



NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

2023 Edition

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under . . .							Percent of records with...		
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Alabama	396	5.0	7.9	62836	3	12	21	30	37	47	71	86	96	8
Alaska	28	0.4	3.8	35730	11	32	39	61	68	71	89	93	96	18
Arizona	196	2.5	2.7	47549	6	18	30	42	53	59	84	83	95	7
Arkansas	90	1.1	3.0	50894	3	10	22	29	49	62	79	84	91	9
California	474	6.0	1.2	49870	6	16	31	39	50	62	84	85	93	10
Colorado	324	4.1	5.6	48846	7	18	30	43	50	64	87	89	96	14
Connecticut	44	0.6	1.2	47666	5	18	36	43	52	70	93	84	95	5
Delaware	17	0.2	1.7	34505	6	29	47	76	76	88	100	88	94	6
Dist. of Columbia	17	0.2	2.5	70167	18	18	29	29	29	35	47	88	100	12
Florida	388	4.9	1.8	55780	3	10	19	31	40	55	79	84	93	6
Georgia	521	6.6	4.9	57766	2	10	21	31	44	53	74	87	96	7
Hawaii	35	0.4	2.4	50000	3	6	23	31	49	57	89	86	100	17
Idaho	55	0.7	3.0	49649	2	18	31	42	51	65	89	84	98	11
Illinois	141	1.8	1.1	44005	6	18	33	45	57	70	87	87	89	7
Indiana	272	3.4	4.0	44097	6	17	32	44	53	67	87	89	92	12
Iowa	17	0.2	0.5	27276	6	24	53	59	71	71	76	94	88	0
Kansas	38	0.5	1.3	35185	11	26	42	53	55	63	87	89	92	8
Kentucky	208	2.6	4.6	60719	6	15	25	31	40	49	79	87	95	12
Louisiana	19	0.2	0.4	42179	5	21	47	47	58	74	89	95	89	5
Maine	22	0.3	1.6	57489	9	23	23	36	41	59	68	68	100	5
Maryland	183	2.3	3.0	39499	4	25	38	50	61	67	86	89	90	10
Massachusetts	83	1.0	1.2	53754	8	20	27	37	46	58	71	82	98	7
Michigan	78	1.0	0.8	38572	1	19	40	54	68	78	91	85	86	5
Minnesota	40	0.5	0.7	56676	5	15	20	30	35	57	75	85	92	15
Mississippi	20	0.3	0.7	44718	10	30	35	50	50	55	75	95	90	10
Missouri	202	2.5	3.3	49237	5	18	30	41	50	61	82	87	94	14
Montana	59	0.7	5.4	57502	3	24	27	37	44	58	78	83	100	15
Nebraska	3	0.0	0.2	54203	0	0	0	0	33	67	67	67	100	0
Nevada	76	1.0	2.4	57154	5	17	22	37	45	51	72	76	96	14
New Hampshire	32	0.4	2.3	56385	16	41	44	44	47	50	72	78	100	12
New Jersey	90	1.1	1.0	44643	6	12	27	44	54	68	84	88	90	9
New Mexico	148	1.9	7.0	36074	11	30	43	54	68	77	88	89	97	34
New York	196	2.5	1.0	50168	7	16	27	39	49	58	83	90	93	8
North Carolina	188	2.4	1.8	48670	7	20	33	41	51	61	81	90	97	9
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.4	66435	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	100	100	0
Ohio	308	3.9	2.6	51089	2	11	24	35	48	58	86	87	94	7
Oklahoma	40	0.5	1.0	42188	5	15	28	48	62	72	95	90	95	8
Oregon	85	1.1	2.0	39211	8	26	40	52	55	68	91	92	95	11
Pennsylvania	417	5.3	3.2	47268	4	16	28	42	53	62	81	84	91	8
Rhode Island	7	0.1	0.6	60108	0	0	14	29	29	43	71	100	100	0
South Carolina	53	0.7	1.0	59061	8	11	15	23	40	51	83	77	92	8
South Dakota	49	0.6	5.5	65599	2	12	18	24	35	39	59	82	96	14
Tennessee	552	7.0	8.0	57962	5	13	23	35	44	52	77	88	94	11
Texas	426	5.4	1.5	53527	8	22	30	37	47	55	76	85	95	11
Utah	83	1.0	2.5	58200	0	12	19	34	47	51	72	93	95	17
Vermont	36	0.5	5.6	43391	6	22	31	39	56	75	89	94	94	8
Virginia	522	6.6	6.0	42778	8	22	37	47	60	70	85	88	94	16
Washington	141	1.8	1.8	46188	6	21	33	43	56	62	79	82	95	6
West Virginia	183	2.3	10.2	39898	3	25	38	50	63	74	88	87	92	18
Wisconsin	57	0.7	1.0	40642	12	25	39	49	63	74	91	96	84	9
Wyoming	39	0.5	6.8	50649	0	18	33	41	49	54	85	74	100	8
Canada	61	0.8	0.0	49117	11	20	26	43	51	61	90	87	93	15
Other foreign	176	2.2	0.0	57326	5	11	19	27	39	56	86	53	96	4
ALL MEMBERS	7,938	100.0	0.0	50283	5	17	28	39	50	60	81	86	94	11

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular	4,923	62.0
Life	2,045	25.8
Family Regular	689	8.7
Family Life	187	2.4
Conservation Life	38	0.5
Conservation Regular	37	0.5
Institutional	19	0.2
TOTAL MEMBERS	7,938	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Tennessee	552
Virginia	522
Georgia	521
California	474
Texas	426
Pennsylvania	417
Alabama	396
Florida	388
Colorado	324
Ohio	308
Indiana	272
Kentucky	208

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	837
Certificate of Merit	107
Lew Bicking Award	45
Honorary Member	38
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	33
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	29
Conservation Award	26
Science Award	24
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	23
James G. Mitchell Award	21
Steve Hudson Award	6
Outstanding Landowner Award	2
TOTAL AWARDS	1,191

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	417	153	36.69
10001-20000	920	280	30.43
20001-30000	912	178	19.52
30001-40000	852	106	12.44
40001-50000	837	61	7.29
50001-60000	816	45	5.51
60001-70000	1,698	14	0.82
70001-80000	1,486	0	0.00
Totals	7,938	837	10.54

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	143	Georgia
373xx	122	Tennessee
301xx	102	Georgia
240xx	99	Virginia
787xx	94	Texas
357xx	92	Alabama
857xx	89	Arizona
358xx	86	Alabama
307xx	70	Georgia
786xx	70	Texas
371xx	65	Tennessee
370xx	65	Tennessee

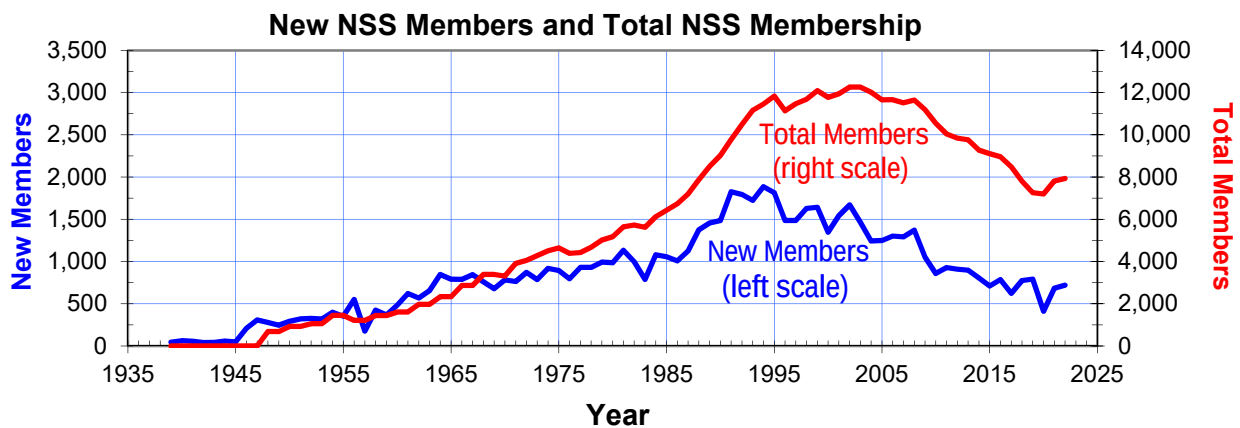
LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
509	Texas
645	Pennsylvania
812	Washington
835	Illinois
913	Idaho
1056	Colorado
1057	North Carolina
1129	Other foreign
1294	California
1417	Virginia
1529	Missouri
1579	Virginia

When the database snapshot was taken the highest NSS number was 72145 and was in Alabama.

NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1953	2341-2659	1967	9686-10530	1981	21618-22751	1995	40361-42176	2009	60901-61952
1940	47-108	1954	2660-3059	1968	10531-11289	1982	22752-23750	1996	42177-42750	2010	61953-62810
1941	109-163	1955	3060-3411	1969	11290-11967	1983	23751-24538	1997	42751-45147	2011	62811-63739
1942	164-205	1956	3412-3963	1970	11968-12749	1984	24539-25619	1998	45148-46776	2012	63740-64648
1943	206-247	1957	3964-4139	1971	12750-13512	1985	25620-26677	1999	46777-48418	2013	64649-65546
1944	248-307	1958	4140-4564	1972	13513-14384	1986	26678-27686	2000	48419-49764	2014	65547-66352
1945	308-356	1959	4565-4932	1973	14385-15170	1987	27687-28811	2001	49765-51306	2015	66353-67202
1946	357-566	1960	4933-5416	1974	15171-16090	1988	28812-30186	2002	51307-52978	2016	67203-68050
1947	567-876	1961	5417-6037	1975	16091-16984	1989	30187-31643	2003	52979-54443	2017	68051-68762
1948	877-1155	1962	6038-6605	1976	16985-17779	1990	31644-33128	2004	54444-55686	2018	68763-69538
1949	1156-1402	1963	6606-7260	1977	17780-18709	1991	33129-34954	2005	55687-56935	2019	69539-70330
1950	1403-1694	1964	7261-8107	1978	18710-19640	1992	34955-36748	2006	56936-58237	2020	70331-70741
1951	1695-2014	1965	8108-8897	1979	19641-20632	1993	36749-38473	2007	58238-59529	2021	70742-71425
1952	2015-2340	1966	8898-9685	1980	20633-21617	1994	38474-40360	2008	59530-60900	2022	71426-72145



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Alabama	383	4.9	7.6	57263	4	14	24	33	42	52	79	85	94	9
Alaska	29	0.4	4.0	36057	10	31	38	59	66	69	93	97	97	17
Arizona	195	2.5	2.7	44507	7	20	33	45	56	63	88	84	94	6
Arkansas	90	1.2	3.0	53506	2	9	20	27	47	61	80	84	91	8
California	449	5.7	1.1	46485	6	17	33	42	54	67	89	83	92	11
Colorado	322	4.1	5.6	48234	7	17	30	43	51	66	89	89	96	15
Connecticut	42	0.5	1.2	45313	5	19	38	48	55	74	98	88	95	5
Delaware	18	0.2	1.8	39319	0	22	33	61	72	78	89	72	94	6
Dist. of Columbia	15	0.2	2.2	65607	20	20	33	40	40	40	73	80	100	13
Florida	411	5.3	1.9	55718	3	10	20	30	40	55	84	83	93	6
Georgia	501	6.4	4.7	52690	3	12	23	35	48	58	82	86	96	7
Hawaii	35	0.4	2.4	50809	3	6	20	31	49	54	86	89	97	17
Idaho	57	0.7	3.1	49649	4	19	30	39	51	65	89	84	98	11
Illinois	147	1.9	1.1	43811	6	18	33	46	56	68	86	84	89	6
Indiana	277	3.5	4.1	43080	6	17	32	44	55	67	90	88	92	12
Iowa	16	0.2	0.5	28619	6	25	56	62	75	75	81	94	88	6
Kansas	45	0.6	1.5	49528	9	24	38	49	51	60	84	84	93	4
Kentucky	200	2.6	4.4	59633	5	15	25	32	41	52	86	86	95	12
Louisiana	25	0.3	0.5	47403	4	16	44	44	52	64	88	96	92	4
Maine	20	0.3	1.5	56412	10	20	20	35	40	65	80	70	100	5
Maryland	202	2.6	3.3	41153	3	23	36	49	58	66	88	86	91	9
Massachusetts	84	1.1	1.2	55451	8	20	26	37	43	57	77	79	95	7
Michigan	81	1.0	0.8	39187	1	17	40	54	68	78	91	86	86	5
Minnesota	37	0.5	0.6	56595	5	16	22	32	35	59	84	92	92	16
Mississippi	19	0.2	0.6	39385	5	26	32	53	53	58	74	89	89	11
Missouri	204	2.6	3.3	43580	6	21	33	45	54	67	89	89	93	15
Montana	57	0.7	5.3	58603	4	25	26	35	42	54	88	79	100	14
Nebraska	5	0.1	0.3	54203	0	0	20	20	40	60	60	60	100	0
Nevada	67	0.9	2.2	49915	6	21	25	40	51	60	81	73	94	15
New Hampshire	30	0.4	2.2	36386	20	47	50	50	50	53	80	77	100	13
New Jersey	82	1.0	0.9	41526	6	13	32	48	60	74	95	87	89	11
New Mexico	143	1.8	6.8	31739	13	31	47	58	73	82	94	88	97	34
New York	193	2.5	1.0	48499	7	17	27	39	51	61	85	89	92	9
North Carolina	175	2.2	1.7	47439	8	20	34	42	53	62	86	91	95	7
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.4	66435	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	100	100	0
Ohio	307	3.9	2.6	50843	1	10	23	35	49	58	90	86	93	7
Oklahoma	45	0.6	1.1	43722	4	16	29	49	62	69	89	89	96	7
Oregon	86	1.1	2.0	34909	10	27	44	56	59	70	87	87	94	12
Pennsylvania	390	5.0	3.0	44906	5	17	30	44	56	65	85	84	90	8
Rhode Island	4	0.1	0.4	46989	0	0	25	50	50	50	100	100	100	0
South Carolina	54	0.7	1.1	55058	7	13	17	28	44	56	94	78	93	7
South Dakota	38	0.5	4.3	58906	3	16	24	32	45	50	74	84	95	18
Tennessee	529	6.8	7.7	54584	5	14	24	37	45	55	82	88	94	11
Texas	427	5.5	1.5	51408	9	22	30	38	49	58	80	84	94	12
Utah	75	1.0	2.3	50661	0	12	23	37	49	55	77	93	95	17
Vermont	35	0.4	5.4	43006	6	23	31	40	57	77	91	97	94	6
Virginia	522	6.7	6.0	41622	8	24	39	49	61	71	89	88	93	17
Washington	124	1.6	1.6	41064	8	25	36	48	63	69	87	84	95	6
West Virginia	176	2.3	9.8	37039	3	26	40	54	69	78	91	87	91	19
Wisconsin	64	0.8	1.1	42153	9	22	34	45	58	66	88	95	83	6
Wyoming	41	0.5	7.1	56031	0	17	34	41	46	51	80	71	98	7
Canada	57	0.7	0.0	48384	12	21	30	46	54	67	93	86	93	16
Other foreign	178	2.3	0.0	57247	4	11	19	27	38	56	87	48	95	4
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Virginia	522
Georgia	501
California	449
Texas	427
Florida	411
Pennsylvania	390
Alabama	383
Colorado	322
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Missouri	204

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Outstanding Landowner Award	1

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

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1-10000	441	158	35.83
10001-20000	931	280	30.08
20001-30000	940	180	19.15
30001-40000	872	102	11.70
40001-50000	844	62	7.35
50001-60000	846	44	5.20
60001-70000	1,832	11	0.60
70001-80000	1,105	0	0.00
Totals	7,811	837	10.72

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

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300xx	146	Georgia
240xx	106	Virginia
373xx	100	Tennessee
301xx	98	Georgia
787xx	96	Texas
357xx	86	Alabama
857xx	85	Arizona
358xx	79	Alabama
307xx	68	Georgia
786xx	67	Texas
370xx	65	Tennessee
371xx	64	Tennessee

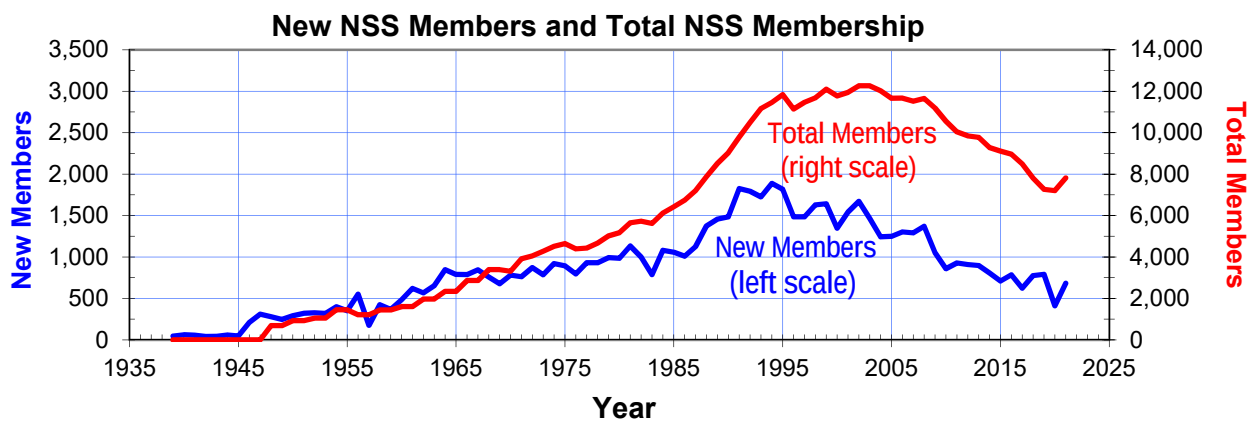
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812	Washington
835	Illinois
882	Pennsylvania
913	Idaho
1056	Colorado
1057	North Carolina
1129	United Kingdom
1294	California
1417	Virginia
1529	Missouri

When the database snapshot was taken the highest NSS number was 71425 and was in Ohio.

