

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	\$8,336,967	\$18,000,293	\$10,684,367	\$12,192,540	\$10,201,122	\$5,585,337	\$5,204,386	\$5,364,350
Average Discount Rate	83%	83%	82%	83%	84%	81%	82%	60%
Number of Service Providers	23	18	17	21	31	33	34	39
Number of Billed Entities	37	39	38	38	42	39	35	38
— School District BENs	17	17	16	16	16	7	7	7
— School BENs	15	17	16	16	18	16	12	16
— Library BENs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
— Consortium BENs	3	3	4	4	6	14	14	13

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

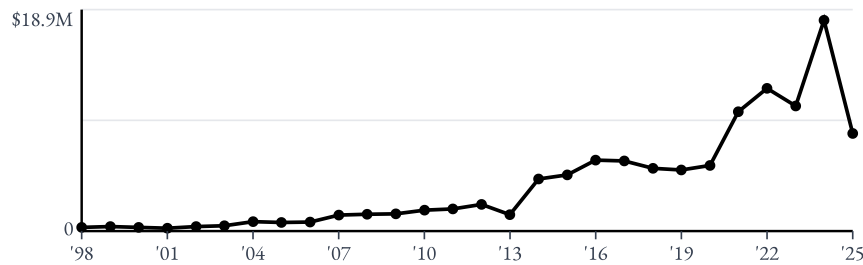


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$214,519
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	\$911,559	\$7,351,978	\$375,733	\$2,769,075	\$3,277,445	\$769,581	\$525,850	\$370,677
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$7,337,168	\$10,348,532	\$9,983,596	\$9,174,240	\$6,559,834	\$4,397,585	\$4,595,209	\$4,717,126
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$371	–	–	–	–	\$0	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$87,869	\$299,783	\$325,038	\$249,224	\$363,844	\$418,171	\$83,328	\$62,028

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
Shelby County School District	\$6.0M	\$13.8M	\$7.9M	\$9.5M	\$6.9M	\$2.2M	\$2.4M	\$2.6M	\$44.1M	\$8.8M
Tipton County School District	\$452K	\$840K	\$473K	\$608K	\$441K	\$483K	\$598K	\$612K	\$2.8M	\$563K
Millington Municipal Schools	\$272K	\$260K	\$528K	\$258K	\$257K	\$343K	\$293K	\$269K	\$1.6M	\$315K
Memphis Main Public Library	—	\$944K	—	\$156K	\$222K	\$264K	\$222K	\$217K	\$1.3M	\$264K
Iota Community Schools	\$315K	\$139K	\$191K	\$179K	—	—	—	—	\$823K	\$165K
Capstone Education Group	\$197K	\$158K	\$158K	\$153K	\$129K	\$161K	\$77K	\$78K	\$796K	\$159K
Journey Community Schools	\$135K	\$241K	\$115K	\$170K	\$87K	—	—	—	\$749K	\$150K
Freedom Preparatory Academy	\$126K	\$228K	\$126K	\$0	\$221K	\$181K	\$209K	\$151K	\$701K	\$140K
Kipp Memphis Consortium	\$4K	\$129K	\$139K	\$184K	\$166K	\$379K	\$120K	\$112K	\$621K	\$124K
Memphis Business Academy	\$127K	\$121K	\$103K	\$135K	\$131K	—	—	—	\$616K	\$123K

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	\$6.8M	\$15.2M	\$9.3M	\$8.3M	\$5.6M	\$3.5M	\$3.8M	\$4.0M	\$45.2M	\$9.0M
Oteka Technologies, Llc	—	—	—	\$2.5M	\$2.5M	—	—	—	\$5.0M	\$1.0M
Comcast Business Communications	\$340K	\$537K	\$233K	\$320K	\$381K	\$402K	\$294K	\$237K	\$1.8M	\$362K
Central Knox Inc	\$616K	\$389K	\$324K	\$161K	\$148K	\$220K	\$198K	—	\$1.6M	\$327K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	\$104K	\$204K	\$264K	\$314K	\$313K	\$197K	\$263K	\$194K	\$1.2M	\$240K
Technologylab, Llc	\$69K	\$241K	\$139K	\$229K	\$165K	—	—	—	\$844K	\$169K
Thomas Consultants, Inc.	—	\$788K	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$788K	\$158K
Network Innovations, Llc	\$9K	\$88K	\$138K	\$113K	\$33K	—	—	—	\$380K	\$76K
Modern Services Llc	\$58K	\$257K	\$31K	—	—	—	—	—	\$345K	\$69K
Technologyx, Inc.	—	\$138K	\$122K	—	\$77K	\$57K	\$57K	—	\$336K	\$67K

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	2,082	2,016	1,965	1,880	1,699	2,082	2,014	1,963	1,875	1,694

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