



ARRL 2025 International Digital Contest Full Results

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The 2025 ARRL International Digital Contest was held June 7 – 8, 2025. 995 entries were received for this year's event.

With the ARRL International Digital Contest (IDC) now in its third year, we have a bit more data to analyze. Let's take a look at overall activity first. In the initial running of the event in 2022, there were 1,452 logs submitted – a healthy number for a new contest! The number of logs submitted in years 2 and 3 were 963 and 937 respectively, which shows the activity has levelled off in the past 2 years.

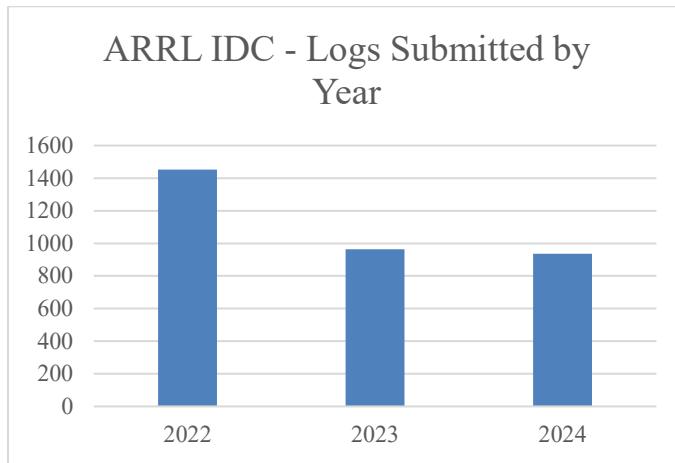


Figure 1 – ARRL International Digital Contest- Logs submitted by year.

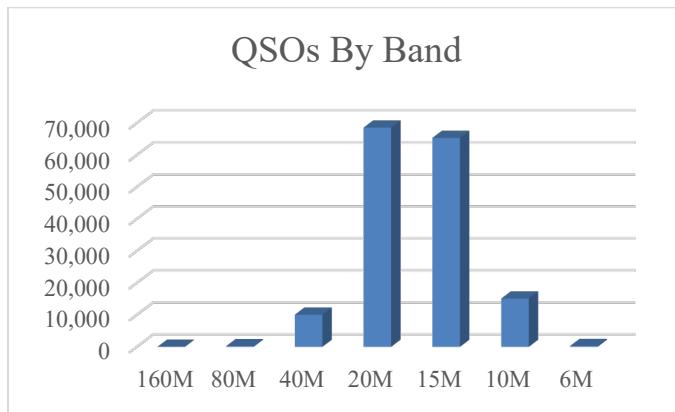


Figure 3 – 2024 ARRL International Digital Contest- QSOs by band.

20 and 15 meters remained the most popular bands in 2024, comprising almost 84 percent of all reported contacts in the contest. The third most popular band

was 10 meters with 15,093 contacts (9.46%), which makes sense as we are approaching the peak of solar cycle 25. With the IDC occurring during the peak of the 6 meter E-skip season, it's surprising that so few contacts were reported on that band. As many modern radios now include HF plus 6 meter capabilities, the ease of switching between bands is relatively easy, making it surprising that more operators do not take advantage of the propagation enhancements that summer conditions present.

Log Submissions By Category

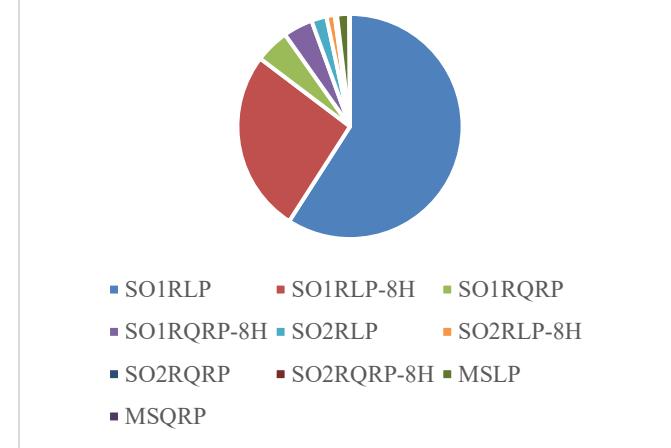


Figure 2 – 2024 ARRL International Digital Contest- log submissions by category.

