

# **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	\$4,641,342	\$12,674,100	\$10,190,563	\$8,751,837	\$11,049,378	\$8,236,021	\$6,252,343	\$6,755,681
Average Discount Rate	82%	78%	78%	81%	81%	80%	81%	75%
Number of Service Providers	21	22	21	19	17	19	15	18
Number of Billed Entities	36	37	37	41	37	37	35	35
— School District BENs	19	19	19	19	18	18	18	18
— School BENs	9	9	10	9	6	6	5	4
— Library BENs	8	9	8	13	13	13	12	13

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

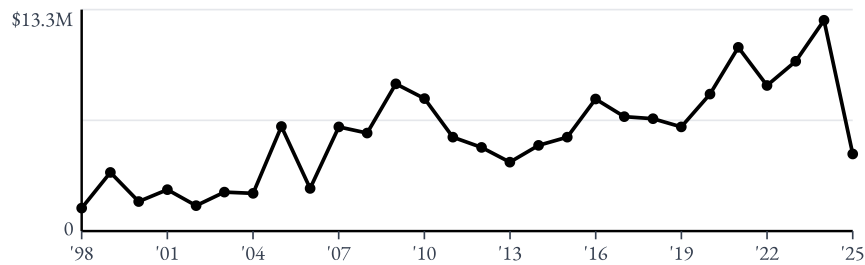


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$34,103
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$1,047,362	\$4,872,855	\$2,666,245	\$1,505,325	\$4,251,178	\$1,416,008	\$345,254	\$846,016
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$3,517,181	\$7,644,136	\$7,343,568	\$7,142,825	\$6,604,239	\$6,659,382	\$5,859,933	\$5,839,562
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	\$9,756	\$21,033	–	\$19,867	\$19,867	\$18,212	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$76,799	\$147,354	\$159,718	\$103,687	\$174,093	\$140,765	\$28,944	\$36,000

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
Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools	—	\$6.4M	\$3.9M	\$2.9M	\$5.2M	\$2.6M	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	<b>\$18.4M</b>	\$3.7M
Putnam County School District	\$1.2M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$2.1M	\$1.3M	\$871K	\$817K	<b>\$6.4M</b>	\$1.3M
Sumner County School District	\$1.1M	\$1.3M	\$1.2M	\$1.1M	\$659K	\$798K	\$680K	\$885K	<b>\$5.3M</b>	\$1.1M
Cumberland County School Dist	\$339K	\$705K	\$368K	\$805K	\$318K	\$413K	\$364K	\$449K	<b>\$2.5M</b>	\$507K
Scott County Schools	\$270K	\$291K	\$668K	\$293K	\$265K	\$358K	\$292K	\$368K	<b>\$1.8M</b>	\$357K
White County School District	\$237K	\$459K	\$444K	\$330K	\$304K	\$288K	\$306K	\$276K	<b>\$1.8M</b>	\$355K
De Kalb County School District	\$292K	\$275K	\$275K	\$402K	\$288K	\$358K	\$298K	\$298K	<b>\$1.5M</b>	\$306K
Macon County School District	\$201K	\$241K	\$496K	\$215K	\$246K	\$237K	\$232K	\$230K	<b>\$1.4M</b>	\$280K
Smith County Board Of Education	\$195K	\$431K	\$226K	\$231K	\$190K	\$224K	\$194K	\$194K	<b>\$1.3M</b>	\$254K
Cannon County School District	\$144K	\$233K	\$424K	\$195K	\$250K	\$304K	\$228K	\$228K	<b>\$1.2M</b>	\$249K

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	\$2.9M	\$7.1M	\$6.9M	\$6.6M	\$6.0M	\$6.1M	\$5.3M	\$5.3M	<b>\$29.5M</b>	\$5.9M
Cdw Government Llc	\$60K	\$3.9M	\$1.5M	\$115K	\$2.7M	\$267K	\$234K	—	<b>\$8.4M</b>	\$1.7M
Central Knox Inc	\$915K	\$815K	\$523K	\$1.1M	\$1.5M	\$1.0M	\$130K	\$731K	<b>\$4.9M</b>	\$979K
Tele-Page, Incorporated	\$230K	\$242K	\$248K	\$245K	\$216K	\$216K	\$216K	\$216K	<b>\$1.2M</b>	\$236K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	—	\$139K	\$132K	\$187K	\$247K	\$264K	\$266K	\$272K	<b>\$705K</b>	\$141K
Personal Computer Systems, Inc	\$41K	—	\$371K	—	\$115K	\$118K	—	\$93K	<b>\$527K</b>	\$105K
Wrightcore, Inc.	—	—	\$9K	\$351K	—	—	—	—	<b>\$360K</b>	\$72K
Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corporation	—	\$79K	\$79K	\$78K	\$83K	\$79K	\$69K	\$83K	<b>\$319K</b>	\$64K
United Data Technologies, Inc.	\$257K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	<b>\$257K</b>	\$51K
Howard Technology Solutions	\$96K	\$88K	\$22K	\$26K	—	—	—	—	<b>\$232K</b>	\$46K

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	3,544	2,091	3,327	1,419	1,900	3,543	2,091	3,325	1,417	1,899

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