

IPv6 and the RIRs

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Overview

- * IPv6 Policy History
- Current IPv6 Policies
- * Requesting IPv6 Address Space
- * IPv6 Statistics



IPv6 Policy History

- * Apr 1999 IPv6 Allocations Begin
 - Provisional IPv6 Policies Used
 - Joint RIR consensus
- * Oct 1999 Policy Review Begins
 - Micro-allocations
 - Size of reassignments
- * Jun 2001 Global Consensus
 - Policy and Technical Boundaries
 - End Site Assignments [RFC 3177]
- * May 2002 Global Consensus
 - Initial Allocation Size to LIR
 - Initial Allocation Criteria



Current IPv6 Policies



Initial Allocation

* Size

- Minimum: /32
- Maximum: None

* Criteria

- ► Be an LIR (ISP)
- Not an End Site
- Plan to Provide
 - ► IPv6 Connectivity
 - /48 Assignments200 in 2 years



Subsequent Allocation

* Criteria

- Assignments Registered
- Utilization Threshold (HD Ratio)

* Size

- Minimum: /32
- Maximum: None



Assignments by ISP (LIR)

* LIR to End Site

- **/**48
 - Usual Assignment Size
 - ► 16 bits for subnets
- ► /64 only one subnet
- /128 only one device connecting

* ISP infrastructure

► /48 per POP

RFC 3177 "IAB/IESG Recommendations on IPv6 Address Allocations to Sites"



ARIN Micro-Allocation Policy

ARIN will make micro-allocations to critical infrastructure providers of the Internet, including public exchange points, core DNS service providers (e.g. ICANN-sanctioned root, gTLD, and ccTLD operators) as well as the RIRs and IANA. These allocations will be no longer than a /24 using IPv4 or a /48 using IPv6. Multiple allocations may be granted in certain situations.



Requesting IPv6 Address Space

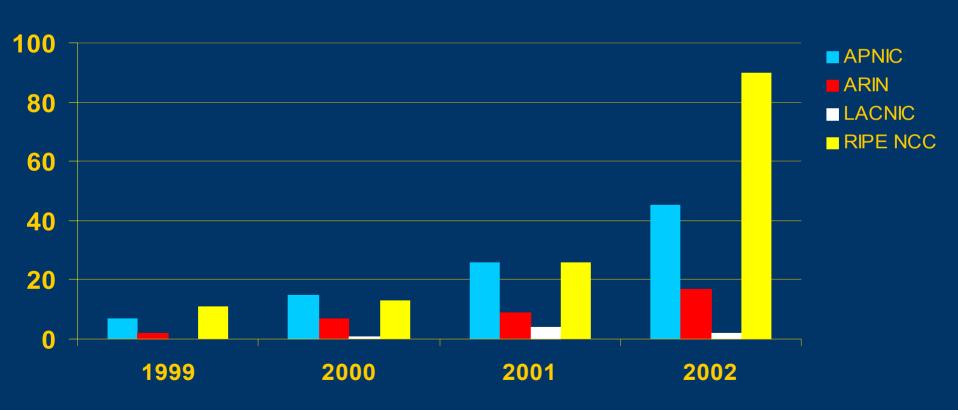
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IPv6 Statistics

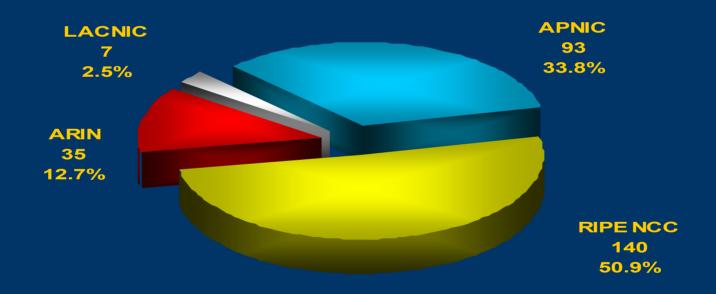


IPv6 Allocations from RIRs to LIRs/ISPs Yearly Comparison



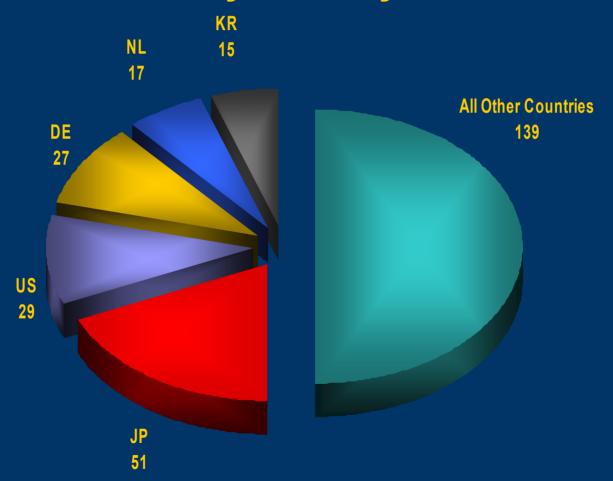


IPv6 Allocations from RIRs to LIRs/ISPs Four-Year Cumulative Total (1999 – 2002)





Total IPv6 Allocations from RIRs to LIRs/ISPs By Country





ARIN Region Specifics

67 direct IPv6 registrations:

/32 networks: 47

/35 networks: 6

/48 networks: 14

18 reassignments registered in ARIN DB:

/40 networks: 5

/48 networks: 12

/64 networks: 1

Breakdown by Country (/32s, /35s):

43 USA, 7 CA, 3 ZA



