

STM Report Wisconsin Section December 2025

FAQ # 293 So how did 2025 compare? We're doing well. Not every aspect of net operation is measurable, but here are some annual net statistics.

2025 QNI (check-ins)	2025 QTC (traffic)	2025 QTR (time)	2025 SSNS (sessions)
32049	63780	149963	2296

Here's a chart comparing check-ins (QNI) and traffic (QTC) with some previous years.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
QNI	46582	44698	43579	43339	44976	39452	32591	30929	35720	36431	34729	33822	33189	32049
QTC	47421	47487	42099	44421	44527	45471	41823	37237	42607	51025	55390	55626	56791	63780
QNI change	-740	-1884	-1119	-240	1637	-5524	-6834	-1662	4791	711	-1702	-928	-660	-1140
QTC change	6551	66	-5388	2322	106	944	-3648	-4586	5370	8418	4365	236	192	6989
QNI	-0.02%	-0.04%	2.50%	-0.55%	3.8%	12.00%	-17.00%	-5%	15%	2.00%	-5.00%	-2.60%	-2.00%	-3.40%
QTC	0.16%	0.00%	-11.4%	5.50%	0.2%	2.00%	-8.00%	-11%	14%	20%	9.00%	0.40%	0.30%	12.00%

What do the numbers show? Check-ins: down 3%. We still need to attract more traffic handlers, more net participants. Traffic is up a lot. 12% is significant. Again, we have the highest traffic total in over 15 years. We continue training in our daily, weekly, monthly activity, but the numbers don't tell the whole story. 73% of check-ins were on voice. How did we pass the traffic? Over half were messages on voice and the rest on CW and digital. The modes overlap and support each other. How quickly and accurately did we do it? Very. We still have the reliable BWN reports every day, the weekly digital tests, and the extraordinary traffic generation from NX9K and N9VC, to nourish the NTS.

Our success is due to *all* the participants – net managers, net controls, liaison stations, and regular check-ins. We practice so our message handling, one of the most important skills we offer to served agencies, becomes automatic. We sharpen accuracy and reliability. We discipline ourselves to follow net protocol. We spend all this time and effort to become a supportive group of trained operators. This past year, we logged around 150,000 hours in section net operation. We do it because it's satisfying, and we do it right because we care. - K9LGU/STM