

RADIO STATIONS OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

- 9CT Original call of WDAP
- 9ZN Chicago Tribune station used to transmit and receive foreign press dispatches, opened 10/4/20.
- KFKX Call associated with Westinghouse's KYW.
- KYW Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co, opened 12/21. First station in Chicago. Moved to Philadelphia in 1932.
- WAAF Opened Spring '22, by Union Stockyards and Transit Co; Later sold to Drover's Journal Publishing Co, who in turn sold to Cornbelt Publishers. Aimed at a rural audience.
- WBBC Early station in Chicago; no information on sign-on date, licensee, frequency or programming available. Station license deleted by 2/17/24.
- WBBM Opened as an amateur station, call indeterminate. Station license converted to standard broadcast call by March, 1925. ~~purchased by~~ ^{Transferred} CBS 12/28, ^{purchased 1931.}
- WBCN Began operations, 12/24, owned by South Town Economist. Shared time with WENR. ~~Secured control of WBCN and operated both stations until mid-thirties, when WBCN dropped for service.~~ Latter ~~secured~~ secured control of WBCN and operated both stations until mid-thirties, when WBCN dropped for service.
- WBU City of Chicago operated station, opened from studios on Municipal Pier, 5/22. ~~Secured control of WBCN and operated both stations until mid-thirties, when WBCN dropped for service.~~ Ceased operations shortly thereafter.
- WCBD Religious station in Zion, Ill., operated by Wilbur Glen Volina, later purchased by Gene T. Dyer. Later shared time with WMBI. (~~and WMBI~~) ^{9/22} 1922 -
- WCEE Signed on 7/25/25 from Elgin studios, operated by Chas. Erbstein. Purchased by Chicago Tribune ~~10/23/25~~ 10/23/25, and absorbed by WLIB.
- WCFL Started 7/27/26, operated by Chicago Federation of Labor, shared time with WENR in thirties.
- WCRW Nationality station started by Clinton R. White, from the Embassy Hotel, in June, 1926.
- WDAP Previously 9CT, signed on 5/22 from the ~~Drake Hotel~~ tower of the Wrigley Bldg.; moved to Drake Hotel 7/22, operated by Thorne Donnelly and Elliot Jenkins. Purchased by Board of Trade in 1923~~4~~ and on June 1, 1924 Chicago Tribune assumed control changing call to WGN, a call previously used by WJAZ. Purchased WCEE (called WTAS) 1925--shortly thereafter WTAS, (originally WCEE).
- WDBY Signed on 1924, probably in August; operated by North Shore Congregational Church. In operation only short time; date of expiration undetermined.
- WEBH Signed on either 1922 or 1923, probably former; call changed to WJAZ late in 1923. 3/24/24 Chicago Tribune leased enough time to control station, and changed call to WGN. 6/1/24 agreement severed and reverted to WEBH call. Operated from Edgewater Beach Hotel; ~~ceased~~ ceased operations by 1932. First stations to air commercials
- WEDC Operated by Emil Denmark, Inc., nationality format, signed on Summer, 1926.
- WENR signed on ~~3/19/25~~ ^{4/7/25}, operated by E. N. Rauland as ~~WJAZ~~ in All-American Building. Con. Edison purchased Summer '27, when also bought WBCN from Foster and MacDonnel. New owner assumed title as Great Lakes Broadcasting Co, and shared time between WBCN and WENR, ~~shared time between WBCN and WENR.~~

- WFBF
- WFKB
- WGES
- WGN
- WGU
- WHBM
- WHBT
- WHFC
- WHCC
- WHT
- WIBO
- WJAZ
- WJBI
- WJBO
- WJBT
- WJBZ
- WJJD
- WKBI
- WLIB
- WLS
- WLTS
- WMAQ
- WMBB
- WMBI
- WOK
- WPAD
- WPCC
- WQJ
- WSAH
- WSAX
- WSBC
- WTAS

Small station, present in 1925. No further information.

