

The Canadian Radio Sport Community in Perspective

A previous document¹ characterized the size of the Canadian Radio Sport Community (CRSC) by examining the logs submitted to 19 contests during 2004 and 2005. The narrative concluded that there are just over 500 active contesters in Canada along with an undetermined number of casual participants. Table 2 in that document provided the distribution of active contesters by prefix digit and is reproduced here.

V*0	1	V*5	24
V*1	41	V*6	44
V*2	62	V*7	92
V*3	254	V*8	1
V*4	17	V*9	17

Table 1
Distribution of Participants Across Canada
 e.g. V*2 = VA2, VB2, VC2, VX2, VY2, etc

To put these numbers in perspective with respect to the amateur population as a whole, counts were extracted from the callsign database provided on the RAC website². The reader is left to his own devices to explain any perceived disparities.

PREFIX DIGIT	LICENSEES		ACTIVE CONTESTERS		
	COUNT	% of Total	COUNT	% of Total	% of licensees
0	549	0.9%	1	0.2%	0.18%
1	4,136	6.8%	41	7.4%	0.99%
2	15,716	25.8%	63	11.4%	0.40%
3	19,151	31.4%	254	45.8%	1.33%
4	1,815	3.0%	17	3.1%	0.94%
5	1,448	2.4%	24	4.3%	1.66%
6	5,103	8.4%	44	7.9%	0.86%
7	11,711	19.2%	92	16.6%	0.79%
8	102	0.2%	1	0.2%	0.98%
9	1,294	2.1%	17	3.1%	1.31%
Totals	61,025	100.0%	554	100.0%	0.91%

But one thing seems clear, however. The CRSC represents a very small percentage of a total population and it will take some very compelling arguments to achieve special treatment for this group.

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¹ http://www.radiosport.ca/CSR-documents/CRSC_characterization-R1.pdf

² <ftp://ftp.rac.ca/pub/cdncauld.zip>