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1941	109-163	1955	3060-3411	1969	11290-11967	1983	23751-24538	1997	42751-45147	2011	62811-63739
1942	164-205	1956	3412-3963	1970	11968-12749	1984	24539-25619	1998	45148-46776	2012	63740-64648
1943	206-247	1957	3964-4139	1971	12750-13512	1985	25620-26677	1999	46777-48418	2013	64649-65546
1944	248-307	1958	4140-4564	1972	13513-14384	1986	26678-27686	2000	48419-49764	2014	65547-66352
1945	308-356	1959	4565-4932	1973	14385-15170	1987	27687-28811	2001	49765-51306	2015	66353-67202
1946	357-566	1960	4933-5416	1974	15171-16090	1988	28812-30186	2002	51307-52978	2016	67203-68050
1947	567-876	1961	5417-6037	1975	16091-16984	1989	30187-31643	2003	52979-54443	2017	68051-68762
1948	877-1155	1962	6038-6605	1976	16985-17779	1990	31644-33128	2004	54444-55686	2018	68763-69538
1949	1156-1402	1963	6606-7260	1977	17780-18709	1991	33129-34954	2005	55687-56935	2019	69539-70330
1950	1403-1694	1964	7261-8107	1978	18710-19640	1992	34955-36748	2006	56936-58237	2020	70331-70741
1951	1695-2014	1965	8108-8897	1979	19641-20632	1993	36749-38473	2007	58238-59529	2021	70742-71425
1952	2015-2340	1966	8898-9685	1980	20633-21617	1994	38474-40360	2008	59530-60900		



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Alaska	30	0.4	4.2	35730	13	33	40	60	70	73	93	97	93	20
Arizona	174	2.4	2.7	43921	7	22	33	45	57	67	93	83	92	6
Arkansas	87	1.2	3.0	57409	2	11	23	26	43	56	85	89	93	9
California	429	6.0	1.2	45299	7	19	34	43	55	69	94	87	92	11
Colorado	291	4.0	5.8	43422	8	19	31	46	54	68	93	91	95	15
Connecticut	45	0.6	1.3	43403	0	13	33	49	56	73	100	87	96	4
Delaware	15	0.2	1.7	37958	0	27	40	73	87	93	100	80	93	7
Dist. of Columbia	12	0.2	2.0	62953	17	17	33	42	42	42	100	75	100	8
Florida	372	5.2	2.0	53362	3	10	22	32	42	59	91	82	94	7
Georgia	428	5.9	4.4	48087	3	12	25	39	54	65	91	86	95	9
Hawaii	35	0.5	2.6	53688	3	6	20	29	46	51	80	80	100	20
Idaho	53	0.7	3.4	49649	6	21	32	40	51	68	96	81	98	13
Illinois	147	2.0	1.1	42258	6	20	35	48	58	70	88	84	89	7
Indiana	263	3.7	4.1	41578	6	18	34	47	57	70	94	88	94	13
Iowa	15	0.2	0.5	27276	7	27	60	67	80	80	87	93	93	13
Kansas	42	0.6	1.5	35185	12	29	43	52	57	67	93	86	90	2
Kentucky	190	2.6	4.4	55307	5	16	27	36	45	56	91	88	95	12
Louisiana	28	0.4	0.6	54486	4	14	36	36	43	57	89	96	93	4
Maine	11	0.2	0.8	42279	9	27	27	45	55	91	91	55	100	9
Maryland	187	2.6	3.2	37323	5	26	40	53	63	70	94	88	89	10
Massachusetts	72	1.0	1.1	47911	10	24	31	44	51	65	88	79	96	8
Michigan	74	1.0	0.7	37956	1	19	41	55	69	80	95	86	88	5
Minnesota	33	0.5	0.6	56096	9	21	27	36	39	67	91	91	88	18
Mississippi	18	0.2	0.6	37250	11	33	39	56	56	61	83	94	89	11
Missouri	182	2.5	3.0	41999	6	23	34	48	57	69	93	87	93	17
Montana	57	0.8	5.8	58603	4	23	25	35	42	56	93	84	96	14
Nebraska	3	0.0	0.2	40409	0	0	33	33	67	100	100	100	100	0
Nevada	51	0.7	1.9	40440	10	27	33	49	63	71	94	75	92	20
New Hampshire	30	0.4	2.3	36386	20	47	50	50	50	60	87	77	100	17
New Jersey	72	1.0	0.8	38916	7	14	32	51	65	79	97	89	86	12
New Mexico	141	2.0	6.8	29550	13	35	50	61	75	82	98	91	96	33
New York	184	2.6	0.9	46233	7	17	29	42	54	62	88	89	92	10
North Carolina	172	2.4	1.8	44281	8	22	37	44	55	65	90	90	96	6
North Dakota	4	0.1	0.6	66434	0	0	25	25	25	25	75	100	100	0
Ohio	287	4.0	2.5	49393	1	10	24	37	51	61	94	87	95	8
Oklahoma	38	0.5	1.0	44455	0	13	24	47	66	71	92	87	97	8
Oregon	84	1.2	2.2	32051	12	30	48	60	63	74	93	86	96	13
Pennsylvania	368	5.1	2.9	41770	6	19	32	48	60	69	92	85	90	9
Rhode Island	5	0.1	0.5	48590	0	0	20	40	60	60	100	100	100	0
South Carolina	46	0.6	1.0	60326	7	11	15	24	37	48	89	80	91	7
South Dakota	39	0.5	4.8	62892	3	15	23	28	41	46	79	79	95	15
Tennessee	483	6.7	7.6	52735	6	15	26	38	48	59	88	89	93	12
Texas	365	5.1	1.5	44821	10	25	34	43	54	64	89	85	93	12
Utah	72	1.0	2.6	46619	0	15	26	40	53	58	89	92	94	12
Vermont	33	0.5	5.3	42300	6	24	33	42	61	82	100	97	94	6
Virginia	500	6.9	6.2	39855	9	25	40	50	64	74	94	88	93	18
Washington	120	1.7	1.8	39763	8	25	37	50	66	70	92	83	94	7
West Virginia	161	2.2	8.7	34851	4	28	43	57	71	80	95	86	92	19
Wisconsin	58	0.8	1.0	36663	10	26	41	53	69	74	93	95	79	7
Wyoming	35	0.5	6.2	44928	0	17	37	49	54	60	89	69	100	3
Canada	55	0.8	0.0	45664	13	22	31	47	56	65	96	87	91	13
Other foreign	171	2.4	0.0	56341	5	11	20	30	42	58	92	47	95	4
ALL MEMBERS	7,202	100.0	0.0	45696	6	19	32	43	55	66	92	86	93	11

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² Median: Half the NSS numbers are above the median and half are below it. The median is not the average.

NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular	4,181	58.1
Life	2,039	28.3
Family Regular	720	10.0
Family Life	183	2.5
Conservation Life	34	0.5
Conservation Regular	27	0.4
Institutional	18	0.2
TOTAL MEMBERS	7,202	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	500
Tennessee	483
California	429
Georgia	428
Florida	372
Pennsylvania	368
Texas	365
Alabama	335
Colorado	291
Ohio	287
Indiana	263
Kentucky	190

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	815
Certificate of Merit	107
Lew Bicking Award	44
Honorary Member	36
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	33
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	31
Science Award	25
Conservation Award	25
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	24
James G. Mitchell Award	20
Steve Hudson Award	3
TOTAL AWARDS	1,163

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	438	160	36.53
10001-20000	930	281	30.22
20001-30000	917	172	18.76
30001-40000	845	99	11.72
40001-50000	818	58	7.09
50001-60000	804	36	4.48
60001-70000	1,850	9	0.49
70001-80000	600	0	0.00
Totals	7,202	815	11.32

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	140	Georgia
240xx	94	Virginia
373xx	90	Tennessee
787xx	88	Texas
857xx	79	Arizona
301xx	75	Georgia
358xx	70	Alabama
370xx	68	Tennessee
357xx	62	Alabama
371xx	62	Tennessee
307xx	60	Georgia
474xx	53	Indiana

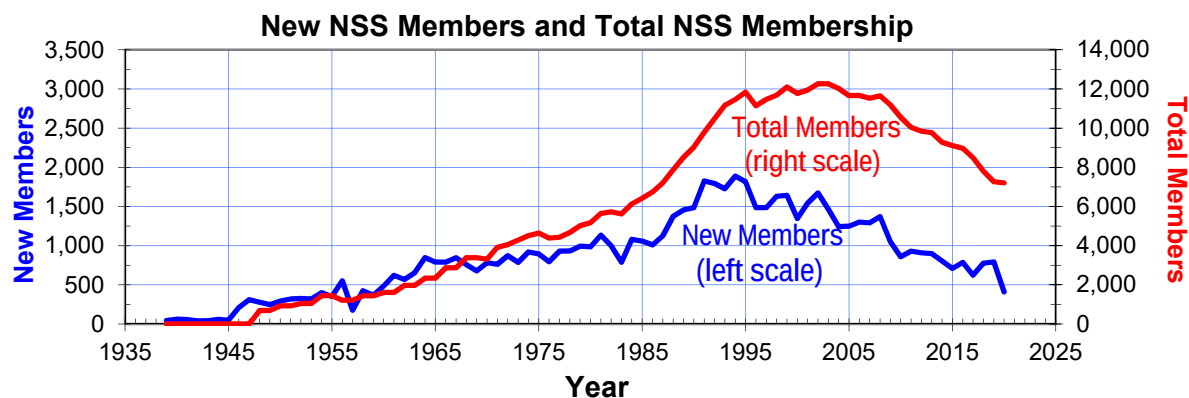
LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
509	Texas
645	Pennsylvania
812	Washington
835	Illinois
882	Pennsylvania
913	Idaho
1056	Colorado
1057	North Carolina
1129	United Kingdom
1282	Virginia
1294	California
1417	Virginia

When the database snapshot was taken the highest NSS number was 70741 and was in Wisconsin.

NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1953	2341-2659	1967	9686-10530	1981	21618-22751	1995	40361-42176	2009	60901-61952
1940	47-108	1954	2660-3059	1968	10531-11289	1982	22752-23750	1996	42177-42750	2010	61953-62810
1941	109-163	1955	3060-3411	1969	11290-11967	1983	23751-24538	1997	42751-45147	2011	62811-63739
1942	164-205	1956	3412-3963	1970	11968-12749	1984	24539-25619	1998	45148-46776	2012	63740-64648
1943	206-247	1957	3964-4139	1971	12750-13512	1985	25620-26677	1999	46777-48418	2013	64649-65546
1944	248-307	1958	4140-4564	1972	13513-14384	1986	26678-27686	2000	48419-49764	2014	65547-66352
1945	308-356	1959	4565-4932	1973	14385-15170	1987	27687-28811	2001	49765-51306	2015	66353-67202
1946	357-566	1960	4933-5416	1974	15171-16090	1988	28812-30186	2002	51307-52978	2016	67203-68050
1947	567-876	1961	5417-6037	1975	16091-16984	1989	30187-31643	2003	52979-54443	2017	68051-68762
1948	877-1155	1962	6038-6605	1976	16985-17779	1990	31644-33128	2004	54444-55686	2018	68763-69538
1949	1156-1402	1963	6606-7260	1977	17780-18709	1991	33129-34954	2005	55687-56935	2019	69539-70330
1950	1403-1694	1964	7261-8107	1978	18710-19640	1992	34955-36748	2006	56936-58237	2020	70331-70741
1951	1695-2014	1965	8108-8897	1979	19641-20632	1993	36749-38473	2007	58238-59529		
1952	2015-2340	1966	8898-9685	1980	20633-21617	1994	38474-40360	2008	59530-60900		



This statistical summary reflects the Society's membership as of January 1, 2021. If you have questions or comments please contact Bob Hoke at bob@rhoke.net.

NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS as of May 11, 2020

The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...							Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	70K	Phone#	Email	Fellows
Alabama	339	4.6	7.1	52948	5	15	28	38	47	59	94	84	95	11
Alaska	23	0.3	3.2	30022	13	39	48	74	83	87	100	100	96	17
Arizona	176	2.4	2.8	47404	7	20	31	42	54	64	95	81	93	6
Arkansas	81	1.1	2.8	51097	4	14	26	31	48	63	93	88	91	7
California	423	5.7	1.1	44647	8	20	36	44	56	69	94	86	92	12
Colorado	302	4.1	6.0	44641	8	18	31	45	54	68	96	88	95	13
Connecticut	46	0.6	1.3	47666	4	17	37	46	52	70	98	83	96	7
Delaware	15	0.2	1.7	37958	0	27	40	73	87	93	100	80	93	7
Dist. of Columbia	11	0.1	1.8	60300	18	18	36	45	45	45	100	73	91	9
Florida	386	5.2	2.1	53615	4	11	21	31	41	57	94	81	94	7
Georgia	487	6.6	5.0	49677	2	12	23	36	51	62	93	85	95	8
Hawaii	31	0.4	2.3	48323	3	6	23	35	55	61	94	87	100	23
Idaho	52	0.7	3.3	49962	4	15	27	38	50	69	98	85	98	13
Illinois	145	2.0	1.1	39874	8	21	37	50	61	73	93	84	88	7
Indiana	273	3.7	4.2	41161	6	19	35	48	58	70	96	88	94	13
Iowa	17	0.2	0.6	27276	12	29	59	65	76	76	82	88	94	12
Kansas	42	0.6	1.5	39278	12	29	40	50	57	67	93	88	93	2
Kentucky	192	2.6	4.4	54655	7	17	28	36	46	58	93	86	95	12
Louisiana	27	0.4	0.6	52457	4	15	37	37	44	56	96	96	93	4
Maine	13	0.2	1.0	42279	8	23	23	46	54	85	92	62	100	8
Maryland	201	2.7	3.5	37780	5	24	38	52	64	70	95	87	88	10
Massachusetts	75	1.0	1.1	49683	15	24	29	43	49	63	89	81	95	8
Michigan	74	1.0	0.7	35110	1	19	43	58	72	82	96	86	85	5
Minnesota	35	0.5	0.7	56757	6	17	23	31	34	57	91	89	89	17
Mississippi	20	0.3	0.7	56073	10	30	35	45	45	50	85	95	90	10
Missouri	201	2.7	3.4	42034	6	22	33	47	57	68	94	89	93	16
Montana	61	0.8	6.2	59221	5	23	25	33	39	52	90	85	95	11
Nebraska	5	0.1	0.3	40409	20	20	40	40	60	80	80	100	100	0
Nevada	57	0.8	2.1	36052	9	28	33	56	67	75	95	77	91	18
New Hampshire	32	0.4	2.4	32534	22	47	50	50	53	62	88	78	100	16
New Jersey	81	1.1	0.9	41392	7	16	32	48	60	74	94	83	88	10
New Mexico	137	1.9	6.7	28056	12	34	53	66	78	85	99	92	96	31
New York	182	2.5	0.9	43677	7	18	30	44	56	67	96	88	92	9
North Carolina	174	2.4	1.8	48220	8	21	34	41	52	63	90	88	95	6
North Dakota	4	0.1	0.6	67490	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	100	100	0
Ohio	299	4.0	2.6	49934	2	11	25	37	51	63	96	87	96	8
Oklahoma	36	0.5	1.0	41523	3	17	25	50	64	72	97	86	97	8
Oregon	80	1.1	2.1	30479	12	30	50	61	66	79	99	89	96	12
Pennsylvania	357	4.8	2.8	41785	6	20	33	48	60	69	95	85	89	8
Rhode Island	5	0.1	0.5	48590	0	0	20	40	60	60	100	100	100	0
South Carolina	51	0.7	1.1	60412	6	8	12	27	39	47	92	67	92	6
South Dakota	33	0.4	4.1	52430	3	18	27	33	48	58	97	82	91	18
Tennessee	507	6.9	8.0	51559	6	15	27	39	48	59	92	90	93	11
Texas	383	5.2	1.5	46502	10	24	33	42	53	62	87	86	94	11
Utah	77	1.0	2.8	45993	0	16	26	42	56	61	94	90	95	12
Vermont	32	0.4	5.1	42225	6	25	34	44	62	84	100	97	94	6
Virginia	503	6.8	6.3	39917	9	25	40	50	64	74	96	86	92	17
Washington	117	1.6	1.7	39048	9	26	38	52	66	71	98	83	94	7
West Virginia	165	2.2	8.9	34133	3	28	44	58	72	82	97	87	92	19
Wisconsin	58	0.8	1.0	35032	10	26	43	57	71	78	98	95	81	7
Wyoming	35	0.5	6.2	44928	0	17	37	49	54	60	94	71	100	3
Canada	56	0.8	0.0	45751	12	21	30	48	57	66	96	86	91	11
Other foreign	187	2.5	0.0	57781	4	10	19	28	40	55	89	46	96	3
ALL MEMBERS	7,401	100.0	0.0	45868	6	19	32	43	55	66	94	85	93	11

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² Median: Half the NSS numbers are above the median and half are below it. The median is not the average.

NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular	4,329	58.5
Life	2,044	27.6
Family Regular	775	10.5
Family Life	184	2.5
Conservation Life	35	0.5
Conservation Regular	18	0.2
Institutional	16	0.2
TOTAL MEMBERS	7,401	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Tennessee	507
Virginia	503
Georgia	487
California	423
Florida	386
Texas	383
Pennsylvania	357
Alabama	339
Colorado	302
Ohio	299
Indiana	273
Maryland	201

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	806
Certificate of Merit	105
Lew Bicking Award	41
Honorary Member	36
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	32
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	31
Conservation Award	24
Science Award	24
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	22
James G. Mitchell Award	19
Steve Hudson Award	1
TOTAL AWARDS	1,141

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	472	165	35.0
10001-20000	941	282	30.0
20001-30000	933	171	18.3
30001-40000	865	94	10.9
40001-50000	838	57	6.8
50001-60000	836	29	3.5
60001-70000	2,064	8	0.4
over 70000	446	0	1.8
Totals	7,395	806	10.9

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	146	Georgia
240xx	97	Virginia
301xx	95	Georgia
373xx	94	Tennessee
787xx	91	Texas
857xx	80	Arizona
307xx	76	Georgia
358xx	69	Alabama
370xx	67	Tennessee
357xx	65	Alabama
371xx	62	Tennessee
802xx	58	Colorado

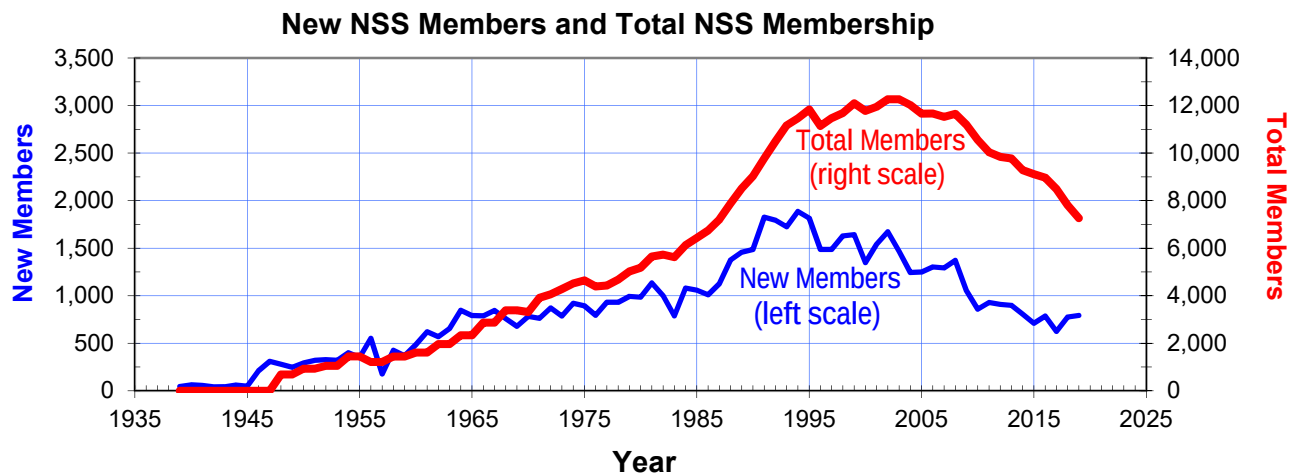
LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
262	Iowa
509	Texas
568	Virginia
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland
812	Washington
835	Illinois
882	Pennsylvania
913	Idaho
1056	Colorado
1057	North Carolina
1129	United Kingdom

When the database snapshot was taken the highest NSS number was 70447 and was in Indiana.

NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1953	2341-2659	1967	9686-10530	1981	21618-22751	1995	40361-42176	2009	60901-61952
1940	47-108	1954	2660-3059	1968	10531-11289	1982	22752-23750	1996	42177-42750	2010	61953-62810
1941	109-163	1955	3060-3411	1969	11290-11967	1983	23751-24538	1997	42751-45147	2011	62811-63739
1942	164-205	1956	3412-3963	1970	11968-12749	1984	24539-25619	1998	45148-46776	2012	63740-64648
1943	206-247	1957	3964-4139	1971	12750-13512	1985	25620-26677	1999	46777-48418	2013	64649-65546
1944	248-307	1958	4140-4564	1972	13513-14384	1986	26678-27686	2000	48419-49764	2014	65547-66352
1945	308-356	1959	4565-4932	1973	14385-15170	1987	27687-28811	2001	49765-51306	2015	66353-67202
1946	357-566	1960	4933-5416	1974	15171-16090	1988	28812-30186	2002	51307-52978	2016	67203-68050
1947	567-876	1961	5417-6037	1975	16091-16984	1989	30187-31643	2003	52979-54443	2017	68051-68762
1948	877-1155	1962	6038-6605	1976	16985-17779	1990	31644-33128	2004	54444-55686	2018	68763-69538
1949	1156-1402	1963	6606-7260	1977	17780-18709	1991	33129-34954	2005	55687-56935	2019	69539-70330
1950	1403-1694	1964	7261-8107	1978	18710-19640	1992	34955-36748	2006	56936-58237		
1951	1695-2014	1965	8108-8897	1979	19641-20632	1993	36749-38473	2007	58238-59529		
1952	2015-2340	1966	8898-9685	1980	20633-21617	1994	38474-40360	2008	59530-60900		



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February 2018 NSS Membership Statistics

NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS as of February 15, 2018

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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare the 2018 NSS *Members Manual*.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	376	4.4	7.9	49740	4	16	28	40	50	65	90	92	10
Alaska	26	0.3	3.7	34525	8	31	38	69	77	85	100	96	23
Arizona	207	2.4	3.2	47438	7	19	34	43	53	67	91	92	8
Arkansas	113	1.3	3.9	52213	3	12	24	30	47	66	93	90	7
California	506	5.9	1.4	42396	8	22	37	46	58	72	91	92	11
Colorado	326	3.8	6.5	41922	7	18	31	47	59	74	95	94	14
Connecticut	67	0.8	1.9	47224	6	16	33	46	55	73	88	90	4
Delaware	23	0.3	2.6	36453	0	26	43	65	83	87	91	91	4
Dist. of Columbia	13	0.2	2.2	66445	15	15	31	38	38	38	92	92	8
Florida	471	5.5	2.5	54975	3	8	16	27	38	57	92	96	6
Georgia	545	6.4	5.6	49561	3	13	24	37	51	65	92	91	8
Hawaii	25	0.3	1.8	41726	8	12	32	44	72	76	96	100	24
Idaho	78	0.9	5.0	49164	4	15	24	36	51	73	85	92	12
Illinois	175	2.0	1.4	42258	6	18	33	47	59	75	94	90	6
Indiana	317	3.7	4.9	42391	6	18	34	47	59	74	94	93	12
Iowa	19	0.2	0.6	27245	11	26	68	74	84	89	89	84	5
Kansas	40	0.5	1.4	26755	12	35	52	68	72	85	90	85	2
Kentucky	221	2.6	5.1	53515	5	16	28	36	47	59	95	96	10
Louisiana	35	0.4	0.8	45376	3	14	43	43	54	63	89	94	3
Maine	14	0.2	1.1	51146	7	14	14	36	43	86	79	93	0
Maryland	250	2.9	4.3	37079	5	24	38	54	67	76	96	93	9
Massachusetts	78	0.9	1.2	40650	15	29	36	50	59	71	92	94	9
Michigan	100	1.2	1.0	37957	2	18	41	53	64	77	91	86	5
Minnesota	39	0.5	0.7	55826	10	21	28	38	46	69	95	92	15
Mississippi	19	0.2	0.6	35367	11	32	42	58	58	68	100	89	11
Missouri	250	2.9	4.2	43669	8	21	32	44	56	68	92	89	12
Montana	48	0.6	4.9	41523	6	35	38	48	56	75	85	98	10
Nebraska	5	0.1	0.3	40409	20	20	40	40	60	60	100	100	0
Nevada	65	0.8	2.4	37963	9	29	34	52	63	80	92	94	14
New Hampshire	21	0.2	1.6	18575	29	57	57	62	71	76	81	90	19
New Jersey	100	1.2	1.1	37658	6	15	33	52	65	81	89	90	9
New Mexico	180	2.1	8.7	32620	10	29	46	57	68	78	94	96	26
New York	217	2.5	1.1	47798	7	18	29	41	53	68	93	94	8
North Carolina	177	2.1	1.9	44046	8	21	33	44	55	70	97	98	6
North Dakota	5	0.1	0.7	28099	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	80	0
Ohio	384	4.5	3.3	48495	2	9	23	38	53	67	90	92	6
Oklahoma	65	0.8	1.7	49931	5	14	23	37	51	57	86	83	5
Oregon	104	1.2	2.7	38850	11	24	40	51	56	70	91	98	8
Pennsylvania	415	4.9	3.3	39230	7	20	36	51	65	77	92	90	7
Rhode Island	4	0.0	0.4	45135	0	0	25	50	50	50	100	100	0
South Carolina	59	0.7	1.3	51838	7	10	15	34	46	54	80	83	3
South Dakota	32	0.4	3.9	46880	3	25	34	41	50	59	91	84	19
Tennessee	533	6.2	8.4	46293	7	17	28	42	53	66	95	91	11
Texas	398	4.7	1.6	42844	10	26	35	45	58	67	92	93	12
Utah	84	1.0	3.0	45400	1	11	23	42	58	65	96	99	12
Vermont	38	0.4	6.1	38084	8	26	39	53	66	89	100	92	5
Virginia	573	6.7	7.2	40879	8	23	39	49	63	74	90	91	14
Washington	142	1.7	2.1	44778	6	23	34	45	59	66	92	95	6
West Virginia	200	2.3	10.8	36754	4	26	40	56	74	82	92	89	14
Wisconsin	69	0.8	1.2	36765	9	25	42	55	67	81	96	87	6
Wyoming	34	0.4	6.0	41267	0	21	41	50	56	71	94	94	3
Canada	89	1.0	0.0	59748	8	13	18	33	37	51	91	96	7
Other foreign	169	2.0	0.0	50789	5	12	25	34	48	64	28	95	4
ALL MEMBERS	8,543	100.0	0.0	45015	6	19	31	44	56	70	91	92	10

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	2,948	34.5
Regular Basic	2,011	23.5
Regular Life	1,990	23.3
Family Regular	1,277	14.9
Family Life	185	2.2
Regular Sustaining	35	0.4
Conservation Life Member	30	0.4
Conservation Member	25	0.3
Institutional	22	0.3
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	14	0.2
Family Sustaining	6	0.1
Associate	0	0.0
Family Associate	0	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	8,543	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	573
Georgia	545
Tennessee	533
California	506
Florida	471
Pennsylvania	415
Texas	398
Ohio	384
Alabama	376
Colorado	326
Indiana	317
Maryland	250

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	836
Certificate of Merit	114
Lew Bicking Award	44
Honorary Member	38
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	33
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	32
Conservation Award	21
James G. Mitchell Award	21
Science Award	21
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	20
TOTAL AWARDS	1,180

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	531	185	34.8
10001-20000	1,062	303	28.5
20001-30000	1,098	171	15.6
30001-40000	1,066	97	9.1
40001-50000	1,035	59	5.7
50001-60000	1,149	59	5.1
over 60000	2,602	3	0.1
Totals	8,543	836	9.8

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

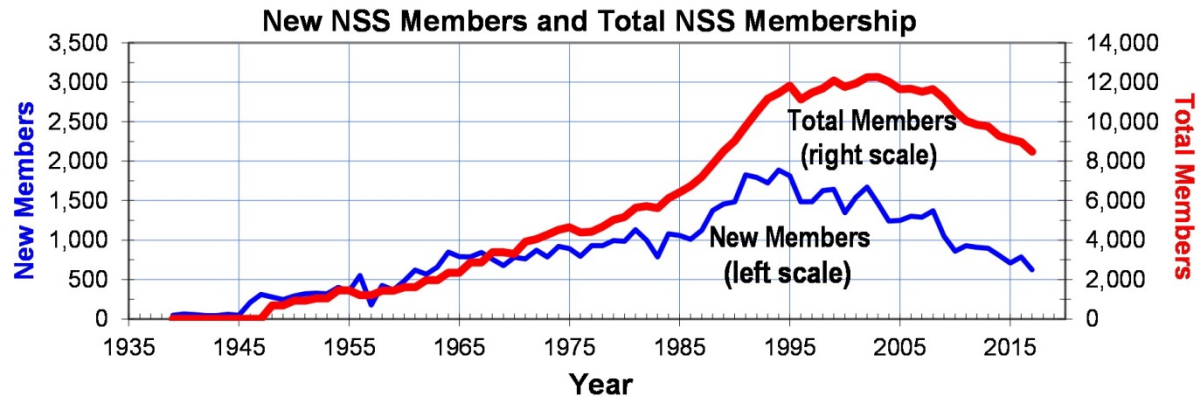
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857xx	98	Arizona
240xx	95	Virginia
787xx	84	Texas
358xx	77	Alabama
326xx	75	Florida
307xx	72	Georgia
357xx	72	Alabama
452xx	69	Ohio
379xx	67	Tennessee

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
373	Alabama
509	Texas
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland
812	Tennessee
835	Missouri
882	Pennsylvania
913	Idaho
1056	Colorado
1057	North Carolina

NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1953	2341-2659	1967	9686-10530	1981	21618-22751	1995	40361-42176	2009	60901-61952
1940	47-108	1954	2660-3059	1968	10531-11289	1982	22752-23750	1996	42177-42750	2010	61953-62810
1941	109-163	1955	3060-3411	1969	11290-11967	1983	23751-24538	1997	42751-45147	2011	62811-63739
1942	164-205	1956	3412-3963	1970	11968-12749	1984	24539-25619	1998	45148-46776	2012	63740-64648
1943	206-247	1957	3964-4139	1971	12750-13512	1985	25620-26677	1999	46777-48418	2013	64649-65546
1944	248-307	1958	4140-4564	1972	13513-14384	1986	26678-27686	2000	48419-49764	2014	65547-66352
1945	308-356	1959	4565-4932	1973	14385-15170	1987	27687-28811	2001	49765-51306	2015	66353-67202
1946	357-566	1960	4933-5416	1974	15171-16090	1988	28812-30186	2002	51307-52978	2016	67203-68050
1947	567-876	1961	5417-6037	1975	16091-16984	1989	30187-31643	2003	52979-54443	2017	68051-68762
1948	877-1155	1962	6038-6605	1976	16985-17779	1990	31644-33128	2004	54444-55686		
1949	1156-1402	1963	6606-7260	1977	17780-18709	1991	33129-34954	2005	55687-56935		
1950	1403-1694	1964	7261-8107	1978	18710-19640	1992	34955-36748	2006	56936-58237		
1951	1695-2014	1965	8108-8897	1979	19641-20632	1993	36749-38473	2007	58238-59529		
1952	2015-2340	1966	8898-9685	1980	20633-21617	1994	38474-40360	2008	59530-60900		



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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare the 2017 NSS *Members Manual*.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	420	4.6	8.8	50734	4	15	26	39	49	63	91	92	8
Alaska	28	0.3	3.9	33462	11	32	43	71	79	86	96	96	21
Arizona	201	2.2	3.1	42763	7	22	36	47	57	70	92	92	8
Arkansas	120	1.3	4.1	54915	2	12	23	28	44	65	94	91	7
California	564	6.2	1.5	45299	7	20	34	43	56	70	93	93	11
Colorado	344	3.8	6.8	41082	7	18	32	48	58	73	94	94	12
Connecticut	74	0.8	2.1	50994	4	12	28	39	50	66	89	91	4
Delaware	22	0.2	2.4	37205	0	27	41	64	82	86	91	91	5
Dist. of Columbia	16	0.2	2.7	64965	19	19	31	38	38	38	94	94	6
Florida	510	5.6	2.7	56717	4	9	17	27	37	57	91	94	5
Georgia	589	6.5	6.1	51224	4	13	23	36	49	64	94	91	7
Hawaii	27	0.3	2.0	41743	7	11	30	41	67	74	96	100	22
Idaho	73	0.8	4.7	48338	4	15	25	37	55	74	88	92	11
Illinois	205	2.3	1.6	45858	5	16	30	42	56	70	92	91	5
Indiana	333	3.7	5.1	44026	6	17	32	44	55	71	95	93	12
Iowa	19	0.2	0.6	27245	11	26	68	74	84	89	89	84	5
Kansas	48	0.5	1.7	31715	10	29	46	60	65	77	94	90	2
Kentucky	234	2.6	5.4	55884	5	15	26	35	44	57	94	94	10
Louisiana	31	0.3	0.7	42180	3	13	45	45	61	71	90	97	3
Maine	15	0.2	1.1	55458	7	20	20	27	40	73	100	87	7
Maryland	260	2.9	4.5	36770	5	23	38	55	68	78	96	92	8
Massachusetts	79	0.9	1.2	44256	14	28	34	47	58	70	90	90	9
Michigan	98	1.1	1.0	37957	3	18	40	53	66	81	94	85	6
Minnesota	48	0.5	0.9	56587	8	19	25	31	38	65	94	94	12
Mississippi	22	0.2	0.7	58441	5	23	32	41	41	59	100	91	9
Missouri	274	3.0	4.6	45320	8	20	30	42	54	68	90	88	12
Montana	39	0.4	3.9	41724	3	31	33	46	59	74	95	97	10
Nebraska	5	0.1	0.3	63628	0	0	20	20	40	40	100	100	0
Nevada	72	0.8	2.7	51769	7	22	26	39	49	69	90	93	10
New Hampshire	22	0.2	1.7	16269	32	59	59	64	73	77	82	91	14
New Jersey	114	1.3	1.3	43786	5	14	28	46	58	74	87	91	8
New Mexico	189	2.1	9.2	31863	10	29	47	59	72	83	96	95	24
New York	230	2.5	1.2	45602	7	16	29	43	55	71	93	94	7
North Carolina	175	1.9	1.8	43844	10	24	35	45	57	73	97	97	6
North Dakota	2	0.0	0.3	8347	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	50	0
Ohio	380	4.2	3.3	47860	1	10	25	39	55	72	90	91	6
Oklahoma	67	0.7	1.8	55255	4	13	22	34	45	54	85	84	4
Oregon	120	1.3	3.1	45639	10	21	37	47	52	67	92	97	7
Pennsylvania	435	4.8	3.4	38156	8	20	36	52	66	78	93	88	7
Rhode Island	6	0.1	0.6	47007	0	0	17	50	50	50	100	100	0
South Carolina	61	0.7	1.3	51047	8	11	16	34	48	56	80	93	3
South Dakota	34	0.4	4.2	46229	3	21	32	38	53	62	91	85	18
Tennessee	567	6.2	8.9	46996	6	15	27	41	52	65	95	92	11
Texas	415	4.6	1.7	43567	10	24	33	44	55	64	93	93	12
Utah	91	1.0	3.3	46383	1	12	23	38	56	67	99	99	11
Vermont	36	0.4	5.8	35952	8	28	42	56	69	89	100	92	6
Virginia	602	6.6	7.5	40144	8	24	39	50	64	77	91	91	14
Washington	151	1.7	2.2	43942	6	21	32	46	59	66	91	94	7
West Virginia	212	2.3	11.4	37334	4	25	39	54	71	83	92	88	16
Wisconsin	75	0.8	1.3	37575	8	23	41	55	68	83	96	89	5
Wyoming	40	0.4	7.1	50832	0	18	38	45	50	57	95	95	2
Canada	95	1.0	0.0	57278	8	15	22	34	40	60	94	95	9
Other foreign	193	2.1	0.0	53593	5	12	22	31	45	61	34	96	4
ALL MEMBERS	9,082	100.0	0.0	45868	6	18	31	43	55	69	92	92	9

