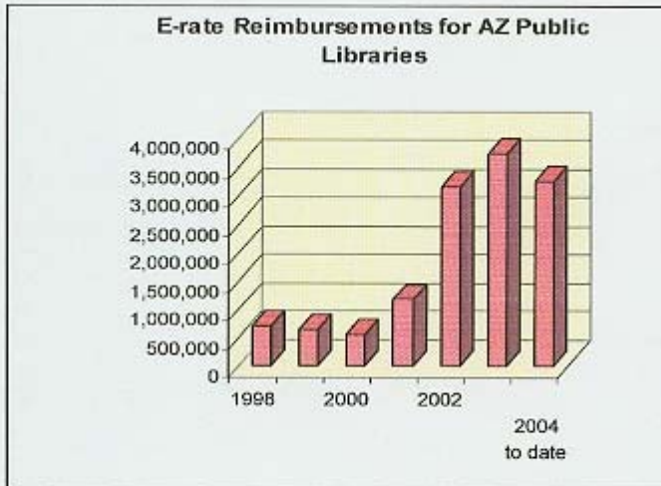


E-rate Reimbursements for AZ Public Libraries 1998-2004



Year	Reimbursement Amounts
1998	700,536
1999	645,521
2000	571,489
2001	1,182,778
2002	3,162,280
2003	3,749,292
2004 to date	3,252,134

The E-rate - the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism - provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. The reimbursements received are used by the public libraries to enhance telecommunication access and usage.

Arizona State library assists Public Libraries around the state by organizing trainings, assisting with data gathering, consultation, form completion, and problem resolution.

Recently a Governor's E-rate task force has been set up to help with outreach & training and also with the development and procurement of telecom services to the rural libraries. The graph shows E-rate reimbursements to Arizona Public Libraries since its inception in 1998.