The most popular of the entry categories remain the Single Operator, 1 Radio categories, which comprised 92.6 percent of the total entries. Single Operator, 2 Radio categories comprised 3.6 of all entries, with the Multioperator categories totalling 1.8 percent.

All Enclosed Antennas Overlay

The All Enclosed Antennas overlay is available for Single Operator stations who are unable to erect towers or install antennas outside of a structure. In 2024, 185 entrants selected the overlay in their entries.

Top Ten – W/VE

In 2025, 529 logs were received from stations located in the Continental U.S. and Canada, which was a slight increase from last year. Let's take a dive into each category.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power – W/VE (Y) = Youth	
K6OK	10,743
K9OM	10,203
K6SEA (KA6BIM, op)	9,041
N3QE	7,767
N4ML (Y)	6,755
KA2MGE	5,975
WJØW	5,739
WØZA	5,709
K1HTV	5,571
K4EA	5,384

Jim, K6OK, again took first place in the category after falling out of the top three last year. He topped the category in the inaugural run of the event in 2022. David, KA6BIM at K6SEA, dropped down to third place, with Dick, K9OM, entering the top ten in second place this year. Last year's first place winner, Tim, N3QE fell to fourth place, with Youth newcomer Max, N4ML (and W/VE Youth winner) rounding out the top 5.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power – W/VE (8 Hour Limited Time)	
* = All Enclosed Antennas	
K6LL	5,395
KA6JAR*	2,595
AB1J*	2,463
W3RGA	2,245
N2YCH	2,074
N4BP	1,870
KB4DSL	1,851
N9TF	1,748
W4ANT	1,697
AB4YI	1,593

In the Single Operator 1 Operator, Low Power, 8-Hour Limited Time Category, David, K6LL, took

first place, besting Matt KA6JAR by over 2000 points. Ken, AB1J, and Pat, W3RGA, took third and fourth place in the category, with the remainder in very close competition.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP – W/VE	
WA2DNI	2,560
N5ER	2,217
N3MWQ	1,110
WØCP	875
WW6W	635
KB3VAV	511
NO4D	509
W6AJR	274
WBØIWG	201
N6ACA	200

James, well-known competitor WA2DNI, closely led John, N5ER in this category, followed by Tom, N3MWQ, and Walton, WØCP.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP – W/VE (8 Hour Limited Time)	
W2HCB	1,635
AA3R	1,214
WC4J	938
NØUR	848
K7EDM	686
N4IJ	653
N8URE	537
WØKI	364
K7WA	292
WØADL	250

In the Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP Limited Operating Time category, John, W2HCB, eked out a first place. Following close behind is Fred, AA3R, with only 117 points separating first and second places.

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power W/VE	
* = All Enclosed Antennas	

K3MM	15,962
N8HRZ	13,749
WT2P (@K1TTT)	9,862
NA5M	7,050
KC3PIB	6,896
NA3M*	6,123
KW6S	5,785
W9AV	4,610
W7PP	4,484
NF3R	4,229

Tyler, K3MM, continues his dominance in the SO2RLP category this year, taking a 3,615 point lead over Steven, N8HRZ.

Ryan, KI6BTY, while not making it into the top ten box, logged 335 QSOs during the contest. "This was a lot of fun. After much frustration early on, I was able to get into a good groove and put in 13 hours on Saturday and 10 hours on Sunday. I did get some good DX, including some surprising contacts in Belgium and The Netherlands. I more than doubled my QSOs from last year."

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP – W/VE	
KN6OKY	1,242
WA2VKG	279

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP (8 Hours Time Limit)

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP (8 Hour Limited Time) – W/VE
WQ5L 2,172

There's not a lot of competition in the Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP category, which remains the category with the fewest entrants in the contest. KN6OKY and N5YT were the W/VE entrants in the 24-hour and 8-hour categories, with UT3N (UT3NK, op), being the sole DX entrant in the 8-hour limited time category.

