

The Hobby's Largest Known Category Specific Collections

Ed Note: These figures are taken from the Largest Collections Listing. I took as many of the largest numbers that I could fit on this page.

Remember, these figures represent the largest category specific collections that have *ever* been put together, as far as has ever been reported. You'll notice that many of these collectors are no longer with us, but no current collectors have reported that their own collections surpass the figures given here, so the departed collectors' figures still stand.

The figures here, for the most part have been taken from the last published Largest Collections List (2016), with the exception of those updated by more recent incoming reported stats. Since the List is published every 5 years, the next one is due in 2021.

Many of these collections have since been sold and broken up according to the needs of the purchasing collector. The figures serve two purposes, however.

The collectors, here, deserve credit and due recognition for their achievement. All, or at least most, of these collections were lovingly put together with years....decades...of diligent pursuit, effort, and patience. And, the figures show current collectors what is possible in their collection categories.

Restaurants	Les Hufford, OH	118,108	8-93
Hotel/Motel	Warren Marshall, CA	110,281	10-89
Banks, S&Ls,CUs	James DeLong, PA	109,026	11-16
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Foreign	Mike Hubbard, MI	70,196	7-05
Quebec (province)	Pierre Dorval, CAN	69,003	5-11
Boxes	Paul Moyer, CA	59,505	12-93
Labels, Box	Paul Moyer, CA	50,000	10-88
New York City	Les Good, NY	33,423	1-16
Towns (US)	Tom Valachovic, FL	33,221	1-16
Minnesota	Mike Reynen	31,196	10-89
Girlies (all)	Walter Hubbard, CA	29,061	4-93
Gas Stations	Greg Lund, MD	27,127	11-05
Bryant & May	Sid Barlow, ENG	26,652	3-16
Arizona	Judi Wittwer, AZ	25,744	5-01
Cafes	Tom Valachovic, FL	24,882	1-16
Florida	Fred Houk, FL	23,203	11-10
Boxes, Japanese	Les, Good, NY	22,700	11-10
Animals	Chester Crill, CA	21,280	4-05
Boxes, Pocketbox	Toby Messmer, KY	17,925	9-10
Auto Dealers	Greg Lund, CA	17,827	11-05
Dated	Mike Prero, CA	16,811	6-16
Montreal	Pierre Dorval, CAN	16,280	5-11
Sets & Series	Mike Prero, CA	16,188	5-16
Savings & Loan	Mike Prero, CA	15,649	6-17
Insurance	Bill Hayes, FL	14,368	3-16
Restaurants, Chinese	James Mettler, WA	14,358	11-00
Germany	Sid Barlow, ENG	13,961	3-16
San Francisco area	Greg Lund, CA	13,809	11-05
Woodies (20s only)	Dan Bitter, OK	13,686	8-16
Boxes, American Ace	Toby Messmer, KY	13,211	10-10
Holiday Inn	George Cosentini, CA	13,200	6-06
Canadian Ex. Stamps	Pierre Dorval, CAN	12,837	1-05
Agriculture	Tom Gray, IA	12,549	2-19
Convention, RMS	Tom Gray, IA	12,530	1-16
Pennsylvania	Helen Hollmann, PA	12,470	11-10
Embossed	Mel Garrett, KS	12,210	6-93
Country Clubs/Golf	Dusty Paquin, MN	11,910	3-16
Motels	Bill Evans, MI	11,776	5-93
10's (all)	Bob Hofacker, OH	11,761	9-17
Filigree	Helen Hollmann, PA	11,318	11-10
Uniglo	Tom Gray, IA	11,298	10-16
Casinos	Ellen Gutting, NV	11,297	1-16
Oregon	Nadine Ritter, MT	11,241	3-16
Holiday Inn, Stock	Carmie Arprino, CT	11,218	1-16
Wisconsin	Jim Radoff, WI	11,134	11-05