

ARES in 2015

Based on reports submitted by ARRL Section Emergency Coordinators, with 33 out of 71 sections reporting in, here's what we know about the state of ARES in 2015.

	2015	2014
Total ARES Members	17,756	10,471
Total ARES Nets	11,346	8,786
ARES Nets with NTS Liaison	2106 (18%)	1517 (17%)
Total Drills, Training and Test Events	21,226 (84%)	15,475 (85%)
Total Public Service Events	2,947 (12%)	1,858 (10%)
Total Emergency Operations Events	902 (3.5%)	795 (4%)
Total ARES Events	25,075	18,128
Total Volunteer Hours	242,436	219,743
Volunteer Value (\$19 x Total Volunteer Hours)	\$4,606,284	\$4,175,117
Sections Reporting	33	33
Inactive Sections (sections that submitted no reports in a calendar year)	38	38

While these numbers are impressive they also show a clear problem – 38 ARRL Sections did not submit a report during 2015, in fact for some it has been several years since a report has been received. It isn't too late though! SEC monthly reports for December 2015 may be submitted until January 31, 2016. These numbers only come from the SEC Months Report (FSD-96). This form provides ARRL HQ the overall picture of ARES in a section. The information used to complete this form comes from the local and district emergency coordinators, that is why it is critical for EC's and DEC's to report to their SEC each month.

It is also worth noting that three sections, Eastern Pennsylvania, Georgia, and North Dakota, had 100% reporting from their respective SECs in 2015. These SECs as well as those submitting at least 9 monthly reports will be thanked with a special gift from ARRL HQ.

When our national partners ask about ARES numbers are important! The only way we can count what ARES is doing in your section is by hearing from the SEC (or in a few cases the SM). ECs and DEC's, make sure you submit your reports each month. SECs make sure to report to headquarters! The last thing we

want to do is report to a partner that ARES is inactive in a particular section. Turn in those reports and be counted!