Loczted 4536 Woodlawn Avenue., 1925, no further info.

Coyne Electrical School station signed on 10/10/23, control transfered to Oak Leaves Broadcasting, operated by Gene T. Dryer. Purchased by Ill. Central Railroad 10/31. Purchased by McLendon Corp., 1963, and call became WYNR. Early 1925, station merged with WTAY.

sign on 4/13/22 by Bair Store. Chicago Daily News became interested, Became WMAQ.

Portable station operated by ~~EX~~ O.L. Carroll from ~~106~~ 1506 American Bldg., licensed 3/15/25.

Licensed 3/29/25 to Thomas W. Zizzard, in Downers Grove. ~~No further info.~~ *WMAQ 2/11/63*

In operatin in 1927--no further info. *WMAQ 2/11/63*

Sign on 4/25/25, operated by ~~Calumet Baking Co~~ from Wrigley Bldg. No further info. *WMAQ 2/11/63*

Sign on 5/20/25 operated by Nelson Brothers Bond and Mortgage Co, affiliated with Chicago Evening American later. License revoked. Shared time with WPCC; license revoked 10/17/31. *WMAQ 2/11/63*

see WEBH

~~affiliated with WBBM~~ operating in 1927--no further info.

No information

affiliated with WBBM

Operating in 1927, no further info.

Opened 1923 by Loyal Order of Moose from Mooseheart, Ill., shared time with WLIB in late 20's purchased by WJJD, Inc. 4/32; *WMAQ 2/11/63*

Operated in Cicdro by WKBI, INC, in 1932. No sign/on of Sign/ ff info available.

See WGN

Signed on 4/12/24 by Sears and Roebuck, with Hotel Sherman Studios; sold to Prairie Farmer 1928, and ~~Company name~~ operated under name of Agricultural Broadcast Co 10/1/28. Purchased eventually by ABC. *3/16/63 WLS in ABC.*

shared time with WENR, and evetually merged with WENR.

Lane Technical High School, issued license 7.5/25. No further info.

Opened 3/22 as WGU. Assumed call WMAW 10/2/22. Purchased 10/31 by NBC.

Trianon Ballroom operated station, s/on 4/15/25. Probably out by '28'

Began in 1925 by Moody Bible Institute of Chicago; shared time with WCBD.

signed on 7/20/25 from Hotel Morrison studios. Probably out by 1928.

Early station; deleted by 2/17/24.

North Shore Congregational Church, first opened Fall, 1925, shared time with WIBO. License revoked 10/ 17/31.

Calumet Baking Company station, opened 1925 (?); shared time with WMAQ, bought by Daily News later, and merged wit WMAQ 3/1/27. Refused license 9/28.

no info--early station

Chicago Radio Laboratory station, erected early in radio's history, and discontinued by 7/5/25.

Issued license 7/25, operated by World Battery, Co., Inc. from New Southern Hotel

Began opeatins from Elgin in Feb., 1922. Purchased by Charles Erbstein in ~~20q~~ 1924. First real commercial station

*WMAQ
WLS
WGN*

*(3) **

in Chicago. Became WLIB 10/7/25. When Erbstein purchased he switched the WTAS call to WCEE, (another station he owned), and gave old WTAS the ~~WEE~~ call. ~~WLIB~~ WLIB took in WCEE (old WTAS) 10/23/25, and old WCEE reverted to other interests. Shared time with WJJD.

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r WTAY
WTES
r WTL

Sign on 2/8/24, operated by Oak Park Arms Hotel. See WGES. Suburban station in Oak Park, in 1925. No further info. Parkway Hotel operated, signed on 1924 (late summer?); out by 1927.

~~WEE~~

WTV
WIZ
(7) ★ WWAE

-Present in 1925, no further info.

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Present in 1927, no further info.

-(moved to Hermon, Ind.?)