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	3,276	36.1
Regular Basic	2,091	23.0
Regular Life	1,963	21.6
Family Regular	1,413	15.6
Family Life	180	2.0
Regular Sustaining	52	0.6
Conservation Member	29	0.3
Institutional	28	0.3
Conservation Life Member	28	0.3
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	13	0.1
Family Sustaining	7	0.1
Associate	2	0.0
Family Associate	0	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	9,082	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	602
Georgia	589
Tennessee	567
California	564
Florida	510
Pennsylvania	435
Alabama	420
Texas	415
Ohio	380
Colorado	344
Indiana	333
Missouri	274

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	846
Certificate of Merit	111
Lew Bicking Award	44
Honorary Member	38
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	32
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	31
Conservation Award	21
Science Award	21
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	19
James G. Mitchell Award	19
TOTAL AWARDS	1,182

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	550	192	34.9
10001-20000	1,090	306	28.1
20001-30000	1,140	174	15.3
30001-40000	1,115	97	8.7
40001-50000	1,116	57	5.1
50001-60000	1,272	57	4.5
over 60000	2,799	3	0.1
Totals	9,082	846	9.3

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

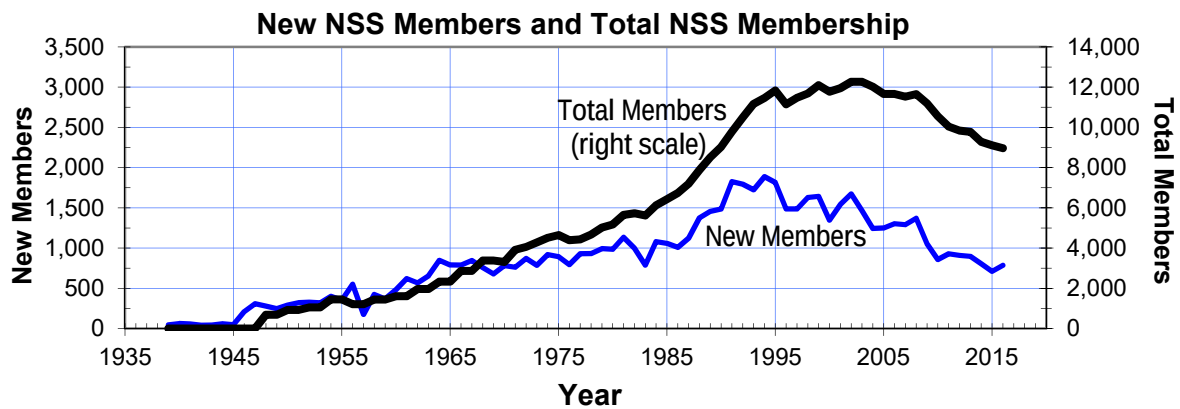
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373xx	120	Tennessee
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240xx	95	Virginia
787xx	91	Texas
857xx	88	Arizona
307xx	81	Georgia
358xx	80	Alabama
326xx	78	Florida
320xx	77	Florida
357xx	72	Alabama
462xx	72	Indiana

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
373	Alabama
509	Texas
568	Virginia
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland
812	Tennessee
835	Missouri
882	Pennsylvania
913	Idaho
1056	Colorado

NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1952	2015-2340	1965	8108-8897	1978	18710-19640	1991	33129-34954	2004	54444-55686
1940	47-108	1953	2341-2659	1966	8898-9685	1979	19641-20632	1992	34955-36748	2005	55687-56935
1941	109-163	1954	2660-3059	1967	9686-10530	1980	20633-21617	1993	36749-38473	2006	56936-58237
1942	164-205	1955	3060-3411	1968	10531-11289	1981	21618-22751	1994	38474-40360	2007	58238-59529
1943	206-247	1956	3412-3963	1969	11290-11967	1982	22752-23750	1995	40361-42176	2008	59530-60900
1944	248-307	1957	3964-4139	1970	11968-12749	1983	23751-24538	1996	42177-42750	2009	60901-61952
1945	308-356	1958	4140-4564	1971	12750-13512	1984	24539-25619	1997	42751-45147	2010	61953-62810
1946	357-566	1959	4565-4932	1972	13513-14384	1985	25620-26677	1998	45148-46776	2011	62811-63739
1947	567-876	1960	4933-5416	1973	14385-15170	1986	26678-27686	1999	46777-48418	2012	63740-64648
1948	877-1155	1961	5417-6037	1974	15171-16090	1987	27687-28811	2000	48419-49764	2013	64649-65546
1949	1156-1402	1962	6038-6605	1975	16091-16984	1988	28812-30186	2001	49765-51306	2014	65547-66352
1950	1403-1694	1963	6606-7260	1976	16985-17779	1989	30187-31643	2002	51307-52978	2015	66353-67202
1951	1695-2014	1964	7261-8107	1977	17780-18709	1990	31644-33128	2003	52979-54443	2016	67203-68050



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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	414	4.5	8.7	49184	3	15	27	41	51	66	93	92	8
Alaska	30	0.3	4.2	30602	10	37	47	73	80	87	97	90	20
Arizona	195	2.1	3.1	42660	8	23	36	47	58	72	94	91	8
Arkansas	136	1.5	4.7	55373	2	10	21	26	43	65	90	88	6
California	559	6.0	1.5	45045	7	20	34	43	56	72	94	92	11
Colorado	367	4.0	7.3	41201	8	19	33	47	58	74	95	94	12
Connecticut	68	0.7	1.9	47373	4	13	31	43	57	76	91	91	4
Delaware	21	0.2	2.3	37958	0	29	43	62	76	86	90	90	5
Dist. of Columbia	14	0.2	2.3	63018	14	21	36	43	43	43	93	93	7
Florida	532	5.7	2.8	56717	4	9	17	27	39	58	90	94	5
Georgia	602	6.5	6.2	50644	3	12	23	37	49	66	94	90	7
Hawaii	26	0.3	1.9	43938	4	12	31	38	62	69	96	96	19
Idaho	69	0.7	4.4	48552	4	14	23	36	54	75	93	88	9
Illinois	208	2.2	1.6	44611	5	17	31	44	58	75	92	89	6
Indiana	331	3.6	5.1	43018	6	17	34	46	57	75	95	91	11
Iowa	21	0.2	0.7	27276	10	24	62	67	76	76	90	86	5
Kansas	51	0.6	1.8	32860	10	27	43	57	63	75	94	88	0
Kentucky	230	2.5	5.3	54297	5	15	26	35	44	59	94	94	9
Louisiana	37	0.4	0.8	45376	3	11	41	41	59	68	92	97	5
Maine	15	0.2	1.1	41650	7	20	20	47	60	93	80	93	7
Maryland	267	2.9	4.6	35560	5	24	40	58	72	79	95	92	9
Massachusetts	81	0.9	1.2	45769	14	27	32	46	57	72	91	93	9
Michigan	108	1.2	1.1	37957	3	17	40	53	68	82	93	86	7
Minnesota	50	0.	0.9	56338	8	16	24	32	42	66	98	94	12
Mississippi	26	0.3	0.9	45628	8	23	31	46	50	69	100	92	8
Missouri	285	3.1	4.8	43806	8	20	30	43	55	71	91	86	10
Montana	43	0.5	4.3	41322	7	33	37	49	65	79	95	95	9
Nebraska	6	0.1	0.3	48496	17	17	33	33	50	83	100	100	0
Nevada	67	0.7	2.5	45267	7	24	31	43	52	73	88	90	7
New Hampshire	24	0.3	1.8	17721	29	58	58	62	67	75	79	88	17
New Jersey	110	1.2	1.3	39099	7	16	31	51	62	78	89	90	10
New Mexico	192	2.1	9.3	32575	10	29	45	57	70	82	96	94	23
New York	248	2.7	1.3	46600	7	17	29	42	54	69	92	94	7
North Carolina	181	2.0	1.9	44516	10	23	33	43	54	72	97	96	7
North Dakota	4	0.0	0.6	18239	50	50	75	75	100	100	50	75	0
Ohio	386	4.2	3.3	46572	2	11	26	40	57	73	91	91	6
Oklahoma	75	0.8	2.0	58364	4	12	23	35	44	51	85	85	4
Oregon	100	1.1	2.6	34909	11	26	45	55	58	76	95	98	9
Pennsylvania	467	5.0	3.7	40347	7	19	34	50	64	77	93	88	6
Rhode Island	6	0.1	0.6	47007	0	17	33	50	50	50	100	100	0
South Carolina	66	0.7	1.4	51909	8	11	15	32	44	58	83	94	3
South Dakota	31	0.3	3.8	45868	3	23	35	42	61	68	97	90	23
Tennessee	582	6.3	9.2	49122	6	15	26	40	51	65	95	91	10
Texas	419	4.5	1.7	42670	10	23	34	44	58	69	94	94	11
Utah	87	0.9	3.1	45455	2	14	23	40	59	70	98	99	11
Vermont	37	0.4	5.9	37569	8	27	41	54	68	89	97	92	5
Virginia	598	6.5	7.5	38280	9	25	40	51	66	79	92	91	14
Washington	147	1.6	2.2	44146	6	21	32	45	61	71	95	97	7
West Virginia	212	2.3	11.4	37039	4	25	41	54	72	83	92	86	15
Wisconsin	74	0.8	1.3	37170	8	23	43	55	68	81	96	88	5
Wyoming	39	0.4	6.9	45634	0	18	38	46	51	59	95	95	3
Canada	109	1.2	0.0	58391	7	13	18	28	34	57	93	96	8
Other foreign	203	2.2	0.0	52896	4	12	22	31	44	66	34	96	4
ALL MEMBERS	9,256	100.0	0.0	45393	6	18	31	43	56	71	92	92	9

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² Median: Half the NSS numbers are above the median and half are below it. The median is not the average.

NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	3,733	40.3
Regular Life	1,923	20.8
Regular Basic	1,829	19.8
Family Regular	1,399	15.1
Family Life	168	1.8
Regular Sustaining	67	0.7
Associate	41	0.4
Institutional	30	0.3
Conservation Life Member	27	0.3
Conservation Member	17	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	12	0.1
Family Sustaining	10	0.1
Family Associate	0	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	9,256	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Georgia	602
Virginia	598
Tennessee	582
California	559
Florida	532
Pennsylvania	467
Texas	419
Alabama	414
Ohio	386
Colorado	367
Indiana	331
Missouri	285

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	836
Certificate of Merit	108
Lew Bicking Award	42
Honorary Member	38
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	32
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	30
James G. Mitchell Award	21
Science Award	21
Conservation Award	20
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	19
TOTAL AWARDS	1,167

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	571	200	35.0
10001-20000	1,108	307	27.7
20001-30000	1,185	169	14.3
30001-40000	1,135	92	8.1
40001-50000	1,174	54	4.6
50001-60000	1,393	54	3.9
over 60000	2,690	1	0.0
Totals	9,256	836	9.0

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

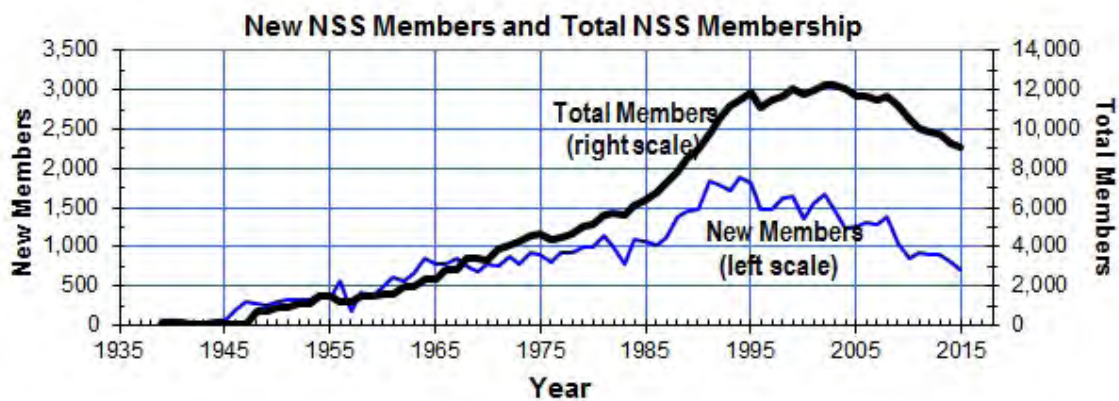
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301xx	101	Georgia
857xx	97	Arizona
326xx	94	Florida
240xx	87	Virginia
320xx	87	Florida
787xx	85	Texas
357xx	79	Alabama
307xx	78	Georgia
358xx	73	Alabama
462xx	73	Indiana

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
373	Alabama
509	Texas
518	California
568	Virginia
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland
812	Tennessee
835	Missouri
882	Pennsylvania
913	Idaho

NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1952	2015-2340	1965	8108-8897	1978	18710-19640	1991	33129-34954	2004	54444-55686
1940	47-108	1953	2341-2659	1966	8898-9685	1979	19641-20632	1992	34955-36748	2005	55687-56935
1941	109-163	1954	2660-3059	1967	9686-10530	1980	20633-21617	1993	36749-38473	2006	56936-58237
1942	164-205	1955	3060-3411	1968	10531-11289	1981	21618-22751	1994	38474-40360	2007	58238-59529
1943	206-247	1956	3412-3963	1969	11290-11967	1982	22752-23750	1995	40361-42176	2008	59530-60900
1944	248-307	1957	3964-4139	1970	11968-12749	1983	23751-24538	1996	42177-42750	2009	60901-61952
1945	308-356	1958	4140-4564	1971	12750-13512	1984	24539-25619	1997	42751-45147	2010	61953-62810
1946	357-566	1959	4565-4932	1972	13513-14384	1985	25620-26677	1998	45148-46776	2011	62811-63739
1947	567-876	1960	4933-5416	1973	14385-15170	1986	26678-27686	1999	46777-48418	2012	63740-64648
1948	877-1155	1961	5417-6037	1974	15171-16090	1987	27687-28811	2000	48419-49764	2013	64649-65546
1949	1156-1402	1962	6038-6605	1975	16091-16984	1988	28812-30186	2001	49765-51306	2014	65547-66352
1950	1403-1694	1963	6606-7260	1976	16985-17779	1989	30187-31643	2002	51307-52978	2015	66353-67202
1951	1695-2014	1964	7261-8107	1977	17780-18709	1990	31644-33128	2003	52979-54443		



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NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS as of March 2, 2015

