

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	\$180,961	\$375,939	\$494,849	\$458,504	\$784,530	\$596,732	\$4,250,854	\$697,350
Average Discount Rate	80%	79%	81%	80%	78%	77%	80%	49%
Number of Service Providers	17	14	13	14	18	22	18	27
Number of Billed Entities	13	12	13	15	16	15	14	13
— School District BENs	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
— School BENs	8	7	8	10	11	10	10	9
— Library BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	—

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

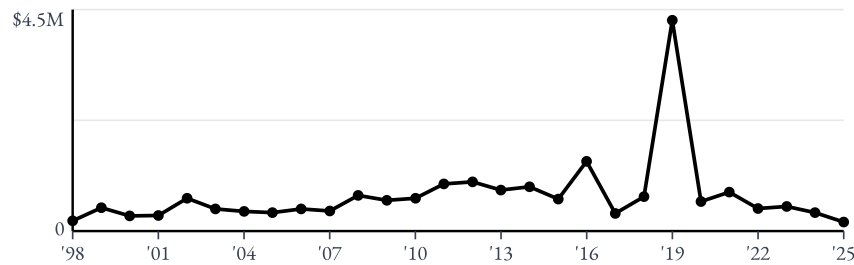


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$60,360
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$114,507	\$51,019	\$28,724	\$39,627	\$279,796	\$173,648	\$3,912,674	\$191,669
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$56,254	\$324,920	\$461,534	\$416,752	\$491,520	\$416,198	\$319,820	\$445,321
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	\$10,200	—	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,885	\$18,360	\$0
Managed Internal Broadband Services	—	—	\$4,590	\$2,125	\$13,213	—	—	—

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
Draw Academy	\$81K	\$89K	\$165K	\$150K	\$145K	\$134K	\$40K	\$53K	\$630K	\$126K
Alief Indep School District	–	\$121K	\$121K	\$119K	\$186K	\$169K	\$4.0M	\$387K	\$547K	\$109K
Academy Of Accelerated Learning	\$50K	\$56K	\$56K	\$42K	\$137K	\$139K	\$87K	\$87K	\$342K	\$68K
Ser-Ninos Charter School	–	\$30K	\$34K	\$46K	\$155K	\$31K	\$24K	\$26K	\$265K	\$53K
Houston Classical Charter School	\$11K	\$23K	\$40K	\$17K	\$20K	\$32K	–	–	\$111K	\$22K
Amigos Por Vida-Friends For Life Charter School	\$6K	\$40K	\$17K	\$22K	\$17K	\$32K	\$26K	–	\$102K	\$20K
Southwest School	–	\$0	\$38K	–	\$46K	\$16K	\$29K	\$44K	\$85K	\$17K
Etoile Academy, Inc.	–	–	–	\$35K	\$29K	\$17K	\$14K	\$34K	\$64K	\$13K
Bellaire City Library	\$7K	\$8K	\$8K	\$8K	\$12K	\$8K	–	–	\$42K	\$8K
Alief Montessori Community School	–	–	\$6K	\$9K	\$19K	\$7K	–	\$45K	\$34K	\$7K

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
Amtel Communications Co.	–	–	\$132K	\$132K	\$127K	\$98K	\$40K	\$39K	\$391K	\$78K
Ps Lightwave, Llc	\$9K	\$74K	\$72K	\$72K	\$139K	\$115K	\$57K	\$137K	\$367K	\$73K
Advanced Networks Of Texas	\$15K	\$40K	\$33K	\$38K	\$155K	\$51K	–	\$20K	\$281K	\$56K
Windstream Communications, Llc	\$23K	\$56K	\$56K	\$42K	\$56K	\$71K	\$87K	\$87K	\$234K	\$47K
Phonoscope, Inc.	–	\$58K	\$58K	\$56K	\$56K	\$56K	\$56K	\$47K	\$230K	\$46K
At&T Enterprises, Llc	–	\$91K	\$52K	\$33K	\$33K	\$33K	–	\$2K	\$209K	\$42K
Comcast Business Communications	\$4K	\$30K	\$43K	\$69K	\$19K	\$14K	\$39K	\$38K	\$165K	\$33K
Megabytes	\$22K	–	–	–	\$82K	\$68K	–	–	\$104K	\$21K
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	–	\$0	\$38K	–	\$46K	\$16K	\$29K	\$88K	\$85K	\$17K
Brighten Technologies Llc	\$81K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$81K	\$16K

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	29,950	28,773	14,027	13,531	12,364	29,948	28,771	14,025	13,526	12,345

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