ADDITIONAL AM'S

WAIT	Signed on 1941, WAIT INC.
WBEE	Signed on 1955, Continental Broadcasting
WCGO	8/29/59, South Cook Broadcasting Co.
WEAW	1953, North Shore Broadcasting Co., Inc.
WIND	1927, Westinghouse Broadcasting Corp same owner at WJJD, R Johnson-Kennedy Radio Corporation, licensed to Gary, Ind., and carrying nationality broadcasts. Acquired by Westinghouse, and moved to Chicago after KYW's departure.
WMPP	8/15/63 ?Seaway Broadcasting Inc.
WNMP	1947(or 1946), ?Semrow Broadcasting Co., quired from.....
WNUS	See WGES/WNYR
WOPA	10/17/50 Village Broadcasting Co.
WTAQ	10/17/50 10/19/50 S & S Broadcasting Co.
WNYR	See WGES
WXX	
WVON	See WHFC

RADIO STATIONS IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Chicago

- WAAF, 1922: 950 kc; 1 kw-D. 221 N. LaSalle, (60601). RA 6-1932. Corn Belt Publishers.
- WAIT, 1941, 820 kc; 5 kw-D (L-SS Dallas) 188 W. Randolph St. 60601 Franklin 2-0660. WAIT Radio (acqd 9/17/62)
- WBBM, 1923: 780 kc; 50 kw. 630 N. McClurg Court, 60601. WH 4-6000 CBS Inc. (acqd 1931)
- WBBM-FM, Dec. 7, 1941: 96.3 mc; 10.5 kw. Ant. 560 ft. dup. WBBM.
- WBEZ (FM) 1942: 91.5 mc; 16 kw. Ant 550 ft. 228 N. LaSalle St. Board of Education of Chicago.
- WCFL, June 26, 1926: 1000 kc; 50 kw, DA-2. 300 N. Dearborn 60610. 222-1000. Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council. MBS net.
- WCLM (FM) May 25, 1957. 101.9 mc; 60 kw. Ant 520 ft. 333 N. Michigan Ave, 60601. ST 2-4872/; Carol Music Inc.
- WCRW, July, 1926: 1240 kc; 250 w. (shares time with WEDC and WSBC, Chicago). 2756 Pine Grove Ave., 60614. 327-6860. WCRW, Inc. (acqd. 11/63)
- WDHF (FM) March 9, 1959: 95.5 mc; 52 kw. Ant. 230 ft. Suite 808, 203 N. Wabash Ave., 60601. PR 9-6200.. Federal Broadcasting Corp. (acqd 12-31-63)
- WEBH (FM) April 7, 1958: 93.9 mc; 35 kw. Ant 240 ft. 5349 N. Sheridan Rd. 60640. LO 1-6000. Buddy Black Broadcasting Co.
- WEDC, 1926: 1240 kc; 250 w-SH (shares time with WCRW and WSBC, Chicago) 3860 W. Ogden Ave, (60623) CR 7-4100. Denmark Enterprises, Inc.
- WEFM (FM) 1940; 99.5 mc; 44 kw. Ant 560 ft. 1900 N. Austin Ave. 60639. 745-2000. Zenith Radio Corp.
- WFME (FM) 1947: 100.3 mc; 33 kw. Ant. 540 ft. 230 N. Michigan Ave. 60601. PR 2-7838. Functional Music Inc. (acqd 1-1-57)
- WFMQ (FM) Dec. 4, 1958: 107.5 mc; 36 kw. Ant. 560 ft. One E. Wacker Drive, 60601. 527-3100. Lester Vihon.
- WFMT (FM) Dec. 13, 1951: 98.7 mc; 135 kw. Ant. 540 ft. STEREO. 221 N. La Salle St. 60601. ST 2-5668. Gale Broadcasting Co.
- WGN, June 1, 1924: 720 kc; 50 kw; 2501 Bradley Place, 60618. 528-2311. WGN Inc.
- WHFC (FM) 1942: 97.9 mc; 75 kw. Ant 270 ft. 3350 Kedzie Ave. 60623. 847-2600. L & P Broadcasting Corp. (acqd 2-18-63) Dup. WVON, Cicero.
- WIND 1927: 560 kc; 5 kw, DA-2. 400 N. Michigan Ave, 60611. 527-2170. Westinghouse Broadcasting Co., (acqd. 12-22-56)