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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare the 2015 *NSS Members Manual*.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	403	4.4	8.4	48266	4	15	27	41	52	68	93	90	8
Alaska	32	0.4	4.5	29434	9	41	50	81	88	94	97	91	22
Arizona	210	2.3	3.3	42764	8	22	35	47	57	71	93	90	7
Arkansas	129	1.4	4.4	50927	3	12	22	30	48	69	92	89	7
California	553	6.1	1.5	42387	7	22	35	46	61	79	95	93	12
Colorado	350	3.8	7.0	41320	8	20	33	47	58	76	94	93	12
Connecticut	72	0.8	2.0	47812	3	11	28	39	54	74	90	90	3
Delaware	20	0.2	2.2	31452	0	30	50	70	85	95	90	90	5
Dist. of Columbia	15	0.2	2.5	63943	13	20	33	40	47	47	93	93	7
Florida	499	5.5	2.7	53154	4	9	18	29	43	65	92	94	5
Georgia	588	6.5	6.1	49910	3	12	23	37	50	68	94	90	6
Hawaii	21	0.2	1.5	40338	5	14	38	48	81	86	95	95	24
Idaho	67	0.7	4.3	47043	4	16	25	40	57	79	94	88	9
Illinois	210	2.3	1.6	41971	5	19	34	47	61	78	91	89	5
Indiana	306	3.4	4.7	40891	7	19	36	49	62	81	96	90	13
Iowa	24	0.3	0.8	28937	8	21	50	58	71	83	92	88	4
Kansas	51	0.6	1.8	37511	10	25	39	55	61	71	96	88	0
Kentucky	236	2.6	5.4	49631	6	16	28	39	50	66	94	93	9
Louisiana	34	0.4	0.8	42309	3	12	44	44	65	74	91	97	6
Maine	16	0.2	1.2	46412	6	19	19	38	50	88	81	88	6
Maryland	266	2.9	4.6	35749	6	24	40	58	70	80	96	91	8
Massachusetts	75	0.8	1.1	44203	15	28	35	49	60	75	92	92	9
Michigan	110	1.2	1.1	38367	3	17	39	52	67	81	92	85	7
Minnesota	53	0.6	1.0	55188	8	15	21	32	43	70	94	94	9
Mississippi	28	0.3	0.9	47914	7	21	29	43	50	71	100	93	7
Missouri	266	2.9	4.4	42963	8	21	31	45	58	75	93	86	10
Montana	45	0.5	4.6	44415	4	29	33	44	60	78	93	98	9
Nebraska	5	0.1	0.3	40409	20	20	40	40	60	80	100	100	0
Nevada	68	0.7	2.5	40089	7	24	31	50	60	81	88	91	10
New Hampshire	22	0.2	1.7	26811	27	50	50	59	64	77	82	95	14
New Jersey	123	1.4	1.4	40157	7	15	30	50	63	80	90	91	10
New Mexico	177	1.9	8.6	32430	11	31	46	59	71	85	95	94	23
New York	252	2.8	1.3	43881	8	17	30	44	56	73	90	92	7
North Carolina	186	2.0	2.0	43997	10	22	33	43	56	75	97	96	4
North Dakota	4	0.0	0.6	18239	50	50	75	75	100	100	50	75	0
Ohio	374	4.1	3.2	44330	2	12	27	43	60	77	90	91	6
Oklahoma	62	0.7	1.7	48739	5	15	24	42	53	61	90	85	5
Oregon	97	1.1	2.5	38490	11	25	41	53	57	76	96	96	9
Pennsylvania	451	5.0	3.6	39125	8	19	35	51	67	79	93	87	6
Rhode Island	8	0.1	0.8	47007	0	12	25	50	50	50	100	100	0
South Carolina	58	0.6	1.3	49724	9	12	17	34	50	66	81	93	3
South Dakota	28	0.3	3.4	40578	4	25	39	46	71	79	96	89	29
Tennessee	548	6.0	8.6	45618	6	15	27	41	55	71	96	90	10
Texas	391	4.3	1.6	40710	11	26	37	49	62	72	94	93	11
Utah	86	0.9	3.1	45724	2	12	22	38	59	70	98	99	10
Vermont	37	0.4	5.9	37569	11	27	41	54	68	89	97	92	5
Virginia	620	6.8	7.7	38590	8	24	40	51	66	81	93	90	13
Washington	145	1.6	2.2	45128	8	22	32	44	61	72	94	97	8
West Virginia	216	2.4	11.7	34475	5	26	43	56	73	82	92	86	16
Wisconsin	75	0.8	1.3	36561	8	24	45	57	68	84	96	88	5
Wyoming	42	0.5	7.4	50832	0	19	38	45	50	57	93	95	5
Canada	123	1.4	0.0	57789	7	11	16	26	33	58	95	95	7
Other foreign	223	2.5	0.0	56023	4	11	21	29	42	61	41	96	4
ALL MEMBERS	9,100	100.0	0.0	43998	6	19	32	45	58	74	92	91	9

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	4,242	46.6
Regular Life	1,898	20.9
Family Regular	1,116	12.3
Regular Basic	1,113	12.2
Family Associate	280	3.1
Family Life	165	1.8
Regular Sustaining	105	1.2
Associate	90	1.0
Institutional	32	0.4
Conservation Life Member	25	0.3
Family Sustaining	14	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	12	0.1
Conservation Member	8	0.1
TOTAL MEMBERS	9,100	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	620
Georgia	588
California	553
Tennessee	548
Florida	499
Pennsylvania	451
Alabama	403
Texas	391
Ohio	374
Colorado	350
Indiana	306
Maryland	266

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	817
Certificate of Merit	104
Lew Bicking Award	41
Honorary Member	38
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	31
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	30
James G. Mitchell Award	20
Science Award	20
Conservation Award	19
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	17
TOTAL AWARDS	1,137

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	579	201	34.7
10001-20000	1,112	305	27.4
20001-30000	1,179	166	14.1
30001-40000	1,188	88	7.4
40001-50000	1,228	47	3.8
50001-60000	1,461	47	3.2
over 60000	2,353	0	0.0
Totals	9,100	817	9.0

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

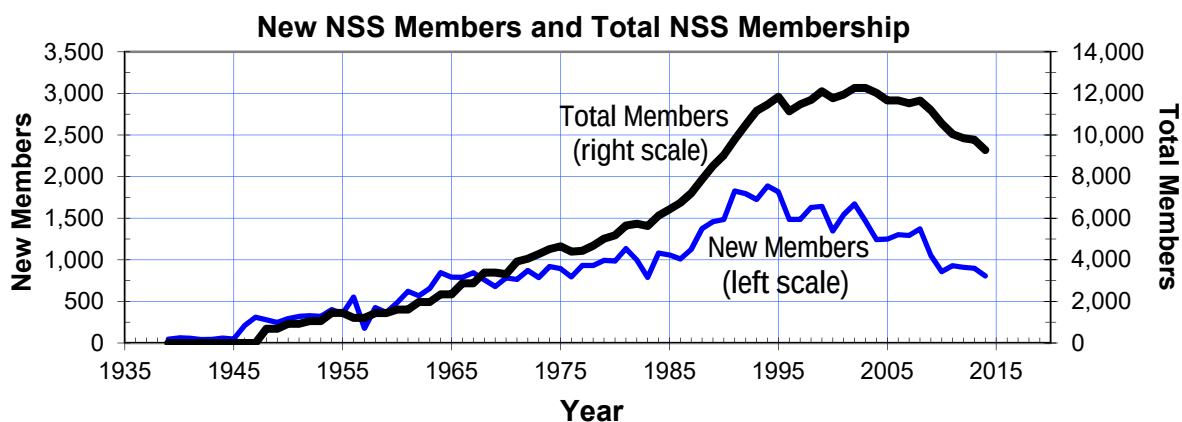
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857xx	88	Arizona
307xx	78	Georgia
326xx	77	Florida
357xx	75	Alabama
358xx	74	Alabama
787xx	74	Texas
320xx	71	Florida
462xx	71	Indiana

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

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568	Virginia
645	Pennsylvania
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1939	1-46	1952	2015-2340	1965	8108-8897	1978	18710-19640	1991	33129-34954	2004	54444-55686
1940	47-108	1953	2341-2659	1966	8898-9685	1979	19641-20632	1992	34955-36748	2005	55687-56935
1941	109-163	1954	2660-3059	1967	9686-10530	1980	20633-21617	1993	36749-38473	2006	56936-58237
1942	164-205	1955	3060-3411	1968	10531-11289	1981	21618-22751	1994	38474-40360	2007	58238-59529
1943	206-247	1956	3412-3963	1969	11290-11967	1982	22752-23750	1995	40361-42176	2008	59530-60900
1944	248-307	1957	3964-4139	1970	11968-12749	1983	23751-24538	1996	42177-42750	2009	60901-61952
1945	308-356	1958	4140-4564	1971	12750-13512	1984	24539-25619	1997	42751-45147	2010	61953-62810
1946	357-566	1959	4565-4932	1972	13513-14384	1985	25620-26677	1998	45148-46776	2011	62811-63739
1947	567-876	1960	4933-5416	1973	14385-15170	1986	26678-27686	1999	46777-48418	2012	63740-64648
1948	877-1155	1961	5417-6037	1974	15171-16090	1987	27687-28811	2000	48419-49764	2013	64649-65546
1949	1156-1402	1962	6038-6605	1975	16091-16984	1988	28812-30186	2001	49765-51306	2014	65547-66352
1950	1403-1694	1963	6606-7260	1976	16985-17779	1989	30187-31643	2002	51307-52978		
1951	1695-2014	1964	7261-8107	1977	17780-18709	1990	31644-33128	2003	52979-54443		



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NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare the 2014 NSS Members Manual.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	422	4.3	8.8	48312	3	14	26	39	52	70	94	92	8
Alaska	37	0.4	5.2	33648	5	32	41	70	76	86	97	92	19
Arizona	212	2.2	3.3	42546	8	23	35	47	57	72	94	92	7
Arkansas	166	1.7	5.7	54915	4	11	22	30	45	67	92	89	5
California	592	6.0	1.6	42615	7	21	34	45	60	78	94	90	11
Colorado	380	3.9	7.6	41038	7	18	31	48	58	77	93	94	11
Connecticut	78	0.8	2.2	47812	4	12	29	40	56	76	91	91	4
Delaware	21	0.2	2.3	37958	0	29	43	67	81	95	86	86	5
Dist. of Columbia	12	0.1	2.0	33381	17	25	50	58	67	75	92	92	8
Florida	570	5.8	3.0	53734	4	8	17	27	41	62	92	93	5
Georgia	656	6.7	6.8	50384	3	11	22	36	50	68	93	90	6
Hawaii	25	0.3	1.8	40338	20	24	40	48	76	92	92	92	28
Idaho	70	0.7	4.5	46581	4	16	30	44	57	77	94	90	9
Illinois	235	2.4	1.8	44005	4	16	30	45	60	79	91	87	4
Indiana	359	3.6	5.5	41160	6	17	34	49	60	80	93	88	11
Iowa	26	0.3	0.9	37096	8	19	46	50	62	73	92	88	4
Kansas	47	0.5	1.6	32528	9	30	47	62	68	79	94	87	0
Kentucky	264	2.7	6.1	51792	5	14	25	36	48	64	93	93	8
Louisiana	35	0.4	0.8	42179	3	11	46	49	71	80	91	97	6
Maine	15	0.2	1.1	51747	7	13	13	33	40	87	80	80	0
Maryland	311	3.2	5.4	37271	5	23	37	53	67	80	95	92	7
Massachusetts	79	0.8	1.2	44256	10	24	30	47	61	77	92	91	6
Michigan	112	1.1	1.1	38367	3	17	38	53	68	84	92	85	7
Minnesota	57	0.6	1.1	55187	7	14	23	35	44	72	95	95	11
Mississippi	32	0.3	1.1	52380	6	25	31	41	47	62	97	94	6
Missouri	266	2.7	4.4	42928	8	21	32	46	59	78	94	87	11
Montana	51	0.5	5.2	41724	8	29	31	47	61	78	90	98	12
Nebraska	5	0.1	0.3	28443	40	40	60	60	80	100	100	100	0
Nevada	72	0.7	2.7	45446	6	21	26	46	57	79	88	92	8
New Hampshire	24	0.2	1.8	18950	29	54	54	62	67	88	83	92	12
New Jersey	133	1.4	1.5	43412	7	14	29	45	59	77	90	92	8
New Mexico	194	2.0	9.4	34252	11	29	45	56	69	85	95	95	23
New York	254	2.6	1.3	43860	8	18	31	45	56	77	89	92	7
North Carolina	189	1.9	2.0	43871	10	21	33	43	57	80	98	96	5
North Dakota	4	0.0	0.6	18239	50	50	75	75	100	100	50	75	0
Ohio	416	4.2	3.6	45264	1	11	26	41	60	78	92	91	6
Oklahoma	59	0.6	1.6	45913	7	17	31	46	58	64	93	83	5
Oregon	97	1.0	2.5	36868	10	26	41	56	59	80	93	93	9
Pennsylvania	497	5.0	3.9	38530	8	21	36	52	67	82	94	87	6
Rhode Island	9	0.1	0.9	33871	11	22	33	56	56	56	100	100	0
South Carolina	67	0.7	1.4	50485	9	12	19	34	49	66	82	93	3
South Dakota	31	0.3	3.8	45141	3	23	32	39	65	74	97	90	23
Tennessee	589	6.0	9.3	46448	6	16	26	40	54	71	96	90	9
Texas	450	4.6	1.8	42933	10	24	34	44	58	69	93	93	10
Utah	91	0.9	3.3	44931	3	13	22	41	63	81	98	98	11
Vermont	37	0.4	5.9	40214	11	27	35	49	62	86	97	89	5
Virginia	636	6.5	7.9	39300	8	24	40	51	66	82	92	90	13
Washington	152	1.5	2.3	45348	7	21	32	43	59	73	93	98	7
West Virginia	255	2.6	13.8	36754	4	25	40	55	71	84	92	87	14
Wisconsin	82	0.8	1.4	38310	7	22	40	54	68	84	95	85	5
Wyoming	39	0.4	6.9	40804	0	23	41	49	56	67	90	95	5
Canada	121	1.2	0.0	57314	7	12	17	27	36	60	91	95	7
Other foreign	210	2.1	0.0	50625	4	12	24	33	49	69	36	94	4
ALL MEMBERS	9,843	100.0	0.0	44678	6	18	31	44	57	75	92	91	9

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	4,749	48.2
Regular Life	1,869	19.0
Family Regular	1,219	12.4
Regular Basic	1,208	12.3
Family Associate	317	3.2
Family Life	160	1.6
Regular Sustaining	125	1.3
Associate	102	1.0
Institutional	39	0.4
Conservation Life Member	22	0.2
Family Sustaining	14	0.1
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	11	0.1
Conservation Member	8	0.1
TOTAL MEMBERS	9,843	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Georgia	656
Virginia	636
California	592
Tennessee	589
Florida	570
Pennsylvania	497
Texas	450
Alabama	422
Ohio	416
Colorado	380
Indiana	359
Maryland	311

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	838
Certificate of Merit	109
Lew Bicking Award	41
Honorary Member	38
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	31
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	31
James G. Mitchell Award	22
Science Award	20
Conservation Award	19
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	17
TOTAL AWARDS	1,166

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	601	211	35.1
10001-20000	1,176	309	26.3
20001-30000	1,250	170	13.6
30001-40000	1,278	89	7.0
40001-50000	1,354	48	3.5
50001-60000	1,716	48	2.8
over 60000	2,468	0	0.0
Totals	9,843	838	8.5

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	209	Georgia
373xx	118	Tennessee
301xx	101	Georgia
857xx	101	Arizona
326xx	91	Florida
307xx	86	Georgia
787xx	83	Texas
240xx	80	Virginia
358xx	80	Alabama
462xx	78	Indiana
303xx	74	Georgia
452xx	73	Ohio

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
373	Alabama
509	Texas
518	California
568	Virginia
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland
812	Tennessee
835	Missouri
876	Florida
882	Pennsylvania

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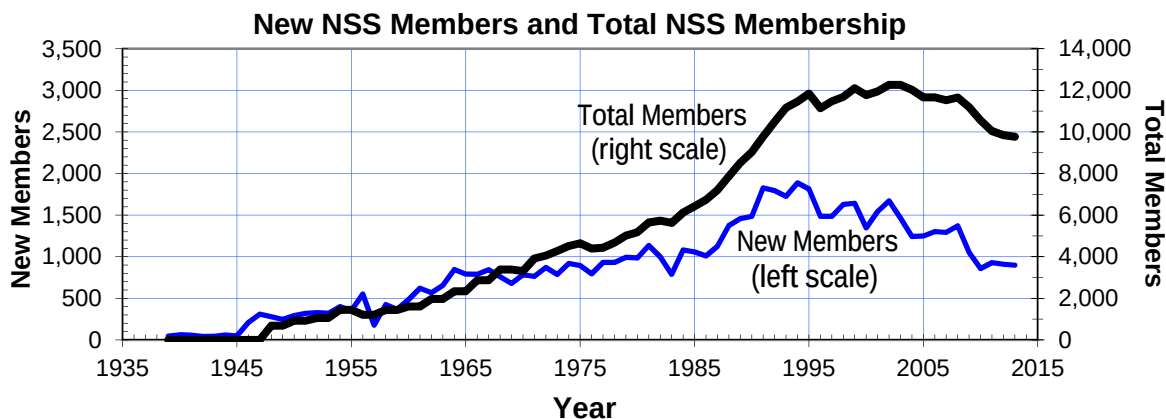
INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION:

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	772
None	652
Dogwood City Grotto	243
Huntsville Grotto	143
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	106
Colorado Grotto	98
DC Grotto	97
Central Indiana Grotto	94
Southern California Grotto	94
Birmingham Grotto	83
Chattanooga Grotto	79
Nashville Grotto	77
UT Grotto	77
Richmond Area Speleo Society	75
San Francisco Bay Chapter	73

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NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1952	2015-2340	1965	8108-8897	1978	18710-19640	1991	33129-34954	2004	54444-55686
1940	47-108	1953	2341-2659	1966	8898-9685	1979	19641-20632	1992	34955-36748	2005	55687-56935
1941	109-163	1954	2660-3059	1967	9686-10530	1980	20633-21617	1993	36749-38473	2006	56936-58237
1942	164-205	1955	3060-3411	1968	10531-11289	1981	21618-22751	1994	38474-40360	2007	58238-59529
1943	206-247	1956	3412-3963	1969	11290-11967	1982	22752-23750	1995	40361-42176	2008	59530-60900
1944	248-307	1957	3964-4139	1970	11968-12749	1983	23751-24538	1996	42177-42750	2009	60901-61952
1945	308-356	1958	4140-4564	1971	12750-13512	1984	24539-25619	1997	42751-45147	2010	61953-62810
1946	357-566	1959	4565-4932	1972	13513-14384	1985	25620-26677	1998	45148-46776	2011	62811-63739
1947	567-876	1960	4933-5416	1973	14385-15170	1986	26678-27686	1999	46777-48418	2012	63740-64648
1948	877-1155	1961	5417-6037	1974	15171-16090	1987	27687-28811	2000	48419-49764	2013	64649-65546
1949	1156-1402	1962	6038-6605	1975	16091-16984	1988	28812-30186	2001	49765-51306		
1950	1403-1694	1963	6606-7260	1976	16985-17779	1989	30187-31643	2002	51307-52978		
1951	1695-2014	1964	7261-8107	1977	17780-18709	1990	31644-33128	2003	52979-54443		



