

# ARIN At A Glance



American Registry for Internet Numbers

## Mission Statement

*Applying the principles of stewardship, ARIN, a nonprofit corporation, allocates Internet Protocol resources; develops consensus-based policies; and facilitates the advancement of the Internet through information and educational outreach.*

**Established:** 1997

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<https://www.arin.net/knowledge/statistics>

## Overview

ARIN manages the distribution of Internet number resources (IPv4 and IPv6 address space and Autonomous System Numbers) in Canada, many Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the United States.

ARIN is one of five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) in the world. Like the other RIRs, ARIN:

- Provides services related to the technical coordination and management of Internet number resources
- Facilitates policy development
- Participates in the international Internet community
- Is a nonprofit, community-based organization
- Is governed by a member-elected executive board

## Internet Number Resource Registration

ARIN manages the distribution of Internet number resources, processes transfers, and provides WHOIS services, routing information, and reverse DNS. Specific information on how to request resources is online at <https://www.arin.net/resources>, including request forms, distribution policies, and guidelines.

## Policy Development

All ARIN policies are set by the community, and participation is open to everyone. The ARIN Board of Trustees ratifies policies only after:

- (1) discussion on mailing lists and at meetings;
- (2) community consensus in favor of the policy;
- (3) recommendation from the ARIN Advisory Council; and
- (4) full legal and fiscal review.

The community develops policies by following the Policy Development Process (<https://www.arin.net/policy/pdp.html>). The Number Resource Policy Manual, ARIN's complete set of current policies, is available at <https://www.arin.net/policy/nrpm.html>.

**MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED to participate in ARIN's policy development process or to apply for Internet number resources.**

**For more information, visit us at [www.arin.net](http://www.arin.net) or e-mail us at [info@arin.net](mailto:info@arin.net).**

## Meetings

ARIN holds two Public Policy and Members Meetings in its region each year. Members may send two representatives free of charge. Additional representatives from member organizations and nonmembers may attend for a small fee. Webcasting and remote participation are also available. Information about future and past meetings is available at <https://www.arin.net/participate/meetings>.

## Mailing Lists

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the policy development process on the Public Policy Mailing List ([arin-ppml@arin.net](mailto:arin-ppml@arin.net)). There is also an ARIN Announce Mailing List ([arin-announce@arin.net](mailto:arin-announce@arin.net)) that ARIN staff uses to notify the community about important issues like ARIN elections, meetings, policy updates, training opportunities, and other ARIN events. The members-only ARIN Discussion Mailing List ([arin-discuss@arin.net](mailto:arin-discuss@arin.net)) provides a forum for the member community to discuss ARIN-specific issues such as fee structures and internal policies. The Consultation Mailing List ([arin-consult@arin.net](mailto:arin-consult@arin.net)) is used with the ARIN Consultation and Suggestion Process to gather comments, and is only open when there is a call for comments.

## Membership

Any entity that receives an IPv4 or IPv6 direct allocation from ARIN is automatically accorded ARIN membership. Anyone else who holds any type of ARIN-issued Internet number resource (IPv4, IPv6, or ASN) under a signed Registration Services Agreement (RSA) or Legacy RSA may submit an application and pay an annual fee to become a General Member. For further information see <https://www.arin.net/participate/membership>.

## Advocate

Entities not eligible for ARIN Membership that wish to show support for the community-driven model of Internet number resource policy development may register as an ARIN Advocate as an individual or organization. For further information see <https://www.arin.net/participate/advocate>.

## Organizational Structure

ARIN consists of the Internet community within its region, its members, a 7-member Board of Trustees, a 15-member Advisory Council, and a professional staff of approximately 50.

## International Community

### Internet Community Organizations

ARIN is active in the international Internet community, working with and attending meetings of organizations such as ICANN, IETF, ISOC, and NANOG. See <https://www.arin.net/participate/community> for more information about these organizations.

### Number Resource Organization

The RIRs often work together to coordinate joint activities, including technical tasks and the global management of Internet number resources. Recognizing this, the five RIRs formed the Number Resource Organization (NRO). More information on the NRO can be found on its website at <http://www.nro.net>.