

The Hobby's Collectors—By Location

[Based on the editor's database—June 2011]

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Collectors</u>
California	133
Ohio	88
Pennsylvania	69
New York	58
Florida	47
Maryland	33
Wisconsin	31
New Jersey	30
Illinois	29
Mass.	27
Virginia	27
Connecticut	24
Missouri	24
Texas	24
Michigan	23
Kentucky	21
Minnesota	18
Indiana	16
Washington	16
Colorado	15
N. Carolina	15
Iowa	14
Oklahoma	12
Arizona	10
N. Hamp.	9
Oregon	9
Kansas	8
Alabama	7
Tennessee	7
Nevada	7
Louisiana	6
Wyoming	6
Nebraska	6
Rhode Island	5
Delaware	4
Georgia	3
Arkansas	3
Idaho	3
Maine	3
S. Carolina	3
Hawaii	3
Montana	2

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Collectors</u>
New Mexico	2
DC	1
S. Dakota	1
Vermont	1
W. Virginia	1
Alaska	0
Utah	0
Mississippi	0
N. Dakota	0
Canada	75
England	9
Australia	3
Cyprus	1
Germany	1
India	1
Italy	1
Slovakia	1
Thailand	1

California, having the biggest population to begin with, is #1 by a wide margin, which is why there has always been complaints from the West that RMS wasn't paying enough attention to the...West! The problem with that is that California is basically isolated. It has ocean to the west, a foreign country to the south, desert states to the east, and a sparsely populated state to the north. So, collector-wise, the "West" is California all by itself. Whereas...

The Northeast, on the other hand, is the only area of the country that has multiple densely populated states all clustered together in one area. Thus, it has four states in the top 10 of the list shown here.

Again in the top 10, the Midwest, with states such as Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin, is certainly well represented.

In fact, taking the results, here, on a *regional* basis, rather than state by state, the ranking would be quite different:

Looking at it this way, it's more obvious why almost all of the RMS Conventions have been held in the Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast.

On the other hand, it'd be nice to have a convention in places such as Anchorage, or Baton Rouge, or Phoenix, but it's just not feasible, based on numbers, if nothing else.

By the way, did you notice there are four states that have no collectors, or at least none enrolled in the hobby: Alaska, Utah, Mississippi, N. Dakota—all sparsely populated to begin with, but you'd think there would be at least a few there amongst all those millions of people.

Although the specific numbers change monthly, the rankings, certainly by region, aren't likely to change in the foreseeable future.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Number of Collectors</u>
Midwest	258
Northeast	226
Southeast	178
West	161
Southwest	48
Rocky Mtn.	33
Foreign	93