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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare this Manual.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	417	4.2	8.7	48358	3	13	25	39	53	71	94	85	8
Alaska	37	0.4	5.2	33898	5	30	38	78	86	95	97	92	19
Arizona	216	2.2	3.4	42161	8	24	36	48	58	72	94	91	7
Arkansas	158	1.6	5.4	50615	3	12	23	32	49	72	95	82	4
California	585	5.9	1.6	41279	7	22	35	47	62	82	94	87	11
Colorado	367	3.7	7.3	38630	7	19	33	51	62	82	94	89	11
Connecticut	82	0.8	2.3	48105	4	11	28	38	56	76	94	87	4
Delaware	20	0.2	2.2	32640	0	30	45	70	80	95	90	75	5
Dist. of Columbia	12	0.1	2.0	29837	17	25	50	67	83	92	92	92	8
Florida	541	5.4	2.9	51938	4	9	17	29	45	71	93	91	5
Georgia	659	6.6	6.8	48622	3	11	22	36	53	72	93	88	6
Hawaii	28	0.3	2.1	41603	18	21	36	43	68	89	93	93	25
Idaho	62	0.6	4.0	39906	5	16	32	50	65	89	97	85	10
Illinois	249	2.5	1.9	43899	4	17	31	45	60	78	90	84	4
Indiana	369	3.7	5.7	43080	6	16	33	47	59	80	92	85	10
Iowa	25	0.3	0.8	30598	8	20	48	56	68	76	92	84	4
Kansas	50	0.5	1.8	30867	10	30	48	62	68	80	96	84	0
Kentucky	276	2.8	6.4	50152	5	13	25	37	49	69	93	88	9
Louisiana	35	0.4	0.8	42179	3	11	46	49	71	80	91	91	6
Maine	17	0.2	1.3	50546	6	18	18	35	47	88	82	65	6
Maryland	336	3.4	5.8	37451	5	22	36	52	65	79	94	88	7
Massachusetts	79	0.8	1.2	41850	11	25	32	49	61	78	90	85	6
Michigan	116	1.2	1.2	39055	3	17	37	52	66	83	91	81	6
Minnesota	63	0.6	1.2	56096	5	13	21	30	38	65	92	90	8
Mississippi	48	0.5	1.6	56257	4	21	27	35	44	62	98	96	4
Missouri	279	2.8	4.7	42660	8	21	32	47	61	81	94	87	10
Montana	57	0.6	5.8	41724	9	26	28	47	61	84	91	95	9
Nebraska	7	0.1	0.4	28443	29	29	57	57	71	86	86	86	0
Nevada	73	0.7	2.7	45073	5	22	27	47	58	75	86	88	7
New Hampshire	21	0.2	1.6	18575	33	57	57	67	71	90	76	76	14
New Jersey	133	1.3	1.5	41678	8	14	29	46	62	79	88	83	9
New Mexico	217	2.2	10.5	36852	11	29	44	55	68	83	94	91	20
New York	273	2.7	1.4	44162	8	17	30	43	54	77	89	85	7
North Carolina	195	2.0	2.0	44734	10	21	31	42	55	77	98	92	5
North Dakota	4	0.0	0.6	18239	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	0
Ohio	407	4.1	3.5	44242	1	11	27	42	61	80	91	86	5
Oklahoma	55	0.6	1.5	41576	5	16	31	49	60	67	95	80	5
Oregon	90	0.9	2.3	34909	9	23	42	58	62	86	96	90	8
Pennsylvania	504	5.1	4.0	39162	8	20	36	51	67	83	94	82	5
Rhode Island	10	0.1	0.9	31999	10	20	40	60	60	60	100	100	0
South Carolina	59	0.6	1.3	46254	10	14	22	41	54	75	78	78	3
South Dakota	33	0.3	4.1	45868	3	21	30	36	61	70	97	88	21
Tennessee	605	6.1	9.5	48254	6	15	26	40	53	72	94	87	10
Texas	453	4.6	1.8	42081	10	25	35	46	59	72	94	91	10
Utah	88	0.9	3.2	45025	3	12	23	41	60	80	98	95	9
Vermont	40	0.4	6.4	46902	10	22	30	40	52	78	95	95	5
Virginia	652	6.6	8.1	39849	8	24	39	50	66	85	92	85	12
Washington	144	1.4	2.1	44513	6	22	33	44	61	74	90	95	8
West Virginia	252	2.5	13.6	37491	4	24	40	54	69	82	89	81	13
Wisconsin	86	0.9	1.5	38310	7	21	38	53	66	85	97	84	5
Wyoming	39	0.4	6.9	37606	0	23	41	51	62	72	85	90	5
Canada	120	1.2	0.0	54985	7	12	18	32	42	69	92	91	8
Other foreign	203	2.0	0.0	49845	4	12	25	35	51	72	33	95	5
ALL MEMBERS	9,946	100.0	0.0	44044	6	18	31	44	58	77	92	87	8

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	4,910	49.4
Regular Life	1,826	18.4
Family Regular	1,219	12.3
Regular Basic	1,186	11.9
Family Associate	340	3.4
Family Life	152	1.5
Regular Sustaining	116	1.2
Associate	105	1.1
Institutional	40	0.4
Conservation Life Member	21	0.2
Family Sustaining	13	0.1
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	11	0.1
Conservation Member	7	0.1
TOTAL MEMBERS	9,946	100.0

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Georgia	659
Virginia	652
Tennessee	605
California	585
Florida	541
Pennsylvania	504
Texas	453
Alabama	417
Ohio	407
Indiana	369
Colorado	367
Maryland	336

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20001-30000	1,276	165	12.9
30001-40000	1,345	88	6.5
40001-50000	1,402	44	3.1
50001-60000	1,875	44	2.3
over 60000	2,259	0	0.0
Totals	9,946	828	8.3

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

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300xx	215	Georgia
373xx	114	Tennessee
857xx	107	Arizona
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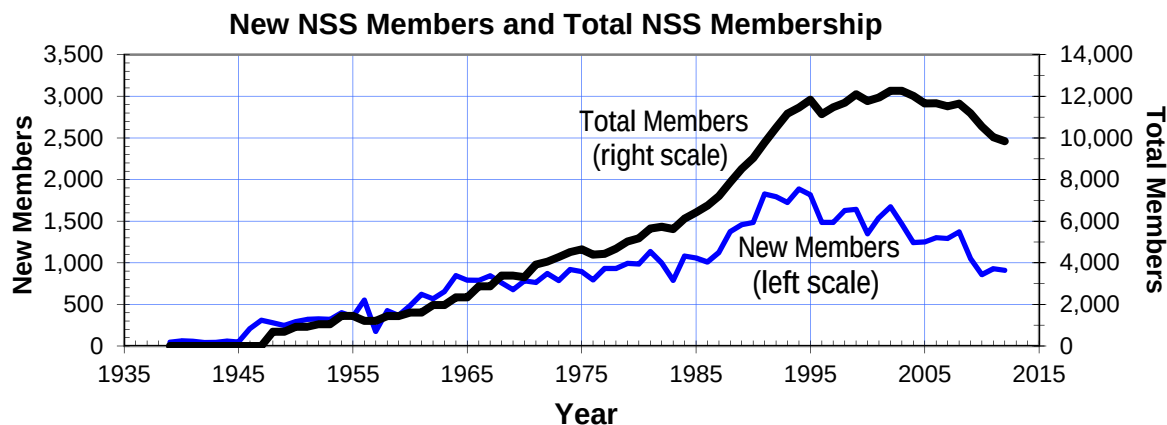
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Huntsville Grotto	145
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Central Indiana Grotto	99
Southern California Grotto	99
Colorado Grotto	95
DC Grotto	94
Chattanooga Grotto	84
Nashville Grotto	82
Birmingham Grotto	81
Baltimore Grotto	79
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Alabama	421	4.1	8.8	46739	4	15	27	42	56	74	92	83	8
Alaska	42	0.4	5.9	34691	5	29	36	71	79	95	98	93	17
Arizona	223	2.2	3.5	42432	8	22	36	48	59	78	93	87	7
Arkansas	164	1.6	5.6	50992	2	12	22	31	48	77	95	82	5
California	611	6.0	1.6	41145	7	21	35	47	61	81	93	85	11
Colorado	388	3.8	7.7	38338	6	18	32	51	61	83	92	88	10
Connecticut	76	0.7	2.1	47522	4	11	29	39	61	84	93	86	4
Delaware	21	0.2	2.3	37958	0	24	38	62	71	95	95	81	5
Dist. of Columbia	12	0.1	2.0	33381	17	25	50	58	75	92	92	92	8
Florida	546	5.3	2.9	51934	3	8	18	30	45	76	92	88	5
Georgia	701	6.8	7.2	50589	3	11	21	35	49	70	92	85	6
Hawaii	29	0.3	2.1	41481	21	24	38	45	76	97	93	86	21
Idaho	70	0.7	4.5	46581	4	14	27	43	60	89	93	84	9
Illinois	255	2.5	2.0	41685	4	17	32	46	62	81	89	82	5
Indiana	364	3.5	5.6	42608	5	16	34	47	59	82	94	83	10
Iowa	27	0.3	0.9	30598	11	22	48	59	70	85	89	81	7
Kansas	46	0.4	1.6	28083	11	33	54	67	76	91	98	83	0
Kentucky	277	2.7	6.4	48932	6	16	28	40	50	71	92	87	9
Louisiana	38	0.4	0.8	45201	3	11	37	39	68	76	89	92	5
Maine	16	0.2	1.2	42956	6	19	19	38	56	100	81	69	12
Maryland	350	3.4	6.1	37279	6	22	36	53	66	83	92	85	7
Massachusetts	79	0.8	1.2	39450	11	25	32	51	59	78	89	84	6
Michigan	112	1.1	1.1	39198	2	15	35	50	63	85	90	80	6
Minnesota	62	0.6	1.2	55692	3	11	21	32	42	71	90	92	8
Mississippi	44	0.4	1.5	44670	7	23	30	43	52	66	98	86	2
Missouri	286	2.8	4.8	42963	8	21	31	46	62	83	94	86	9
Montana	57	0.6	5.8	47360	9	25	26	42	54	81	93	95	9
Nebraska	8	0.1	0.4	34426	25	25	50	50	62	75	88	88	0
Nevada	81	0.8	3.0	49031	6	22	26	43	53	72	86	85	6
New Hampshire	19	0.2	1.4	16868	37	63	63	74	74	95	84	84	16
New Jersey	144	1.4	1.6	40279	8	17	32	49	66	83	89	81	9
New Mexico	228	2.2	11.1	37543	9	28	42	54	68	85	95	89	19
New York	279	2.7	1.4	44131	7	16	30	43	55	78	89	86	6
North Carolina	216	2.1	2.3	43910	9	22	32	43	57	81	99	91	5
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.4	8380	67	67	100	100	100	100	33	67	0
Ohio	423	4.1	3.7	43318	1	11	28	44	65	86	91	84	4
Oklahoma	68	0.7	1.8	42144	4	15	29	47	62	75	96	82	4
Oregon	103	1.0	2.7	38419	10	23	40	55	61	84	95	91	10
Pennsylvania	486	4.7	3.8	38555	8	21	36	52	67	84	93	79	5
Rhode Island	9	0.1	0.9	33871	0	11	33	56	56	56	100	89	0
South Carolina	57	0.6	1.2	43216	11	16	25	44	61	84	81	79	4
South Dakota	34	0.3	4.2	30424	12	35	47	50	65	76	97	79	26
Tennessee	613	6.0	9.7	45677	6	15	26	42	56	76	93	85	10
Texas	462	4.5	1.8	41380	10	26	36	48	62	79	95	91	10
Utah	103	1.0	3.7	45120	4	13	21	39	58	82	98	94	7
Vermont	36	0.4	5.8	41639	11	28	36	47	61	86	94	94	6
Virginia	675	6.6	8.4	39724	8	24	39	51	66	87	93	84	12
Washington	134	1.3	2.0	43473	7	23	36	46	60	75	93	96	9
West Virginia	270	2.6	14.6	38180	4	24	39	52	68	83	89	77	12
Wisconsin	99	1.0	1.7	42418	6	18	33	46	61	85	94	85	4
Wyoming	45	0.4	8.0	43925	0	20	36	47	62	73	91	93	4
Canada	122	1.2	0.0	55286	7	12	21	32	40	73	92	85	7
Other foreign	232	2.3	0.0	50796	3	11	22	31	48	72	39	94	5
ALL MEMBERS	10,266	100.0	0.0	43748	6	18	31	45	59	80	91	85	8

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	5114	49.8
Regular Life	1802	17.6
Family Regular	1313	12.8
Regular Basic	1198	11.7
Family Associate	349	3.4
Family Life	147	1.4
Associate	139	1.4
Regular Sustaining	114	1.1
Institutional	38	0.4
Conservation Life Member	20	0.2
Family Sustaining	14	0.1
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	9	0.1
Conservation Member	9	0.1
TOTAL MEMBERS	10,266	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Georgia	701
Virginia	675
Tennessee	613
California	611
Florida	546
Pennsylvania	486
Texas	462
Ohio	423
Alabama	421
Colorado	388
Indiana	364
Maryland	350

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TOTAL AWARDS	1,149

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20001-30000	1,322	164	12.4
30001-40000	1,408	85	6.0
40001-50000	1,458	41	2.8
50001-60000	2,133	41	1.9
over 60000	2,082	0	0.0
Totals	10,266	834	8.1

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	214	Georgia
301xx	117	Georgia
373xx	116	Tennessee
857xx	111	Arizona
787xx	95	Texas
307xx	94	Georgia
303xx	91	Georgia
371xx	86	Tennessee
326xx	85	Florida
462xx	84	Indiana
240xx	80	Virginia
358xx	77	Alabama

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
65	Maryland
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
373	Alabama
405	West Virginia
509	Texas
518	California
568	Virginia
603	Georgia
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland
812	Tennessee

At press time, the highest NSS number was 63935 and was in Pennsylvania.

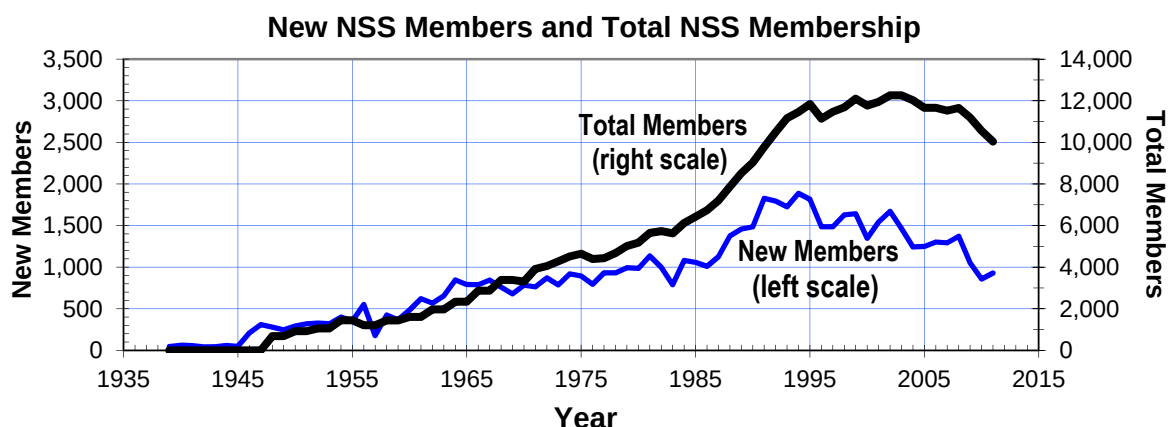
INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION:

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	846
None	583
Dogwood City Grotto	251
Huntsville Grotto	150
Southern California Grotto	106
Central Indiana Grotto	96
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	96
DC Grotto	95
Colorado Grotto	90
UT Grotto	86
Nashville Grotto	82
Chattanooga Grotto	80
San Francisco Bay Chapter	78
Baltimore Grotto	76
Birmingham Grotto	75

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NSS NUMBERS ASSIGNED EACH YEAR:

1939	1-46	1952	2015-2340	1965	8108-8897	1978	18710-19640	1991	33129-34954	2004	54444-55686
1940	47-108	1953	2341-2659	1966	8898-9685	1979	19641-20632	1992	34955-36748	2005	55687-56935
1941	109-163	1954	2660-3059	1967	9686-10530	1980	20633-21617	1993	36749-38473	2006	56936-58237
1942	164-205	1955	3060-3411	1968	10531-11289	1981	21618-22751	1994	38474-40360	2007	58238-59529
1943	206-247	1956	3412-3963	1969	11290-11967	1982	22752-23750	1995	40361-42176	2008	59530-60900
1944	248-307	1957	3964-4139	1970	11968-12749	1983	23751-24538	1996	42177-42750	2009	60901-61952
1945	308-356	1958	4140-4564	1971	12750-13512	1984	24539-25619	1997	42751-45147	2010	61953-62810
1946	357-566	1959	4565-4932	1972	13513-14384	1985	25620-26677	1998	45148-46776	2011	62811-63739
1947	567-876	1960	4933-5416	1973	14385-15170	1986	26678-27686	1999	46777-48418		
1948	877-1155	1961	5417-6037	1974	15171-16090	1987	27687-28811	2000	48419-49764		
1949	1156-1402	1962	6038-6605	1975	16091-16984	1988	28812-30186	2001	49765-51306		
1950	1403-1694	1963	6606-7260	1976	16985-17779	1989	30187-31643	2002	51307-52978		
1951	1695-2014	1964	7261-8107	1977	17780-18709	1990	31644-33128	2003	52979-54443		



Statistics produced by Bob Hoke on February 24, 2012 from the NSS membership database and information supplied by the NSS Office.

