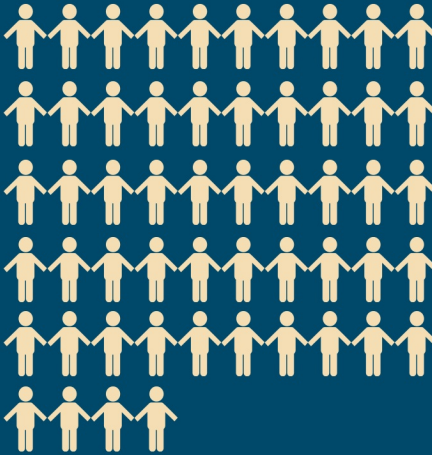


E-rate Supports Students

The E-rate discount program provides discounts for broadband Internet connections to school buildings and classrooms in every corner of America. Public library systems also qualify for support.

53.6 Million Students



↑ = 1 million students

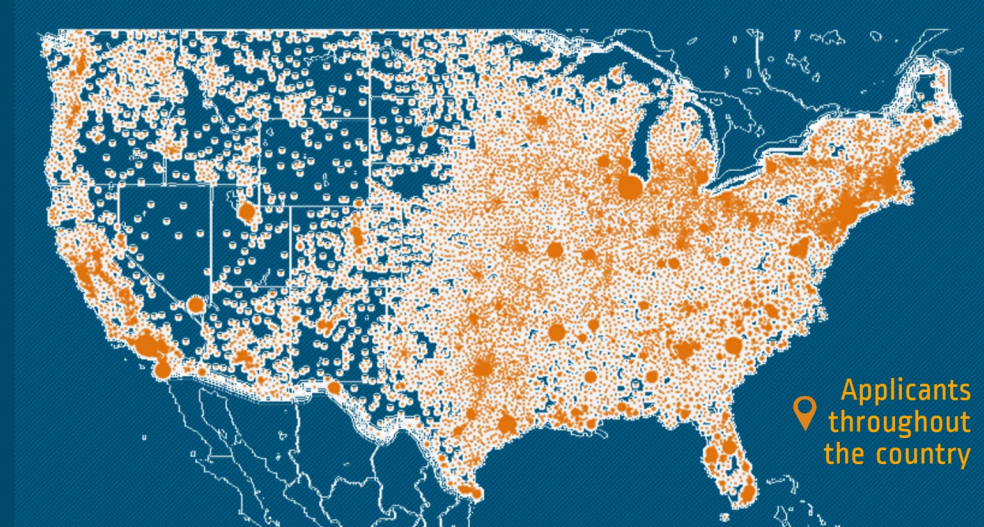
120,000 schools



🏠 = 5,000 school buildings

Growing Program

	School Districts	Library Systems
2000	9,773	4,082
2005	11,530	3,560
2010	13,137	3,877
2015	13,958	4,091



Faster Connections Cost More Money

Schools and libraries need faster Internet because students and library patrons expect speedy Wi-Fi connections. But Internet access is not free.

In 2015, schools and libraries reported \$5.4 billion in Internet-related connectivity charges. Of this, they requested \$3.9 billion in support from the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries, commonly referred to as the E-rate program.



E-rate discounts requested in FY2015



\$ = 200 million



Internet access is transforming our society. Schools and libraries should not be excluded.

