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Connections Academy

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Overview

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total E-Rate Subsidies	–	$53K	$63K	$82K	$76K	$79K	$84K	$72K	$99K	$187K	$5K	$720K	$611K	$507K	$294K	$224K
Average Discount Rate	67%	68%	67%	69%	69%	68%	69%	63%	68%	50%	54%	72%	69%	76%	68%	72%
Schools & Libraries	–	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service Providers	5	9	9	10	10	10	11	7	6	24	28	28	27	23	22	22
Avg Download Speed (Mbps)	200	105	105	105	130	10	10	10	10	50	–	–	–	–	–	–
Avg Upload Speed (Mbps)	20	15	15	15	130	10	10	10	10	10	–	–	–	–	–	–

Subsidies by E-Rate Service Type

Service Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$39K	–	–	–	–	–	–
Telecomm Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$549K	$466K	$495K	$149K	$163K
Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	–	$53K	$63K	$82K	$76K	$79K	$84K	$72K	$99K	$147K	$5K	$171K	$145K	$12K	$144K	$61K
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Broadband Category 1	–	$53K	$63K	$82K	$76K	$79K	$84K	$72K	$99K	$187K	$5K	$720K	$611K	$507K	$294K	$224K
Equipment Category 2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	$53K	$63K	$82K	$76K	$79K	$84K	$72K	$99K	$187K	$5K	$720K	$611K	$507K	$294K	$224K

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Subsidies by E-Rate Service Provider (top 10, FY2024)

Service Provider	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	–	$7K	$16K	$15K	$10K	$4K	$4K	$3K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Windstream Communications, Llc	–	$6K	$31K	$39K	$39K	$39K	$40K	$43K	$50K	$28K	–	–	–	–	–	–
Centurylink Qwest Communications Company, Llc	–	–	$1K	$9K	$12K	$19K	$19K	$20K	$41K	$115K	–	$417K	$415K	$297K	$142K	$19K
Level 3 Communications, Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2K	–	$28K	$40K	$43K	$43K	$72K
Verizon Business Global Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$43K	$49K	$42K	$25K	$43K
Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.	–	–	–	$1K	$2K	$2K	$2K	$2K	–	–	–	$77K	–	$51K	$30K	$32K
Qwest Corporation	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$168	–	$11K	$3K	$5K	$5K	$10K
Comcast Cable Communications, Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1K	$2K	–	$26K	$16K	$6K	–	–

Recipient Demographics (latest profile)

Recipient	Address	City	Discount Rate	Students	NSLP	NSLP %	Urban/Rural
Lowcountry Connections Academy	1520 Old Trolley Rd Ste 200 29485	Summerville	67%	390	205	53%	Urban
South Carolina Connections Academy	220 Stoneridge Dr Ste 403 29210	Columbia	67%	5,582	2,174	39%	Urban

Sources: USAC Open Data — E-Rate Recipient Details and Commitments (avi8-svp9), funded FRNs only; FCC Form 471 FRN Status (qdmp-ygft); USAC legacy commitments for FY1998–2015 (BEN level). Billed-entity figures are total authorized disbursements (entity-wide, exact). Service-provider top 10 ranked by lifetime disbursements, sorted by FY2024. Student counts sum USAC recipient-site profiles (entity-wide). 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 dips at the end — that's the real state of USAC's data, not an error. Technology Policy Institute, 2026-06-10.

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Overview (FY1998–2009)

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Total E-Rate Subsidies	$193K	$128K	$80K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Average Discount Rate	75%	73%	73%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Schools & Libraries	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service Providers	20	16	18	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Avg Download Speed (Mbps)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Avg Upload Speed (Mbps)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Subsidies by E-Rate Service Type (FY1998–2009)

Service Type	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Voice	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Telecomm Services	$148K	$107K	$71K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	$46K	$21K	$8K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Managed Internal Broadband Services	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Broadband Category 1	$193K	$128K	$80K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Equipment Category 2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	$193K	$128K	$80K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Service Provider	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Charter Communications Operating, Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Windstream Communications, Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Centurylink Qwest Communications Company, Llc	$4K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Level 3 Communications, Llc	$58K	$35K	$6K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Verizon Business Global Llc	$29K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.	$34K	$19K	$9K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Qwest Corporation	$11K	$16K	$14K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Comcast Cable Communications, Llc	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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