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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare this Manual.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	451	4.2	10.1	46317	3	14	26	44	59	82	91	81	8
Alaska	54	0.5	8.6	35994	4	24	33	63	74	85	94	87	13
Arizona	235	2.2	4.6	42763	8	22	34	47	59	81	92	84	7
Arkansas	186	1.7	7.0	48949	3	11	21	35	53	82	95	82	5
California	636	5.9	1.9	40622	8	22	36	48	64	87	94	83	11
Colorado	375	3.5	8.7	37247	7	19	35	54	65	89	94	87	8
Connecticut	78	0.7	2.3	47373	4	13	31	42	59	88	91	82	4
Delaware	22	0.2	2.8	39653	0	23	36	55	64	95	100	82	5
Dist. of Columbia	13	0.1	2.3	36346	15	23	46	54	69	92	92	92	8
Florida	566	5.2	3.5	50926	4	8	18	31	47	82	92	87	5
Georgia	715	6.6	8.7	48201	3	11	23	36	53	78	93	82	6
Hawaii	29	0.3	2.4	41481	21	24	38	45	76	97	97	86	21
Idaho	83	0.8	6.4	49649	4	12	23	31	52	90	94	84	8
Illinois	244	2.3	2.0	40438	4	18	33	48	66	89	92	80	4
Indiana	389	3.6	6.4	42626	5	17	34	47	61	90	95	83	9
Iowa	33	0.3	1.1	38618	9	21	45	55	67	82	91	85	6
Kansas	57	0.5	2.1	37511	7	25	42	54	65	82	96	81	0
Kentucky	283	2.6	7.0	47845	6	15	27	40	52	81	93	87	9
Louisiana	39	0.4	0.9	42438	3	13	36	44	79	95	92	90	8
Maine	18	0.2	1.4	42979	6	17	17	33	56	100	83	61	11
Maryland	367	3.4	6.9	37301	5	22	36	53	66	85	92	84	7
Massachusetts	86	0.8	1.4	38292	10	27	35	53	63	87	85	74	5
Michigan	125	1.2	1.3	39146	2	15	34	50	66	88	89	80	5
Minnesota	63	0.6	1.3	55187	3	11	22	30	43	78	89	90	8
Mississippi	37	0.3	1.3	41677	8	27	35	46	70	84	89	76	3
Missouri	313	2.9	5.6	42994	8	22	32	46	61	85	92	84	9
Montana	58	0.5	6.4	48058	9	24	26	41	53	83	91	93	9
Nebraska	9	0.1	0.5	28443	22	33	56	56	67	78	89	89	0
Nevada	79	0.7	4.0	40440	6	22	27	49	62	85	82	82	6
New Hampshire	28	0.3	2.3	32022	29	46	50	54	68	86	79	86	14
New Jersey	154	1.4	1.8	40627	8	16	29	49	67	90	88	79	8
New Mexico	225	2.1	12.4	37457	9	26	41	54	67	86	94	89	19
New York	302	2.8	1.6	43860	6	16	30	42	57	86	89	82	5
North Carolina	235	2.2	2.9	47416	8	18	30	41	55	86	97	88	5
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.5	8380	67	67	100	100	100	100	33	67	0
Ohio	469	4.3	4.1	44648	1	10	26	42	62	86	91	83	5
Oklahoma	68	0.6	2.0	40671	6	16	31	46	69	82	97	78	7
Oregon	102	0.9	3.0	37006	10	25	42	58	64	87	93	89	9
Pennsylvania	512	4.7	4.2	37636	8	21	36	53	70	91	92	76	5
Rhode Island	12	0.1	1.1	44460	0	8	25	42	58	67	92	83	0
South Carolina	75	0.7	1.9	50485	8	12	19	37	48	79	80	79	3
South Dakota	33	0.3	4.4	29561	12	36	48	52	61	76	97	82	27
Tennessee	639	5.9	11.2	47472	6	15	26	40	54	79	94	84	9
Texas	490	4.5	2.3	41743	10	25	36	48	61	82	92	86	10
Utah	113	1.0	5.1	45455	4	12	20	40	58	85	95	92	7
Vermont	44	0.4	7.2	42963	9	25	34	45	57	89	91	82	5
Virginia	713	6.6	10.1	39431	8	23	39	51	68	90	93	82	11
Washington	135	1.2	2.3	36746	8	25	40	54	69	86	93	93	9
West Virginia	303	2.8	16.8	39765	5	24	38	50	65	84	90	77	12
Wisconsin	96	0.9	1.8	41601	6	19	33	48	64	91	94	81	4
Wyoming	45	0.4	9.1	37606	0	20	38	51	64	73	89	93	4
Canada	122	1.1	0.0	52293	7	13	22	33	43	81	95	88	7
Other foreign	265	2.4	0.0	52339	3	10	20	27	46	69	49	88	3
ALL MEMBERS	10,826	100.0	0.0	43582	6	18	31	45	60	84	91	83	8

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	5,565	51.4
Regular Life	1,772	16.4
Family Regular	1,434	13.2
Regular Basic	1,181	10.9
Family Associate	380	3.5
Associate	151	1.4
Family Life	140	1.3
Regular Sustaining	120	1.1
Institutional	41	0.4
Family Sustaining	17	0.2
Conservation Member	10	0.1
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	8	0.1
Conservation Life Member	7	0.1
TOTAL MEMBERS	10,826	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Georgia	715
Virginia	713
Tennessee	639
California	636
Florida	566
Pennsylvania	512
Texas	490
Ohio	469
Alabama	451
Indiana	389
Colorado	375
Maryland	367

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	839
Certificate of Merit	108
Lew Bicking Award	41
Honorary Member	38
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	31
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Science Award	18
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	17
Conservation Award	17
TOTAL AWARDS	1,156

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NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	653	226	34.6
10001-20000	1279	322	25.2
20001-30000	1410	167	11.8
30001-40000	1513	82	5.4
40001-50000	1644	38	2.3
50001-60000	2641	38	1.4
over 60000	1686	0	0.0
Totals	10,826	838	7.7

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

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300xx	218	Georgia
373xx	128	Tennessee
301xx	123	Georgia
857xx	111	Arizona
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568	Virginia
603	Georgia
645	Pennsylvania
742	Maryland

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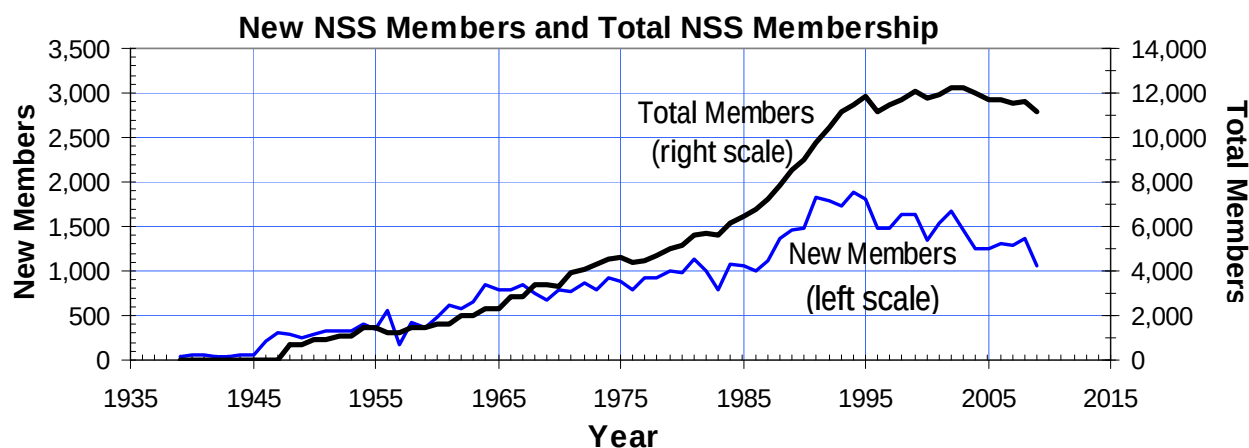
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INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	908
None	571
Dogwood City Grotto	246
Huntsville Grotto	150
Southern California Grotto	108
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	100
DC Grotto	98
Colorado Grotto	96
Central Indiana Grotto	93
UT Grotto	90
Chattanooga Grotto	89
Birmingham Grotto	84
Richmond Area Speleo Society	81
Nashville Grotto	80
San Francisco Bay Chapter	77

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1947	567-876	1960	4933-5416	1973	14385-15170	1986	26678-27686	1999	46777-48418		
1948	877-1155	1961	5417-6037	1974	15171-16090	1987	27687-28811	2000	48419-49764		
1949	1156-1402	1962	6038-6605	1975	16091-16984	1988	28812-30186	2001	49765-51306		
1950	1403-1694	1963	6606-7260	1976	16985-17779	1989	30187-31643	2002	51307-52978		
1951	1695-2014	1964	7261-8107	1977	17780-18709	1990	31644-33128	2003	52979-54443		



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Alabama	486	4.3	10.9	46696	3	13	24	41	58	84	92	79	7
Alaska	48	0.4	7.7	34651	4	29	38	71	85	96	94	92	12
Arizona	212	1.9	4.1	39516	9	23	37	51	63	90	94	83	7
Arkansas	192	1.7	7.2	51655	2	9	18	31	47	81	94	82	5
California	664	5.8	2.0	40680	7	21	35	48	64	90	94	82	10
Colorado	406	3.6	9.4	38220	6	18	34	52	64	89	93	83	8
Connecticut	87	0.8	2.6	47816	3	11	28	39	55	91	93	84	2
Delaware	24	0.2	3.1	44198	0	17	29	46	58	100	100	79	4
Dist. of Columbia	13	0.1	2.3	36346	15	23	46	54	69	85	92	92	8
Florida	608	5.3	3.8	51388	3	8	17	30	45	85	93	88	5
Georgia	741	6.5	9.1	48091	3	11	22	36	53	81	94	82	6
Hawaii	28	0.2	2.3	41603	21	25	36	39	79	100	93	86	14
Idaho	92	0.8	7.1	49742	3	10	18	29	51	88	91	86	7
Illinois	261	2.3	2.1	42272	3	16	31	45	64	90	93	79	3
Indiana	422	3.7	6.9	43561	5	15	31	46	60	92	95	80	9
Iowa	34	0.3	1.2	34608	9	21	47	56	71	85	88	76	6
Kansas	50	0.4	1.9	32694	8	26	46	60	72	90	98	80	0
Kentucky	295	2.6	7.3	49379	5	14	26	39	50	84	94	85	9
Louisiana	40	0.4	0.9	44459	2	12	32	38	72	90	90	88	5
Maine	23	0.2	1.8	50546	4	13	13	30	48	87	87	70	9
Maryland	390	3.4	7.4	37846	5	21	34	53	68	89	94	81	6
Massachusetts	90	0.8	1.4	40875	10	26	31	50	63	89	87	78	6
Michigan	138	1.2	1.4	40224	1	12	30	49	66	91	90	80	4
Minnesota	60	0.5	1.2	51670	3	13	27	35	48	87	92	90	8
Mississippi	41	0.4	1.4	43564	7	24	29	41	63	93	93	78	2
Missouri	334	2.9	6.0	43014	8	21	31	46	60	87	93	84	8
Montana	62	0.5	6.9	46739	10	24	26	40	55	87	90	92	8
Nebraska	7	0.1	0.4	28443	14	29	57	57	71	86	100	86	0
Nevada	82	0.7	4.1	42312	6	20	24	48	62	89	87	83	6
New Hampshire	33	0.3	2.7	43083	24	39	39	45	67	91	82	85	9
New Jersey	162	1.4	1.9	41656	8	15	29	47	65	92	90	78	7
New Mexico	224	2.0	12.3	37295	10	28	42	55	68	89	96	87	21
New York	318	2.8	1.7	44009	7	16	29	42	57	89	91	83	4
North Carolina	263	2.3	3.3	48948	7	16	27	36	52	88	96	86	4
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.5	8380	67	67	100	100	100	100	33	67	0
Ohio	514	4.5	4.5	44058	1	10	25	41	62	91	92	84	4
Oklahoma	79	0.7	2.3	42144	4	14	28	41	66	86	96	73	8
Oregon	100	0.9	2.9	34909	10	23	42	60	64	92	94	90	7
Pennsylvania	554	4.9	4.5	39262	8	19	34	51	69	93	92	76	5
Rhode Island	12	0.1	1.1	50573	0	8	25	42	50	67	83	83	0
South Carolina	69	0.6	1.7	48963	9	13	22	39	52	88	83	83	3
South Dakota	31	0.3	4.1	29561	13	35	48	52	58	84	97	81	26
Tennessee	696	6.1	12.2	47861	6	14	25	39	54	81	94	83	8
Texas	488	4.3	2.3	40412	10	25	36	49	64	88	93	85	10
Utah	110	1.0	4.9	45208	4	14	23	41	59	89	95	94	5
Vermont	48	0.4	7.9	46902	8	23	31	42	52	90	96	83	2
Virginia	757	6.6	10.7	39227	8	22	38	51	68	91	93	82	11
Washington	137	1.2	2.3	39048	7	23	39	52	68	90	94	93	9
West Virginia	286	2.5	15.8	39970	6	25	38	50	67	89	91	77	12
Wisconsin	113	1.0	2.1	42661	5	17	31	45	58	90	92	80	4
Wyoming	45	0.4	9.1	39978	0	20	36	51	64	78	89	91	4
Canada	132	1.2	-	52293	7	12	20	33	43	88	96	86	7
Other foreign	287	2.5	-	49861	3	11	23	31	50	77	40	94	3
ALL MEMBERS	11,391	100.0	-	44030	6	17	30	44	60	88	92	83	7

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	6,077	53.3
Regular Life	1,739	15.3
Family Regular	1,502	13.2
Regular Basic	1,124	9.9
Family Associate	450	4.0
Regular Sustaining	147	1.3
Associate	137	1.2
Family Life	130	1.1
Institutional	47	0.4
Family Sustaining	19	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	8	0.1
Conservation Life Member	7	0.1
Conservation Member	4	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	11,391	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	757
Georgia	741
Tennessee	696
California	664
Florida	608
Pennsylvania	554
Ohio	514
Texas	488
Alabama	486
Indiana	422
Colorado	406
Maryland	390

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	828
Certificate of Merit	108
Lew Bicking Award	39
Honorary Member	38
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	30
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	29
James G. Mitchell Award	20
Science Award	17
Conservation Award	16
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	15
TOTAL AWARDS	1,140

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	655	227	34.7
10001-20000	1,283	312	24.3
20001-30000	1,451	170	11.7
30001-40000	1,615	79	4.9
40001-50000	1,812	37	2.0
50001-60000	3,159	37	1.2
over 60000	1,416	0	0.0
Totals	11,391	827	7.3

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	220	Georgia
373xx	136	Tennessee
301xx	126	Georgia
857xx	106	Arizona
307xx	99	Georgia
371xx	98	Tennessee
357xx	96	Alabama
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240xx	92	Virginia
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358xx	85	Alabama

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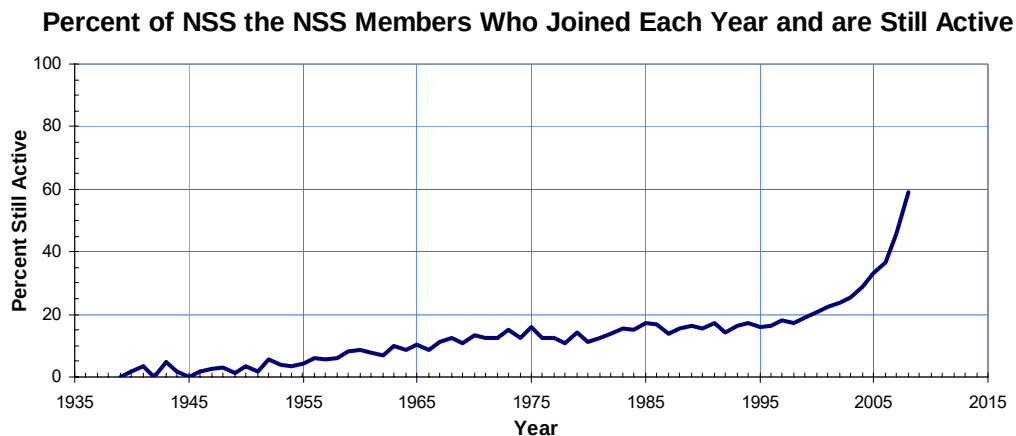
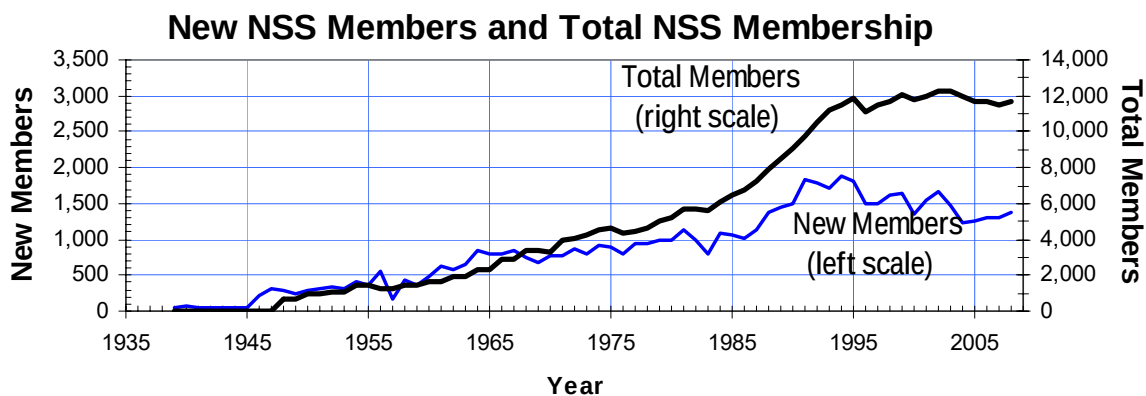
NSS NUMBER	STATE
65	Maryland
126	North Carolina
162	New York
240	Arkansas
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
373	Alabama
405	West Virginia
509	Texas
518	California
568	Virginia
603	Georgia

At press time, the highest NSS number was 61773 and was in Tennessee.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION:

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	1,022
None	532
Dogwood City Grotto	260
Huntsville Grotto	160
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	117
Southern California Grotto	116
Colorado Grotto	110
Central Indiana Grotto	96
Chattanooga Grotto	94
DC Grotto	92
Nashville Grotto	89
Birmingham Grotto	88
Richmond Area Speleo Society	88
UT Grotto	85
San Francisco Bay Chapter	82

