

FCC Amateur Radio Suffix Counts

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Introduction

This *niche* "suffix counts" PDF gives amateur radio enthusiasts insight to the more- and less-popular call sign suffixes, should anyone wish to apply for a vanity call sign. [The Playground Amateur Radio Club](#) updates it roughly every other month in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Please write to [this email address](#) with any comments or suggestions!

How to use this document

This analysis lists all active FCC **amateur radio call sign suffixes** by popularity, then by alphabetical order:

- Suffix count
 - HST : 45
- Suffix alpha
 - Starting with H
 - HST : 45

Navigating this PDF is simple. The document includes a built-in Table of Contents (often called "Bookmarks" or "Content" or "Index") that your PDF software can display in a side panel to help you jump to any suffix starting letter. You can locate a specific suffix using your software's "Search" or "Find" tool (usually by pressing Ctrl+F or Cmd+F).

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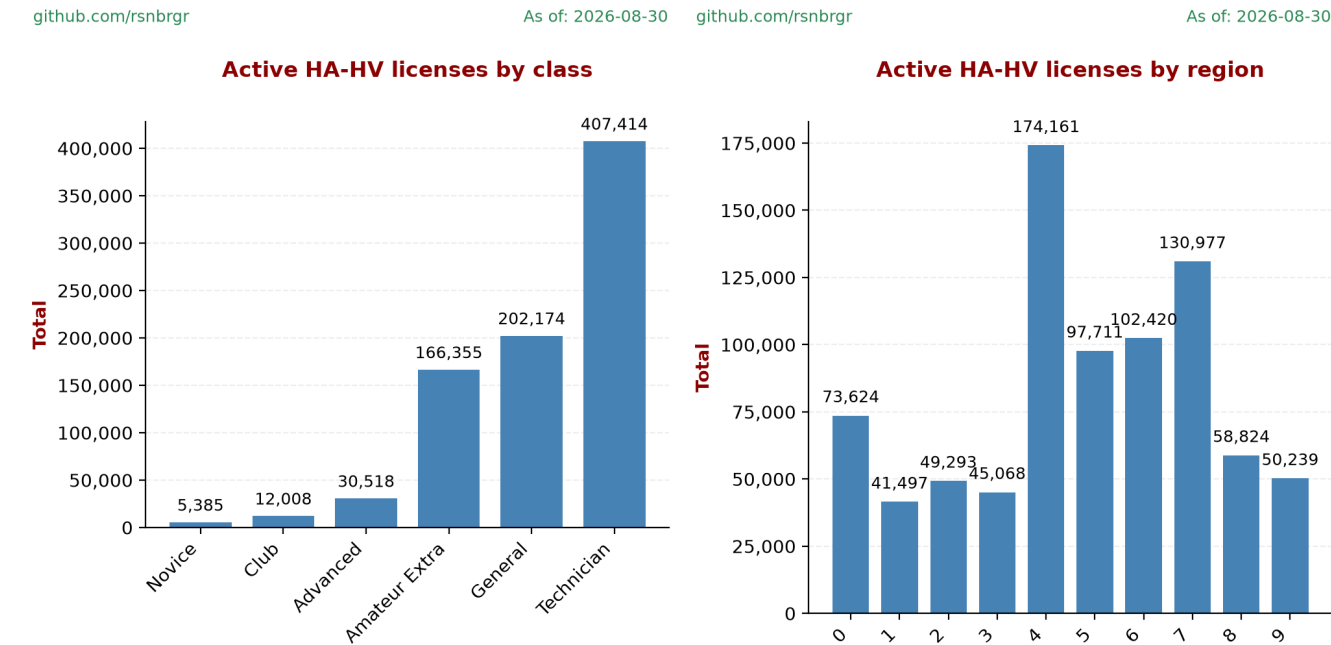
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Charts & graphs

The FCC uses "HA" to identify *assigned* call signs and uses "HV" to identify *vanity* call signs. "Active" denotes a currently valid call sign. "Class" denotes each licensee's approved operating privileges. "Group" denotes a letter that represents an amateur radio call sign format, *e.g.* 2x3.

