

October 2023 5XX NPA Exhaust Analysis

Introduction

NANPA projects the exhaust of the non-geographic 5XX NPA resources based upon the utilization and forecast data submitted by service providers via the NRUF process. The following assumptions were used in this exhaust analysis. The 5XX NPAs currently in service are 500, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 533, 544, 566, 577 and 588; and 532 is awaiting implementation.

October 2023 5XX NPA Exhaust Projection Assumptions

The following is a list of assumptions used in the development of the October 2023 5XX NPA exhaust projection prepared by NANPA.

1. The 5XX NPA exhaust study uses as its basis the NXX code forecasts submitted via the NRUF reporting process and historical NXX code assignment information. The five-year total forecasted demand is used to calculate the number of 5XX NPAs that will be needed over the next five (5) years. This demand is also used to forecast when the current quantity of assigned and reserved 5XX NPAs will exhaust.¹
2. A new 5XX NPA will be required when the number of assigned and unassignable NXX codes reaches 800.
3. It is assumed that each new 5XX NPA will require the same number of unassignable codes as the current 5XX NPA.

Results Based on Assumptions

Using the August 2023 NRUF data, the aggregated forecasted demand for 5XX-NXXs for 2023 through 2027, ranges from 1,400 NXXs to 1,900 NXXs per year. Below is the demand rate versus the actual assignment rate from 2019 through the end of August 2023.

Year	Forecasted 5XX-NXX Demand	Actual 5XX-NXX Assignments
2019	700	618
2020	1,356	1,186
2021	1,592	1,582
2022	1,978	1,555
2023	1,415	433 ²

The average annual demand for non-geographic 5XX NPA NXX codes for the next five (5) years is 1,700 NXX codes. It is expected that 10 new 5XX NPAs is needed over the next five years.

¹ The 5XX NPAs reserved for future expansion include the following: (538, 542, 543, 545, 547, 549, 552, 553, 554, 556, 569, 578, 589, 550, 535, 546 and 558).

² 5XX-NXX assignments through the end of August 2023.

In projecting the exhaust of the assigned and reserved 5XX NPAs (16 assigned 5XX NPAs and 17 reserved 5XX NPAs), with an annual demand rate of 1,700 5XX-NXXs, the 5XX NPAs is projected to exhaust in eight (8) years.