- WJJD Oct. 13, 1924: 1160 kc; 50 kw, DA-1 (L-KSL Salt Lake City) 8 S. Michigan Ave. 60623. ST 2-5466. Plough Broadcasting Co.
- WJJD-FM Jan. 2, 1961: 104.3 mc; 40 kw. ANT 460 ft. Same licensee as WJJD.
- WKFM (FM) November 1957: 103.5 mc; 50 kw. Ant. 500 ft. 188 W. Randolph St., 60601. RA 6-2141. Frank S. Kovas, Jr.
- WLS April 12, 1924: 890 kc; 50 kw. 360 N. Michigan Ave. 60601. ST 2-2002. WLS Inc. (acqd 3-16-60) ABC owned station. Net. ABC.
- WLS-FM April 1, 1946: 94.7 mc; 27 kw. Ant. 580 ft. (17.5 kw Ant 720 ft. CP) 190 N. State St., 60601. AN 3-0800.
- WMAQ 1922: 670 kc; 50 kw. Merchandise Mart 60654. SU 7-8300. National Broadcasting Co. Inc. (acqd 11-1-31). NBC
- WMAQ-FM 1948: 101.1 mc; 24 kw. Ant. 640 ft. dup. WMAQ.
- *WMBI July 26, 1926: 1110 kc; 5 kw (L-WBT Charlotte, NC.C, KFAB Omaha) 820 N. LaSalle St, 60610. MI 2-1570. Moody Bible Institute.
- *WMBI-FM July 25, 1960: 90.1 mc; 50 kw. Ant 450 ft. dup. WMBI 65%.
- WNIB (FM) July 9, 1955. 97.1 mc; 11 kw. Ant. 185 ft. 400 W Madison St. 60606. AN 3-5252. Northern Illinois Broadcasting Co.
- WNUS 1924: 1390 kc; 5 kw, DA-2. 8601 S. Kedzie Ave. 60652. 436-2134. The McLendon Corp.
- WSBC 1925: 1240 kc; 1 kw-D, 250 w-N, SH (shares time with WCRW and WEDC, Chicago). 2400 W. Madison St. 60612). MO 6-9060. WSBC Broadcasting Co.
- WXRT (FM) March 15, 1960: 93.1 mc; 55 kw. Ant. 260 ft. SE 3-5055. same licensee as WSBC; programs separately.

Chicago Heights

- WCGO August 29, 1959: 1600 kc; 1 kw-D, DA. 119 Olympia Plaza, 60641. SK 6-6100. South Cook Broadcasting Ic.
- WMPP August 15, 1963. 1470 kc; 1 kw-D, DA. 1000 Lincoln Highway, Eash Chicago Heights, 60611. 758-1400. Seaway Broadcasting Inc.

Cicero

- WVON 1926: 1450 kc; 1 kw-D, 250 w-N. 3350 S. Kedzie Ave. Chicago. 60623. 847-2600. L & P Broadcasting Corp. (acqd 2-15-63)

Elmwood

- WXFM (FM) 1947; 105.9 mc; 32 kw. Ant. 250 ft. 4440 N. Clark St., Chicago. 60640. UP 8-7900. STEREO. Evelyn S. Hoonfield (acqd. 1956) NET: Market 1

Evanston

Winnetka

*WNTH (FM) 88.1 mc; 10 w. Ant. 105 ft. 385 Winnetka Ave. 60093. Board
of Education.