

2025 ARRL International Digital Contest Results

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The 2025 ARRL International Digital Contest (IDC) was held June 7 – 8 2025. 995 entries were received this year, which is the second highest in the four year history of the event. In 2025, 529 logs were received from stations located in the Continental U.S. and Canada, with 466 DX stations participating.

Once again, 20 and 15 meters remained the most popular bands this year, comprising about 80 percent of all reported contacts in the contest. The third most popular band was 40 meters with 19,425 contacts (12.11%). 622 contacts were reported on the 6-meter band, The IDC is the only ARRL sponsored contest that includes 6 meters as well as the HF bands, yet very few operators take advantage of the unexpected band openings that can occur on the band during the peak of the e-skip season.

The most popular of the entry categories remain the Single Operator, 1 Radio categories, which comprised 91.6 percent of the total entries. Single Operator, 2 Radio categories comprised 3.6 of all entries, with the Multioperator categories totalling 1.8 percent. Single Operator participants who are unable to erect towers or install antennas outside of a structure have the option to enter in the All Enclosed Antennas overlay. This year, 202 participants worldwide declared the overlay in their entries, up from 185 in 2024. Youth participation in the IDC is also on the rise. Worldwide, 14 participants aged 25 and younger submitted using the Youth overlay. This is up from 10 youth participants in 2024. Let's keep inspiring the next generation of operators!



Marion Mason, W1GRL, participated in the 2025 ARRL International Digital Contest. She stated that it was her first serious contest effort, ramping up to 2025 Field Day. [Stan Mason, W1BOY, photo]