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power – W/VE	
(8 Hour Limited Time)	
KW1X	2,983
K9CT	2,326
AI9T	2,085
KT9L	1,829
AA3B	1,751
N7GP	1,723
W1UJ	508
N1NAZ	284
KW1X	2,983
K9CT	2,326

Mark, KW1X, had a commanding lead over CQ Contest Hall of Famer Craig, K9CT, followed by Steve, AI9T, and Larry, KT9L.

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power – W/VE	
W1RCR	6,710
W4MLB	4,386
W2ZQ	4,315
NA7SS	4,010
N9QY	3,726
W1FM	3,242
WD9EXD	2,683
AK4NF	1,786
K4GNM	626
W2GSB	506

This category was quite highly contested, with Yanko and his team, W1RCR, taking first place, followed closely by the Platinum Coast ARS, W4MLB, the Delaware Valley Radio Association, W2ZQ, and the Two Hoots DX Club, NA7SS.

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, QRP

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, QRP – W/VE	
K6UFO	4,017
KC2GOW	3,779

All Enclosed Antennas - W/VE

The All Enclosed Antennas overlay continues to grow in popularity. Thirty-one W/VE stations reported operating in the overlay. Single-operator participants who do not (or for some reason, cannot) have any antennas located outside of a building may choose to select to select this overlay upon log submission.

The top All Enclosed Antennas overlay scores in each category are listed below:

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas W/VE		
Call	Score	Division
N1ET	2,271	New England
WA9LEY	1,248	Central
N4CHC	1,183	Southeastern
WC2F	851	Southeastern

W4UTZ	833	Roanoke
K1PNQ	819	New England
KR4BAD	760	Roanoke
WT9G	632	Central
NY0J	497	Midwest
N3NQP	465	Atlantic

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas W/VE (8 Hour Limited Time) * = overall division winner		
Call	Score	Division
KA6JAR	2,595	Southwestern
AB1J*	2,463	New England
N3HND	1,366	Atlantic
VE2EBK*	1,278	Canada
KC3VXE	788	Atlantic
N5TTT	512	West Gulf
W4VG	315	Roanoke
K4FTO	221	Roanoke
KD0WUQ	160	Dakota
N4IU	150	Atlantic

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas W/VE		
Call	Score	Division
NA3M	6,123	Atlantic

Top Ten – DX

Now, let's turn to the DX competition. 466 DX stations submitted logs in the 2025 International Digital Contest, an increase of 34 logs from last year.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power -DX <i>* = all enclosed antennas</i>	
VK3BDX	19,266
YE9BJM	15,975
DAØRR (DJ2KP, op)	11,072
PY5AMF	10,352
PY5ZHP	9,385
VK4AFU*	9,154
ON7ZJ*	8,137
BI4KYT*	7,898
HSØZOY	7,688
PY2QT	7,513

This year, David, VK3BDX was the clear winner, with Mike YE9BJM being in second place in this category. DJ2KP, as you can view in the chart above, was in third place. Amélio, PY5AMF was very close in fourth place.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power -DX (8 Hour Limited Time) <i>* = all enclosed antennas; (Y) = Youth</i>	
ZL4YL (Y)	8,946
LU5VV	5,159
VK2EHQ	4,501
PY2GTA	4,338
VK4VCC	3,650
PY8WW	3,392
PA6T (PA3DZM, op)*	1,957
ZS6ELI	1,884
VK2WW	1,879
BG4OXQ*	1,868

This category in the DX listings was very closely fought, with Xenia, ZL4YL, Jorge, LU5VV, and Peter, VK2EHQ taking the top honors. Joao Carlos, PY2GTA, was close behind in fourth place.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP - DX <i>* = all enclosed antennas</i>	
RG5A	7,163
PA3EOU	4,228
DH8BQA	3,758
EU4E	3,413
YV6BXN	3,294
JA6GCE*	3,258
PU2TWZ	2,595
IV3LNQ	2,015
HI5YJM	1,674
PY2WLM	1,544

This year, a new set of contestants won the top 4 in this category.