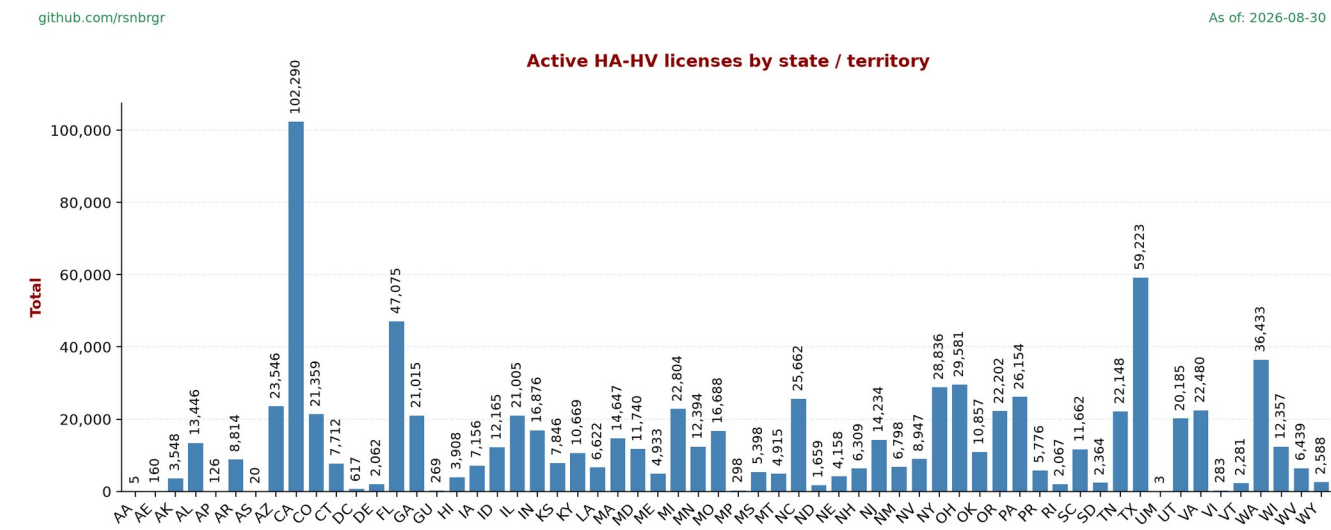
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Totals for license classes & regions



