Internet Number Resource Distribution

IANA distributes large blocks of IP addresses to the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), including ARIN. RIRs allocate smaller address blocks to organizations within their regions, who then assign IP addresses to consumers.

About ARIN
The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) is the nonprofit corporation that distributes Internet number resources, including Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, to Canada, many Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the United States.

Quick Facts:
- ARIN's minimum IPv4 allocation is generally a /20.
- ARIN's minimum IPv6 allocation is generally a /36.

IP Address Distribution Model

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Organization Acronyms
- AFRINIC - African Network Information Center
- APNIC - Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
- ARIN - American Registry for Internet Numbers
- IANA - Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
- ICANN - Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
- IETF - Internet Engineering Task Force
- ISOC - Internet Society
- LACNIC - Latin American and Caribbean IP Address Regional Registry
- NANOG - North American Network Operators’ Group
- NRO - Number Resource Organization
- RIPE NCC - RIPE Network Coordination Centre
- RIR - Regional Internet Registry

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