

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	\$559,718	\$7,247,172	\$8,929,680	\$9,069,940	\$3,398,939	\$6,235,320	\$18,445,301	\$5,425,223
Average Discount Rate	78%	74%	78%	72%	72%	84%	83%	79%
Number of Service Providers	15	17	18	19	15	15	17	23
Number of Billed Entities	16	16	16	14	14	14	16	20
— School District BENs	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6
— School BENs	11	11	10	8	8	8	10	12
— Library BENs	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	—
— Consortium BENs	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	2

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

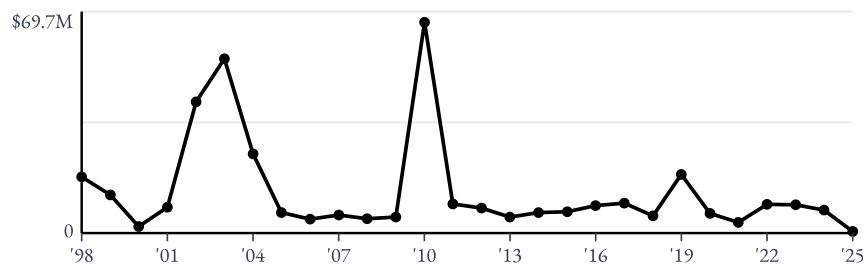


Table 2. E-Rate Subsidies by Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Voice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$224,990
Telecomm Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Internal Connections	\$20,280	\$6,128,276	\$7,839,522	\$6,932,707	\$2,329,076	\$5,162,388	\$17,391,795	\$3,359,951
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	\$539,438	\$1,118,897	\$1,090,157	\$2,065,381	\$1,068,673	\$1,072,783	\$1,053,060	\$1,840,133
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	—	—	—	\$71,853	\$1,190	\$149	\$446	\$149
Managed Internal Broadband Services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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
Houston Indep School District	\$281K	\$2.1M	\$7.2M	\$7.5M	\$3.0M	\$5.7M	\$17.9M	\$4.3M	\$20.0M	\$4.0M
Spring Indep School District	—	\$4.8M	\$89K	\$1.1M	\$89K	\$68K	\$49K	\$49K	\$6.1M	\$1.2M
Houston Public Library System	\$145K	\$199K	\$1.4M	\$205K	\$190K	\$292K	—	—	\$2.1M	\$429K
Brazos School For Inquiry And Creativity	\$45K	\$49K	\$57K	\$87K	\$68K	\$61K	\$92K	\$82K	\$306K	\$61K
Lutheran High Sch Association	\$2K	\$43K	\$45K	\$87K	\$45K	\$41K	\$39K	\$40K	\$223K	\$45K
St Pius X High School	\$26K	\$33K	\$8K	\$8K	\$10K	\$20K	\$22K	\$22K	\$86K	\$17K
Beatrice Mayes Institute Charter School	—	\$11K	\$48K	\$11K	—	—	—	—	\$70K	\$14K
Incarnate Word Academy School	\$6K	\$7K	\$7K	\$39K	\$7K	\$8K	\$7K	\$12K	\$65K	\$13K
Yellowstone College Preparatory	\$11K	\$13K	\$41K	—	—	—	—	—	\$64K	\$13K
Yellowstone Academy	\$11K	\$13K	\$13K	\$8K	\$8K	\$8K	\$15K	\$15K	\$52K	\$10K

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
Netsync Network Solutions	—	\$1.4M	\$7.8M	\$6.8M	\$2.3M	\$5.2M	\$17.4M	\$3.3M	\$18.3M	\$3.7M
Solid It Networks, Inc.	—	\$4.7M	—	\$1.0M	—	—	—	—	\$5.7M	\$1.1M
Ps Lightwave, Llc	\$327K	\$595K	\$568K	\$544K	\$495K	\$480K	\$463K	\$977K	\$2.5M	\$506K
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Llc	\$109K	\$155K	\$161K	\$155K	\$157K	\$204K	\$237K	\$478K	\$736K	\$147K
Zayo Group, Llc	—	\$115K	\$115K	\$196K	\$194K	\$175K	\$148K	\$121K	\$620K	\$124K
Ezee Fiber Texas Llc	—	\$48K	\$89K	\$89K	\$89K	\$68K	\$49K	\$49K	\$317K	\$63K
Cebridge Telecom Tx, Lp	\$45K	\$49K	\$46K	\$15K	\$15K	\$21K	\$17K	\$363	\$169K	\$34K
Layer2 Communications, Inc.	—	\$31K	\$44K	\$43K	\$44K	\$41K	\$38K	\$39K	\$162K	\$32K
Comcast Business Communications	\$32K	\$20K	\$18K	\$17K	\$6K	\$3K	\$2K	\$265K	\$94K	\$19K
Verizon Business Global Llc	—	—	\$11K	\$40K	\$40K	\$40K	\$59K	\$63K	\$91K	\$18K

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	25,433	26,368	8,160	7,744	7,746	25,431	26,367	8,157	8,153	8,157

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