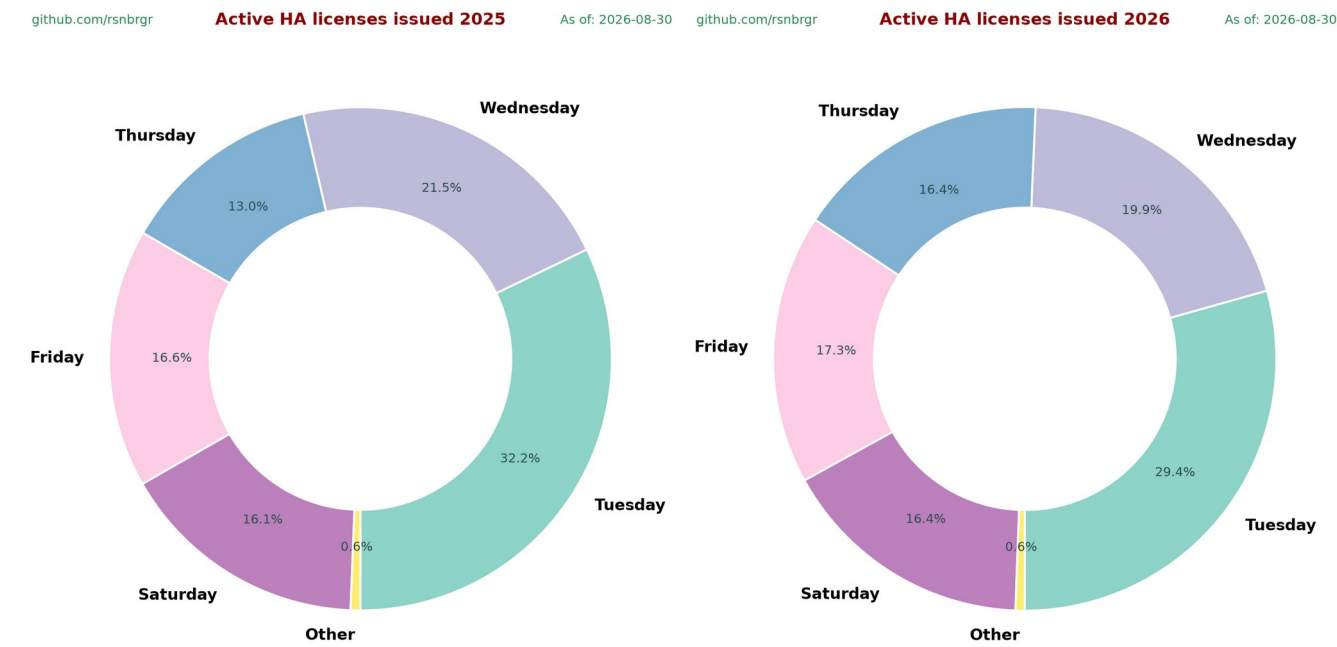
Total licenses in each state / territory

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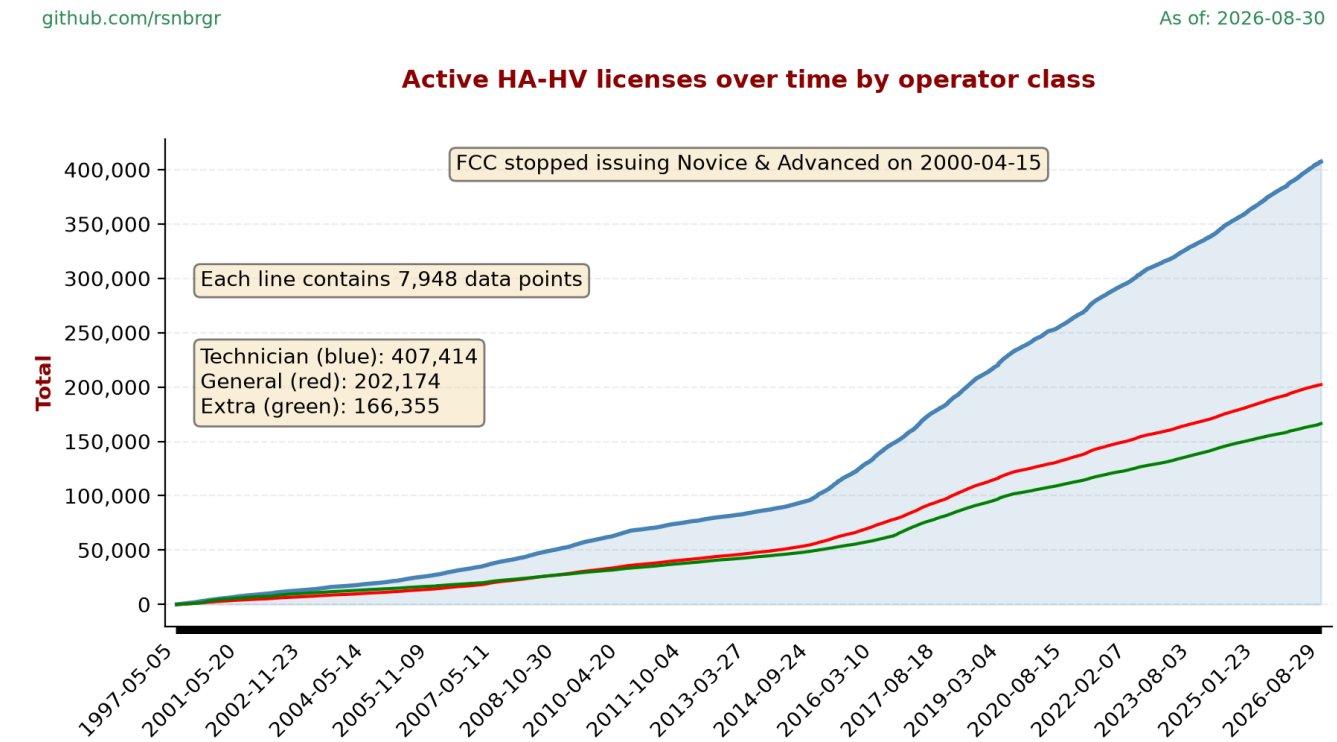


