

AREA CODES WERE INITIALLY ASSIGNED BASED ON CALL VOLUME. HIGHER POPULATED AREAS WERE GIVEN LOWER NUMBERS BECAUSE IT REQUIRED THE LEAST TIME FOR DIALING USING A ROTARY PHONE



913



THE CURRENT TOTAL POSSIBLE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IS 1,601,380,000. THAT'S ABOUT 7.91 MILLION NUMBERS PER AREA CODE.

> ORIGINALLY IN 1947 THERE WERE ONLY 86 AREA CODES IN THE US AND CANADA, IN 2013 THERE WERE 370 ACTIVE AREA CODES.

370

86

A NEW JERSEY MAN PLACED HIS COVETED 212 NEW YORK AREA CODE NUMBER ON EBAY FOR \$1,000,000



NOT ALL 555 NUMBERS ARE FAKE. HOWEVER. IN THE 1960'S TELEPHONE COMPANY'S BEGAN ENCOURAGING MOVIE AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS TO USE THE 555 PREFIX FOR FICTIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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