

2007 Service Provider Participation

Program	Service Providers
High Cost	1,917 eligible telecommunications carriers
Low Income	1,701 eligible telecommunications carriers
Rural Health Care	408 service providers* (telecom and Internet access)
Schools and Libraries	4,286 service and equipment providers*

Note: As of December 31, 2007. *Based on receipt of invoice payment in 2007.

Service provider participation continues to be positive and competitive. Currently, there are over 21,000 service provider identification numbers (SPINs - the nine digit number assigned to service providers participating in universal service programs), equating to more than 6,500 service providers that actively participate in the universal service support mechanisms. These service providers include local and interstate telecommunications companies, Internet service providers (ISPs), and various internal connections contractors.