Licenses issued by day of the week

The ULS sees little activity on Sundays & Mondays because the FCC "batches" each day's workload for overnight processing. See "[FCC ULS trivia](#)" for more details.

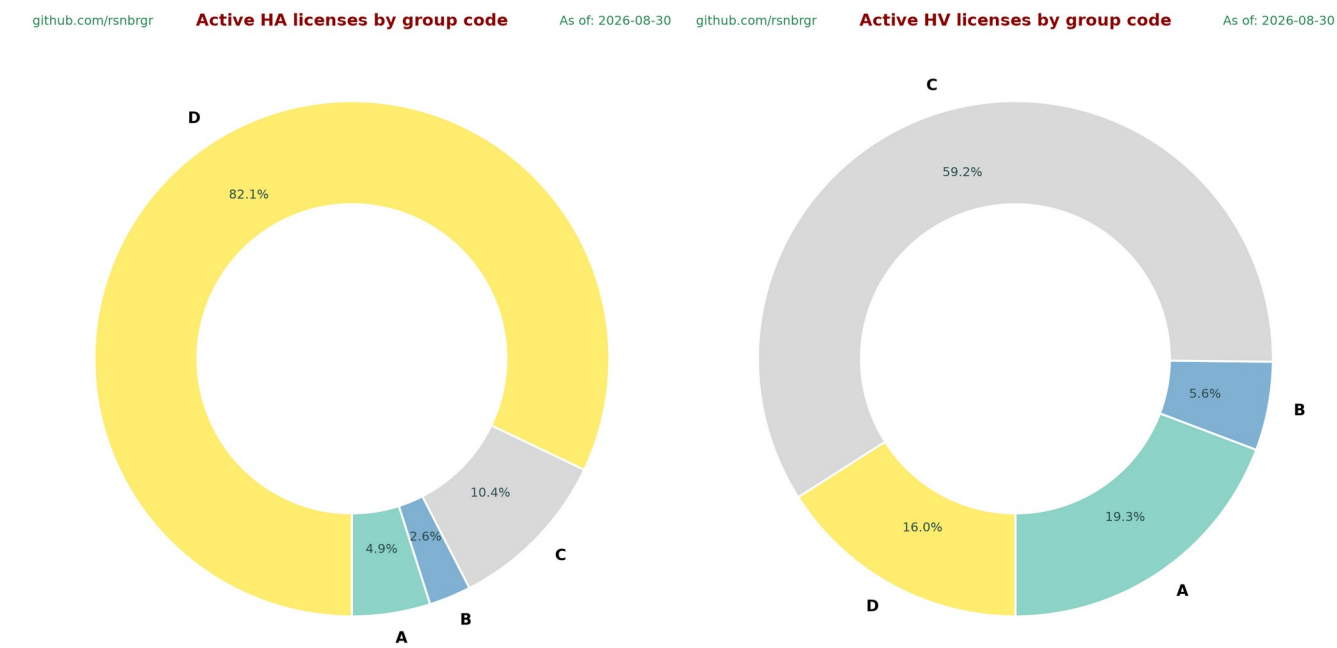


Active licenses issued over time by operator class



Percentages for assigned and vanity group codes

Group "D" dominates the *assigned* call signs as one would expect. Group "C" dominates the *vanity* call signs.



