



Bring 21st Century Library Services to all New Yorkers:

Support E-Rate

What is the E-Rate Program?

On May 7, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Universal Service Order implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Order, commonly referred to as "E-Rate" (Education Rate), ensures that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Up to \$2.25 billion annually was authorized initially to provide eligible schools and libraries with E-Rate discounts. The amount actually allocated by Congress for 1998-99 was \$1.9 billion, but the full \$2.25 billion has been authorized each year beginning with 1999-2000.

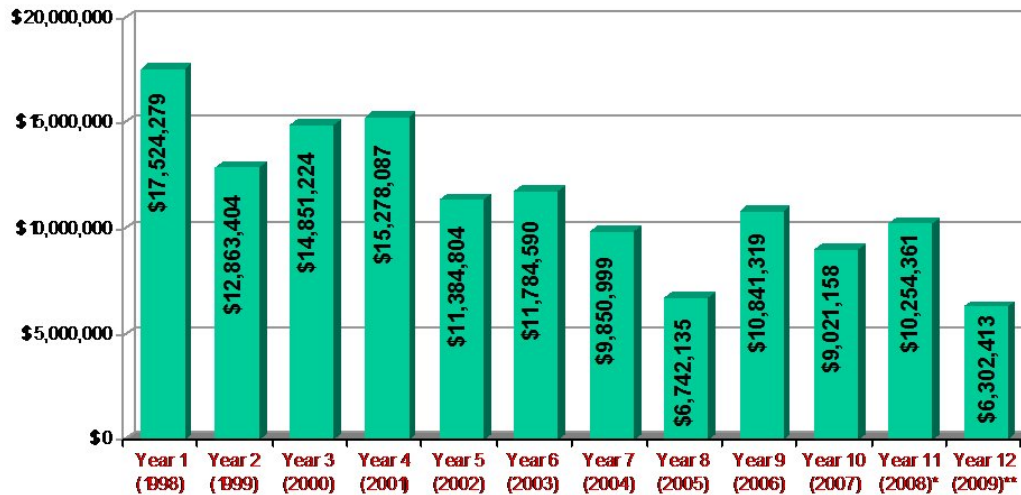


The E-Rate Program is important to New York State. It ensures that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services.

How does the E-Rate Program help New York State Libraries?

The E-Rate Program provides funding to eligible public libraries and public library systems, school library media centers and school library systems, not-for-profit special libraries, and reference and research library resources systems. For each Program Year (1-10), an average total of 383 libraries and library systems in New York State received an average total of \$12 million from the E-Rate Program. This funding helps libraries purchase telecommunications services, Internet connectivity, and internal connections to meet the information needs of New Yorkers.

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS
E-Rate Funding Received
Years 1-12 (1998-2009)



Year 1 (1998): \$17,524,279; Year 2 (1999): \$12,863,403;
Year 3 (2000): \$14,851,224; Year 4 (2001): \$15,278,087;
Year 5 (2002): \$11,384,804; Year 6 (2003): \$11,784,590;
Year 7 (2004): \$9,850,999; Year 8 (2005): \$6,742,135;
Year 9 (2006): \$10,841,319; Year 10 (2007): \$9,022,751;
Year 11 (2008)*: 10,244,753; Year 12 (2009): \$6,302,413**

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