5.0M	\$27.7M	\$5.5M
Central Knox Inc	\$952K	\$2.1M	\$1.6M	\$1.6M	\$2.5M	\$2.1M	\$1.8M	\$846K	\$8.8M	\$1.8M
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$520K	\$860K	\$778K	\$525K	\$168K	\$278K	\$282K	\$274K	\$2.9M	\$570K
Personal Computer Systems, Inc	\$57K	\$71K	\$475K	\$1.0M	\$33K	\$162K	\$39K	\$56K	\$1.7M	\$336K
Cdw Government Llc	\$457K	\$447K	\$93K	\$72K	\$141K	\$747K	\$37K	\$20K	\$1.2M	\$242K
United Data Technologies, Inc.	\$292K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$292K	\$58K
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Llc	\$25K	\$35K	\$37K	\$38K	\$147K	\$167K	\$150K	\$145K	\$281K	\$56K
Wrightcore, Inc.	—	—	\$144K	\$90K	—	—	\$48K	\$89K	\$234K	\$47K
Converged Networks, Llc	—	\$165K	—	—	\$63K	\$120K	—	—	\$228K	\$46K
Howard Technology Solutions	\$15K	\$80K	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$95K	\$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	5,059	3,570	3,830	4,116	5,319	5,055	3,563	3,827	4,112	5,307

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