Alex, RG5A, took the lead with 7,163. The ubiquitous HNJ, PA3EOU, took second place again, followed by Olli DH8BQA, and Al, WU4E.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP - DX (8 Hour Limited Time) <i>* = all enclosed antennas</i>	
KH6WI	3,208
PY2CER	1,360
R6OU*	1,224
SP4LO*	1,145
NP4TX	1,103
UN7EG	990
YD3ASV	709
ZL3TE	675
YC4SIZ	484
JR2EKD	431

This year, in this category, we have the top 4 as: Eric, KH6WI, with over twice the score of Carlos, PY2CER, followed in close succession by R6OA, and Adam, SP4LO, both of whom had all inside antennas!

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power – DX <i>* = all enclosed antennas</i>	
5B4AMM	18,115
XQ3SK*	9,888

PA4O*	9,193
ON4PB*	1,368

In this category, Sergii, 5B4AMM was the clear leader. Willi, XQ3SK, was second, with Peter, PA4O and ON4PB following. Willi and Peter had all enclosed antennas!

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power - DX (8 Hour Limited Time)	
LU6ETB	4,779

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP - DX	
UT3N (UT3NK, op)	1,584

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP (8 Hour Limited Time)

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP - DX (8 Hour Limited Time)	
<i>* = all enclosed antennas; (Y) = Youth</i>	
SQ3RAX*	415
VR2WAA* (Y)	13

Dawid, SQ3RAX, led this category, followed by Michael, VR2WAA, both with enclosed antennas!

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power -DX	
6Y5PW	14,589
CB4T	10,405
4A2MAX	10,071
LT5D	7,335
GM5G	7,316
AY9W	7,274
OI5AY	6,194
OY6FRA	5,283
DLØMT	5,034
DV1K	3,048

Patrick, 6Y5PW took a commanding lead over the Chilean Pacific DX Group Zone CE4, followed closely by the San Max Special Event SP3RN SK, 4A2MAX, followed by the San Max Special Event Station P3RN SK, 4A2MAX..

All Enclosed Antennas – DX

167 DX stations indicated that they were using the All Enclosed Antenna overlay this year, an increase from 154 in 2024.

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas DX		
<i>* = overall country leader</i>		
Call	Score	Country
VK4AFU	9,154	Australia
ON7ZJ*	8,137	Belgium
BI4KYT*	7,898	China
RZ3Z*	7,065	European Russia
PY4XX	6,760	Brazil
PY5BH	6,640	Brazil
HA8LHT*	6,445	Hungary
LW6EQG*	6,231	Argentina
HK3J*	6,079	Colombia
PY5QW	5,393	Brazil

Single Operator, 1 Radio, Low Power Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas DX (8 Hour Limited Time) <i>* = overall country leader</i>		
<i>Call</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Country</i>
PA6T (PA3DZM, op)*	1,957	Netherlands
BG4OXQ*	1,868	China
PT2AP	1,806	Brazil
YB6EN*	1,799	Indonesia
PU5SVE	1,715	Brazil
R3LC*	1,561	European Russia
IW1FZR*	1,453	Italy
HK3CFM*	1,306	Colombia
OK2FD*	1,150	Czech Republic
JR3RIY	1,139	Japan

Single Operator, 2 Radios, Low Power Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas DX <i>* = overall country leader</i>		
XQ3SK*	9,888	Chile
PA4O*	9,193	Netherlands
ON4PB*	1,368	Belgium

Single Operator, 2 Radios, QRP Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas DX (8 Hour Limited Time) <i>* = overall country leader</i>		
SQ3RAX*	415	Poland

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas DX <i>* = overall country leader</i>		
<i>Call</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Country</i>
JA6GCE*	3,258	Japan
EC4AA*	1,183	Spain
CO2JLV*	839	Cuba
PY2RMY	754	Brazil
F4JYA*	753	France
BA9TX	664	China
JEØWCQ	415	Japan
RV3DBK	322	European Russia
PU7OBR	295	Brazil
R3BAV	287	European Russia

Single Operator, 1 Radio, QRP Top Ten- All Enclosed Antennas DX (8 Hour Limited Time) <i>* = overall country leader</i>		
<i>Call</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Country</i>
R6OU*	1,224	European Russia
SP4LO*	1,145	Poland
YO4AAC*	189	Romania
LU7AOW*	155	Argentina
SQ9DDH	151	Poland
JH1BNC	89	Japan
XE2N*	65	Mexico