XLK	:	2	XFZ	:	2
XMO	:	2	XXS	:	2
XEB	:	2	XKQ	:	2
XVJ	:	2	XNQ	:	2
XIH	:	2	XBG	:	2
QUV	:	2	XQN	:	2
XDY	:	2	XRK	:	2
XHA	:	2	XXP	:	2
XGS	:	2	QUI	:	2
JUE	:	2	XZU	:	2
XHK	:	2	XQD	:	2
XDQ	:	2	XVL	:	2
XZJ	:	2	XSX	:	2
XRJ	:	2	XGW	:	2
XCF	:	2	XQY	:	2
XKW	:	2	XUM	:	2
XTQ	:	2	XWP	:	2
XSZ	:	2	XJW	:	2
XHE	:	2	XSD	:	2
XKT	:	2	QUF	:	1
XVI	:	2	XGK	:	1
XCH	:	2	XKV	:	1
XPQ	:	2	XHW	:	1
XCI	:	2	XPV	:	1
XHS	:	2	XZC	:	1
XVY	:	2	XBO	:	1
XYH	:	2	XVA	:	1
XSQ	:	2	XYA	:	1
XMQ	:	2	XYK	:	1
XFG	:	2	XHG	:	1
XIB	:	2	XLQ	:	1
XHD	:	2	XHO	:	1
XLL	:	2	QUT	:	1
XIU	:	2	FAG	:	1
XNG	:	2	XQU	:	1
XZO	:	2	XOW	:	1
XUR	:	2	XIK	:	1
XYF	:	2	XUW	:	1
XKP	:	2	XJV	:	1
XYE	:	2	XQZ	:	1
XFA	:	2	XFR	:	1
XHQ	:	2	XJI	:	1
XNB	:	2	XQO	:	1
XFF	:	2	XFL	:	1
XDL	:	2	XFQ	:	1
XNH	:	2	XIJ	:	1
XYU	:	2	FUC	:	1
XCG	:	2	XVN	:	1
XTD	:	2	XPU	:	1
XWJ	:	2	XJH	:	1
XHR	:	2	XZG	:	1
XWU	:	2	XJU	:	1
XWR	:	2	XLY	:	1
XHN	:	2	XGL	:	1
XDT	:	2	XSE	:	1
XOQ	:	2	XPE	:	1
XCL	:	2	XVR	:	1
XQW	:	2	XEO	:	1
XXY	:	2	XFI	:	1
XTU	:	2	XOE	:	1
XSV	:	2	XSH	:	1
XZW	:	2	XVS	:	1
XSI	:	2	XEU	:	1
XGV	:	2	QUU	:	1
XNE	:	2	XJE	:	1
XGZ	:	2	XHY	:	1
XQI	:	2	XGJ	:	1
XWO	:	2	XFV	:	1
XZA	:	2	XNY	:	1
XCQ	:	2	XHH	:	1
XFB	:	2	XBK	:	1
XGX	:	2	XXE	:	1
XHB	:	2	SUQ	:	1
XKC	:	2	SUC	:	1
XVO	:	2	XEX	:	1
XMB	:	2	XBM	:	1
XZM	:	2	XEY	:	1
XXD	:	2	XFY	:	1
XPZ	:	2	XWY	:	1
XKY	:	2	XSK	:	1
XFS	:	2	XVC	:	1
XQB	:	2	XOV	:	1
XKB	:	2	XRI	:	1
XGE	:	2			
XDP	:	2			
XFU	:	2			
XIY	:	2			
XFO	:	2			
XDZ	:	2			
XJZ	:	2			

ZQR	:	32	ZU	:	96	ZXI	:	37
ZQS	:	34	ZUA	:	32	ZXJ	:	37
ZQT	:	36	ZUB	:	34	ZXK	:	32
ZQU	:	33	ZUC	:	28	ZXL	:	45
ZQV	:	33	ZUD	:	34	ZXM	:	37
ZQW	:	41	ZUE	:	40	ZXN	:	42
ZQX	:	38	ZUF	:	37	ZX0	:	43
ZQY	:	34	ZUG	:	43	ZXP	:	34
ZQZ	:	34	ZUH	:	35	ZXQ	:	30
ZR	:	102	ZUI	:	38	ZXR	:	44
ZRA	:	32	ZUJ	:	35	ZXS	:	28
ZRB	:	43	ZUK	:	39	ZXT	:	39
ZRC	:	41	ZUL	:	39	ZXU	:	37
ZRD	:	49	ZUM	:	43	ZXV	:	35
ZRE	:	39	ZUN	:	32	ZXW	:	40
ZRF	:	35	ZU0	:	31	ZXX	:	42
ZRG	:	29	ZUP	:	54	ZXY	:	40
ZRH	:	34	ZUQ	:	38	ZXZ	:	40
ZRI	:	34	ZUR	:	44	ZY	:	94
ZRJ	:	35	ZUS	:	41	ZYA	:	32
ZRK	:	39	ZUT	:	44	ZYB	:	44
ZRL	:	36	ZUU	:	40	ZYC	:	39
ZRM	:	33	ZUV	:	30	ZYD	:	38
ZRN	:	34	ZUW	:	38	ZYE	:	33
ZR0	:	60	ZUX	:	30	ZYF	:	41
ZRP	:	35	ZUY	:	35	ZYG	:	32
ZRQ	:	46	ZUZ	:	42	ZYH	:	27
ZRR	:	35	ZV	:	94	ZYI	:	31
ZRS	:	38	ZVA	:	38	ZYJ	:	33
ZRT	:	51	ZVB	:	34	ZYK	:	30
ZRU	:	30	ZVC	:	36	ZYL	:	32
ZRV	:	42	ZVD	:	40	ZYM	:	34
ZRW	:	34	ZVE	:	37	ZYN	:	40
ZRX	:	42	ZVF	:	33	ZY0	:	40
ZRY	:	40	ZVG	:	23	ZYP	:	42
ZRZ	:	44	ZVH	:	34	ZYQ	:	33
ZS	:	96	ZVI	:	33	ZYR	:	33
ZSA	:	44	ZVJ	:	35	ZYS	:	34
ZSB	:	42	ZVK	:	26	ZYT	:	32
ZSC	:	29	ZVL	:	39	ZYU	:	41
ZSD	:	32	ZVM	:	44	ZYV	:	37
ZSE	:	33	ZVN	:	31	ZYW	:	36
ZSF	:	33	ZV0	:	36	ZYX	:	47
ZSG	:	42	ZVP	:	34	ZYY	:	33
ZSH	:	35	ZVQ	:	30	ZYZ	:	43
ZSI	:	40	ZVR	:	35	ZZ	:	168
ZSJ	:	41	ZVS	:	24	ZZA	:	50
ZSK	:	36	ZVT	:	39	ZZB	:	43
ZSL	:	34	ZVU	:	37	ZZC	:	35
ZSM	:	27	ZVV	:	37	ZZD	:	39
ZSN	:	34	ZVW	:	29	ZZE	:	44
ZS0	:	29	ZVX	:	38	ZZF	:	41
ZSP	:	30	ZVY	:	38	ZZG	:	42
ZSQ	:	34	ZVZ	:	43	ZZH	:	39
ZSR	:	43	ZW	:	90	ZZI	:	39
ZSS	:	32	ZWA	:	38	ZZJ	:	41
ZST	:	37	ZWB	:	38	ZZK	:	49
ZSU	:	36	ZWC	:	41	ZZL	:	37
ZSV	:	29	ZWD	:	33	ZZM	:	46
ZSW	:	38	ZWE	:	40	ZZN	:	33
ZSX	:	33	ZWF	:	41	ZZ0	:	46
ZSY	:	31	ZWG	:	34	ZZP	:	32
ZSZ	:	31	ZWH	:	36	ZZQ	:	37
ZT	:	120	ZWI	:	40	ZZR	:	39
ZTA	:	40	ZWJ	:	38	ZZS	:	37
ZTB	:	36	ZWK	:	28	ZZT	:	58
ZTC	:	40	ZWL	:	34	ZZU	:	45
ZTD	:	30	ZWM	:	31	ZZV	:	37
ZTE	:	41	ZWN	:	36	ZZW	:	45
ZTF	:	46	ZW0	:	42	ZZX	:	40
ZTG	:	31	ZWP	:	33	ZZY	:	55
ZTH	:	43	ZWQ	:	34	ZZZ	:	92
ZTI	:	34	ZWR	:	45			
ZTJ	:	31	ZWS	:	33			
ZTK	:	42	ZWT	:	34			
ZTL	:	44	ZWU	:	33			
ZTM	:	40	ZWV	:	31			
ZTN	:	35	ZWW	:	40			
ZT0	:	31	ZWX	:	35			
ZTP	:	33	ZWY	:	37			
ZTQ	:	41	ZWZ	:	35			
ZTR	:	41	ZX	:	98			
ZTS	:	39	ZXA	:	38			
ZTT	:	47	ZXB	:	33			
ZTU	:	34	ZXC	:	35			
ZTV	:	46	ZXD	:	38			
ZTW	:	42	ZXE	:	40			
ZTX	:	45	ZXF	:	39			
ZTY	:	37	ZXG	:	32			
ZTZ	:	41	ZXH	:	33			