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CONTESTS.ARRL.ORG

Affiliated Club Competition

Club	Score	Entries
Medium		
Potomac Valley Radio Club	84,125	36
Society of Midwest Contesters	44,415	22
Northern California Contest Club	41,764	13
Frankford Radio Club	33,089	18
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	29,178	17
Florida Contest Group	22,066	8
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	21,008	9
DFW Contest Group	17,752	5
Tennessee Contest Group	14,335	9
Willamette Valley DX Club	12,297	3
Great South Bay ARC	10,888	10
Swamp Fox Contest Group	10,794	6
Minnesota Wireless Assn	8,575	9
Carolina DX Association	8,422	9
Southern California Contest Club	6,597	6
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	4,952	3
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	4,871	4
North Coast Contesters	1,909	3
Portage County Amateur Radio Service	912	3
Local		
Pizza Lovers 259	7,507	3
Central Ohio Operators Klub	6,945	6
Meriden ARC	3,501	3

Twenty-three clubs submitted logs toward the Affiliated Club Competition, 20 of them meeting the criteria for the Medium Club category. The Potomac Valley Radio Club, with 36 Entries, held the lead this year over Society of Midwest Contesters, who had 22 entries. Northern California Contest Club moved back into third place this year after being displaced by Yankee Clipper Contest Club in 2024.

Three clubs met the criteria for the Local Club category this year, with Pizza Lovers 259 taking the top spot.

Team Competition

A total of 10 registered teams met the requirements of having more than 1 log submitted from the team members. Team registration has levelled off, with a total of 11 teams registering- one of the teams didn't meet the qualifications to be listed in the results of the competition.

Congrats to Kendall Amater Radio Society team who took the top score with 13,218 points, followed by the DFW Contest Group team in second place and the DX3H Ham Society in the Philippines team taking home third place.

2025 ARRL Digital Contest Team Scores	
Kendall Amateur Radio Society	13,218
DFW Contest Group	11,955
DX3H Ham Society	9,303
710 Contest Group	9,123
YCCC Beasties	9,122
Cooken Team Bravo	3,835
Cooken Team Alpha	3,110
San Max Contest Team	2,056
Team Montrose	1,596
CRECJ	1,018

Golden Logs

Golden logs are logs with over 100 QSOs in them that have no points deducted in the log checking process. There are 16 operators who submitted golden logs this year- congrats to all of them!

4M1W, AI3Q, DF8XC, DU1/NFØO, JA1KPF, JH4FUF, KE5HDE, MØRNR, N7XS, PT7PT, PU1KPS, PY1FI, VY2DS, W1RM, W3FAY, W7PP

The next ARRL International Digital Contest will be held on June 6-7, 2026. For full rules and contest details, visit

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest>

Summary

Thank you to all who participated in the 2025 ARRL International Digital Contest. We look forward to seeing you on their again for the 2026 event, which will be held June 6-7.

Continental Leaders

(* = Enclosed Antennas (Y) = Youth Overlay)

Africa

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power

ZS1BHJ*

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power, 8 Hours

ZS6ELI

Asia

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BI4KYT*

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power, 8 Hours

BG4OXQ*

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JA6GCE*

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UN7EG

Single Operator, Two Radios (SO2R), Low Power

5B4AMM

Single Operator, Two Radios (SO2R), QRP, 8 Hours

VR2WAA*(Y)

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

JL3ZHU

Europe

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power

DAØRR

(DJ2KP, op)

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power, 8 Hours

PA6T

(PA3DZM,
op)*

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), QRP

RG5A

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), QRP, 8 Hours

R6OU*

Single Operator, Two Radios (SO2R), Low Power

PA4O*

Single Operator, Two Radios (SO2R), QRP

UT3N

(UT3NK, op)

Single Operator, Two Radios (SO2R), QRP, 8 Hours

SQ3RAX*

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

GM5G

North America

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power

CO2QU*

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), Low Power, 8 Hours

KL7J

Single Operator, One Radio (SO1R), QRP

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Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

Oceania

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DV1K

South America

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PY5AMF

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LU5VV

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YV6BXN

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