Appendices

Check out [our website](#)!

The Playground Amateur Radio Club

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PARC normally meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm CT and is open to all members & guests. The first Thursday is Tech Night with subjects relating to technical and informative instruction, or demonstrations of interest to all amateurs and enthusiasts. The third Thursday is the Monthly Meeting where everyone is welcome to join and take part in enjoying the Club while planning the future!

We also meet most Sundays at 3pm CT for our Pile-Ups! These serve as informal gatherings for collaboration on projects, contesting, operating DX, and more. Come by the Clubhouse at [17 First St. SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL](#) for a tour, and bring any gear you need to troubleshoot or that you need assistance with!

FCC ULS trivia

The FCC *batches* its Universal Licensing System (ULS) workload every day and a script runs at night to update the authoritative database we see online. So ... if you're waiting for a ULS update and you don't see it in the morning, you can assume it won't appear that day.

Database updates don't just magically appear at the witching hour — each record populates one-by-one into the authoritative database we see online. Other records, *e.g.* new commercial land mobile radio licenses, will populate as well. These batch updates take a couple hours overnight; you can actually detect new sequential call signs appearing in order in the database minute-by-minute.

QU? and X?? suffixes

Only seven amateurs remain with a QU? call sign suffix. The FCC always blocked QR?, QS?, and QT? because they overlap the Q-codes. Some time around 1988¹ they blocked new QU? suffixes and they let [natural attrition](#) take its course.

Only 2,801 amateurs remain with X?? suffixes. Some time around 1978² the FCC reserved it for the Experimental Service and they let [natural attrition](#) take its course.³

¹ The first year a QU? call sign failed to assign sequentially as reported in the downloadable FCC ULS relational database files.
² Research continues of scanned historical documents available online that suggest but have not yet confirmed the FCC blocked 1- and 3-letter X by no later than March 24, 1978.
³ A programming error in the ULS may have allowed X?? vanity call signs from 1997 to 2003. These bugs continue to creep into the ULS — *e.g.* the 2026-07-17-20 maintenance downtime appears to have dealt with *thousands* of call signs that failed to expire at the 10-year mark. Research continues.