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NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare this Manual.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...						Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	478	4.1	10.7	43644	3	14	26	44	63	98	92	75	7
Alaska	48	0.4	7.7	34651	4	27	35	71	83	100	94	92	12
Arizona	228	1.9	4.4	38808	9	26	39	52	68	99	90	77	5
Arkansas	187	1.6	7.0	48295	2	10	19	35	53	99	93	79	5
California	679	5.8	2.0	40408	6	21	34	49	66	99	92	80	9
Colorado	396	3.4	9.2	37478	6	19	35	55	68	99	92	82	8
Connecticut	89	0.8	2.6	44466	6	13	33	45	64	99	89	79	1
Delaware	27	0.2	3.4	48830	0	15	26	41	52	100	100	81	4
Dist. of Columbia	13	0.1	2.3	44896	15	23	46	46	62	100	92	92	8
Florida	640	5.5	4.0	50501	3	8	17	33	48	99	92	86	4
Georgia	722	6.2	8.8	46293	3	12	25	39	58	99	93	77	6
Hawaii	28	0.2	2.3	41603	18	21	32	39	79	100	96	82	14
Idaho	101	0.9	7.8	50203	3	9	18	31	50	100	87	79	6
Illinois	272	2.3	2.2	41664	4	17	31	46	67	99	91	77	4
Indiana	482	4.1	7.9	45253	4	14	29	43	57	99	93	77	7
Iowa	35	0.3	1.2	28063	9	23	54	63	80	100	91	69	6
Kansas	46	0.4	1.7	29746	9	26	50	65	80	100	93	72	0
Kentucky	309	2.6	7.6	47845	5	13	26	41	52	98	93	82	8
Louisiana	41	0.3	0.9	44092	2	12	29	34	73	100	83	80	2
Maine	22	0.2	1.7	47089	5	14	14	32	50	100	86	68	9
Maryland	387	3.3	7.3	37226	5	22	35	55	72	99	93	74	6
Massachusetts	98	0.8	1.5	42075	10	24	30	47	64	99	86	72	5
Michigan	180	1.5	1.8	41526	2	12	29	45	62	99	92	79	3
Minnesota	55	0.5	1.1	46550	4	16	31	42	60	98	93	89	7
Mississippi	46	0.4	1.6	47071	7	22	28	41	57	98	91	67	2
Missouri	346	2.9	6.2	42857	8	20	32	46	62	99	92	78	8
Montana	55	0.5	6.1	41724	11	27	31	49	64	100	89	93	9
Nebraska	6	0.1	0.4	34426	17	17	50	50	67	100	100	83	0
Nevada	87	0.7	4.4	39738	7	21	25	51	66	100	86	82	6
New Hampshire	36	0.3	2.9	46046	22	33	33	36	58	100	83	78	8
New Jersey	166	1.4	2.0	42294	8	16	28	46	67	99	89	76	7
New Mexico	225	1.9	12.4	38449	10	27	41	53	68	99	96	85	19
New York	342	2.9	1.8	43379	8	18	30	44	58	99	89	78	4
North Carolina	273	2.3	3.4	48081	8	18	28	39	56	100	95	81	4
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.5	8380	67	67	100	100	100	100	33	67	0
Ohio	551	4.7	4.9	43935	1	10	24	41	63	99	92	80	4
Oklahoma	76	0.6	2.2	42144	7	16	28	41	70	97	95	67	8
Oregon	107	0.9	3.1	37145	9	24	42	58	66	100	93	89	8
Pennsylvania	577	4.9	4.7	39120	9	21	36	52	68	99	93	74	5
Rhode Island	10	0.1	1.0	50826	0	0	20	40	50	100	80	90	0
South Carolina	67	0.6	1.7	47381	9	15	24	40	55	99	79	81	3
South Dakota	30	0.3	4.0	28043	13	37	50	53	67	93	97	77	23
Tennessee	709	6.0	12.5	47088	5	14	25	38	56	98	93	80	7
Texas	499	4.3	2.4	40710	9	24	36	49	65	99	92	82	9
Utah	110	0.9	4.9	45085	4	12	23	41	58	100	94	85	4
Vermont	40	0.3	6.6	39863	8	25	35	50	62	100	92	82	2
Virginia	787	6.7	11.1	40010	8	22	38	50	68	99	91	78	11
Washington	148	1.3	2.5	38287	7	24	39	53	72	97	92	89	7
West Virginia	289	2.5	16.0	38885	6	24	38	52	67	99	90	71	10
Wisconsin	118	1.0	2.2	42540	5	16	29	47	61	100	91	77	3
Wyoming	50	0.4	10.1	40280	0	18	32	50	66	98	90	90	4
Canada	140	1.2	-	51563	6	11	21	32	45	100	92	85	7
Other foreign	283	2.4	-	48232	3	10	24	34	54	98	31	91	4
ALL MEMBERS	11,739	100.0	-	43267	6	17	30	45	62	99	90	79	7

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	6,684	56.9
Regular Life	1,658	14.1
Family Regular	1,581	13.5
Regular Limited	856	7.3
Family Associate	460	3.9
Sustaining	168	1.4
Associate	129	1.1
Family Life	114	1.0
Institutional	44	0.4
Family Sustaining	25	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	8	0.1
Conservation Member	6	0.1
Conservation Life Member	6	0.1
TOTAL MEMBERS	11,739	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	787
Georgia	722
Tennessee	709
California	679
Florida	640
Pennsylvania	577
Ohio	551
Texas	499
Indiana	482
Alabama	478
Colorado	396
Maryland	387

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	801
Certificate of Merit	104
Lew Bicking Award	37
Honorary Member	36
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	29
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	28
James G. Mitchell Award	19
Conservation Award	15
Science Award	15
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	14
TOTAL AWARDS	1,098

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	682	232	34.0
10001-20000	1,331	312	23.4
20001-30000	1,525	161	10.6
30001-40000	1,724	73	4.2
40001-50000	2,022	22	1.1
50001-60000	4,333	22	0.5
over 60000	122	0	0.0
Totals	11,739	800	6.8

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	217	Georgia
371xx	124	Tennessee
373xx	120	Tennessee
301xx	115	Georgia
240xx	108	Virginia
857xx	106	Arizona
326xx	97	Florida
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462xx	93	Indiana
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201xx	89	Virginia

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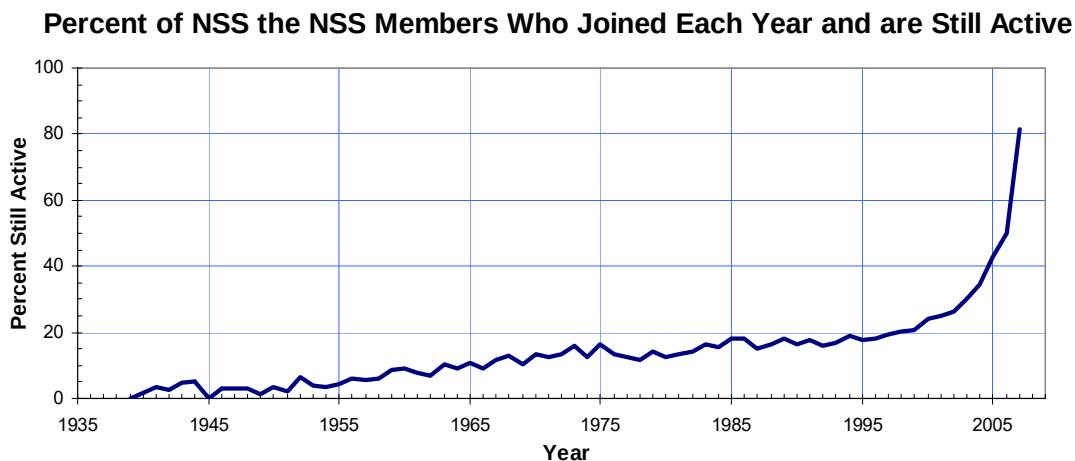
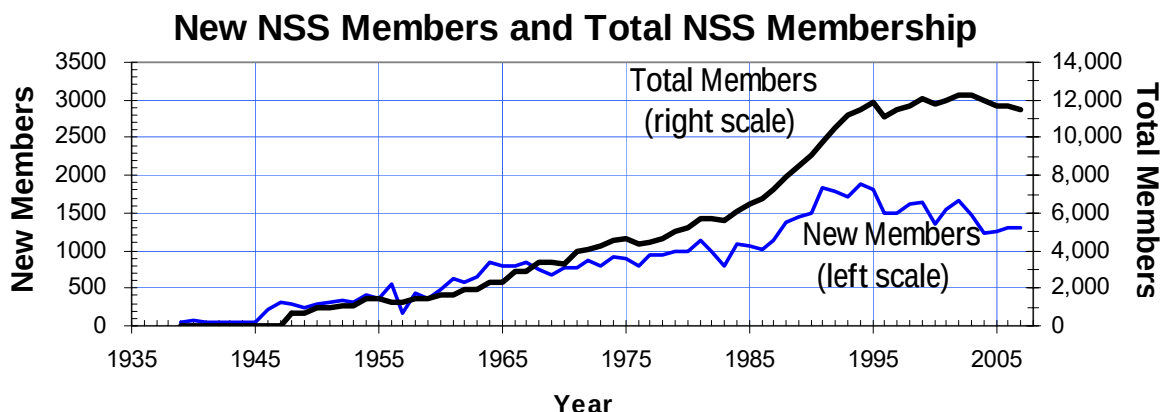
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262	Iowa
292	New Jersey
373	Alabama
405	West Virginia
423	California

At press time, the highest NSS number was 60108 and was in Missouri.

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INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	1,043
None	572
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Huntsville Grotto	151
Southern California Grotto	118
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	115
Central Indiana Grotto	112
Colorado Grotto	104
Nashville Grotto	99
DC Grotto	93
Birmingham Grotto	90
Baltimore Grotto	87
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NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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Alabama	495	4.2	11.1	43748	3.0	12.9	25.1	43.4	63.4	91.9	70.9	6.1
Alaska	46	0.4	7.3	35931	4.3	26.1	32.6	67.4	82.6	95.7	87.0	13.0
Arizona	242	2.1	4.7	37792	9.9	26.0	39.7	52.5	71.1	89.3	74.8	5.0
Arkansas	186	1.6	7.0	46447	2.2	9.7	20.4	36.0	55.9	91.9	74.7	3.8
California	717	6.1	2.1	40919	6.4	19.8	33.3	47.3	65.3	90.9	79.2	8.8
Colorado	389	3.3	9.0	37243	6.4	20.1	36.0	55.3	70.4	90.7	78.4	8.0
Connecticut	93	0.8	2.7	42563	5.4	14.0	31.2	48.4	69.9	87.1	74.2	1.1
Delaware	24	0.2	3.1	40457	0.0	12.5	29.2	50.0	66.7	100.0	83.3	4.2
Dist. of Columbia	15	0.1	2.6	39090	13.3	26.7	46.7	53.3	73.3	86.7	93.3	6.7
Florida	657	5.6	4.1	49178	2.9	7.9	17.2	33.6	51.9	89.8	85.4	3.7
Georgia	713	6.0	8.7	44776	3.1	11.8	25.4	40.3	62.4	93.1	76.3	5.8
Hawaii	33	0.3	2.7	43503	18.2	21.2	30.3	36.4	72.7	93.9	87.9	12.1
Idaho	102	0.9	7.9	49181	3.9	10.8	20.6	33.3	54.9	89.2	81.4	6.9
Illinois	274	2.3	2.2	40209	4.4	17.9	32.1	48.2	69.3	88.0	73.4	3.6
Indiana	450	3.8	7.4	41160	5.1	16.4	33.6	48.4	66.9	92.7	75.6	7.8
Iowa	32	0.3	1.1	27669	9.4	25.0	56.2	65.6	84.4	90.6	65.6	6.2
Kansas	55	0.5	2.0	34122	7.3	23.6	40.0	61.8	74.5	92.7	69.1	0.0
Kentucky	279	2.4	6.9	43992	5.4	14.7	28.7	44.1	57.7	91.8	78.1	7.9
Louisiana	44	0.4	1.0	44928	2.3	11.4	27.3	31.8	72.7	88.6	79.5	2.3
Maine	23	0.2	1.8	43634	4.3	13.0	13.0	30.4	56.5	87.0	69.6	8.7
Maryland	405	3.4	7.6	37734	4.9	20.7	34.3	53.3	71.4	87.9	68.1	6.2
Massachusetts	96	0.8	1.5	42745	10.4	25.0	30.2	46.9	69.8	84.4	76.0	6.2
Michigan	185	1.6	1.9	43445	2.2	12.4	29.2	44.3	63.2	89.7	74.6	3.8
Minnesota	62	0.5	1.3	44799	4.8	14.5	30.6	45.2	59.7	90.3	79.0	6.5
Mississippi	45	0.4	1.6	46135	6.7	24.4	31.1	44.4	57.8	93.3	68.9	2.2
Missouri	349	3.0	6.2	42481	7.4	19.5	31.5	46.1	65.0	91.4	74.5	7.7
Montana	56	0.5	6.2	42054	10.7	26.8	30.4	48.2	64.3	85.7	91.1	8.9
Nebraska	9	0.1	0.5	40409	22.2	22.2	44.4	44.4	55.6	100.0	88.9	0.0
Nevada	85	0.7	4.3	40440	7.1	23.5	28.2	49.4	67.1	83.5	76.5	5.9
New Hampshire	37	0.3	3.0	45747	18.9	29.7	35.1	37.8	64.9	81.1	73.0	5.4
New Jersey	169	1.4	2.0	42479	8.3	16.0	29.0	45.6	66.3	88.8	78.1	7.1
New Mexico	209	1.8	11.5	32771	10.0	29.2	45.5	57.9	74.2	93.8	81.3	20.1
New York	311	2.6	1.6	41700	8.7	18.6	32.2	47.3	64.3	89.7	78.8	4.2
North Carolina	270	2.3	3.4	48195	7.4	15.9	26.7	38.5	56.3	94.1	80.4	3.7
North Dakota	5	0.0	0.8	28099	40.0	40.0	60.0	60.0	100.0	60.0	80.0	0.0
Ohio	572	4.9	5.0	43777	1.2	9.4	23.4	40.4	63.8	90.9	77.3	3.1
Oklahoma	80	0.7	2.3	41301	5.0	15.0	31.2	43.8	77.5	91.2	60.0	6.2
Oregon	96	0.8	2.8	34095	9.4	24.0	43.8	64.6	74.0	90.6	81.2	10.4
Pennsylvania	601	5.1	4.9	38985	8.3	20.0	35.1	51.9	71.0	90.7	70.4	5.2
Rhode Island	7	0.1	0.7	33871	0.0	0.0	28.6	57.1	71.4	71.4	85.7	0.0
South Carolina	63	0.5	1.6	43717	9.5	15.9	25.4	44.4	58.7	81.0	76.2	3.2
South Dakota	29	0.2	3.8	26454	13.8	41.4	55.2	58.6	75.9	89.7	72.4	27.6
Tennessee	658	5.6	11.6	44639	6.2	15.0	27.2	42.4	61.6	91.3	78.6	7.8
Texas	487	4.1	2.3	39600	9.2	24.2	38.2	51.1	69.8	89.9	80.1	8.6
Utah	109	0.9	4.9	42864	3.7	11.0	24.8	46.8	64.2	94.5	86.2	3.7
Vermont	42	0.4	6.9	42963	7.1	23.8	33.3	45.2	61.9	92.9	81.0	2.4
Virginia	812	6.9	11.5	40805	7.8	21.6	36.8	49.1	68.6	89.8	74.4	10.0
Washington	155	1.3	2.6	39048	6.5	23.2	36.8	52.3	70.3	85.8	87.7	7.1
West Virginia	286	2.4	15.8	37648	6.6	24.8	39.9	52.4	68.5	89.5	67.5	10.5
Wisconsin	118	1.0	2.2	42076	4.2	16.9	28.8	47.5	64.4	89.8	70.3	3.4
Wyoming	51	0.4	10.3	39978	0.0	17.6	33.3	51.0	68.6	88.2	84.3	5.9
Canada	143	1.2	-	50920	6.3	11.2	18.9	32.9	46.9	93.0	88.8	7.0
Other foreign	315	2.7	-	49223	2.9	9.8	21.9	31.7	51.4	38.1	86.0	2.5
ALL MEMBERS	11,786	100.0	-	42482	5.9	17.2	30.6	45.8	64.8	89.2	77.0	6.6

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	6,820	57.9
Family Regular	1,571	13.3
Regular Life	1,568	13.3
Regular Limited	718	6.1
Family Associate	523	4.4
Sustaining	181	1.5
Associate	148	1.3
Family Life	112	1.0
Institutional	55	0.5
Honorary Member	27	0.2
Family Sustaining	24	0.2
Outstanding Service	20	0.2
Conservation Member	8	0.1
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	7	0.1
Conservation Life Member	4	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	11,786	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	812
California	717
Georgia	713
Tennessee	658
Florida	657
Pennsylvania	601
Ohio	572
Alabama	495
Texas	487
Indiana	450
Maryland	405
Colorado	389

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	778
Certificate of Merit	99
Honorary Member	36
Lew Bicking Award	36
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	30
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	27
Ralph Stone Research Award	24
James G. Mitchell Award	16
Conservation Award	13
Science Award	13
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	12
TOTAL AWARDS	1,084

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	692	237	34.2
10001-20000	1,338	309	23.1
20001-30000	1,575	156	9.9
30001-40000	1,794	63	3.5
40001-50000	2,235	13	0.6
over 50000	4,152	0	0.0
Totals	11,786	778	6.6

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	231	Georgia
371xx	120	Tennessee
857xx	110	Arizona
301xx	105	Georgia
373xx	105	Tennessee
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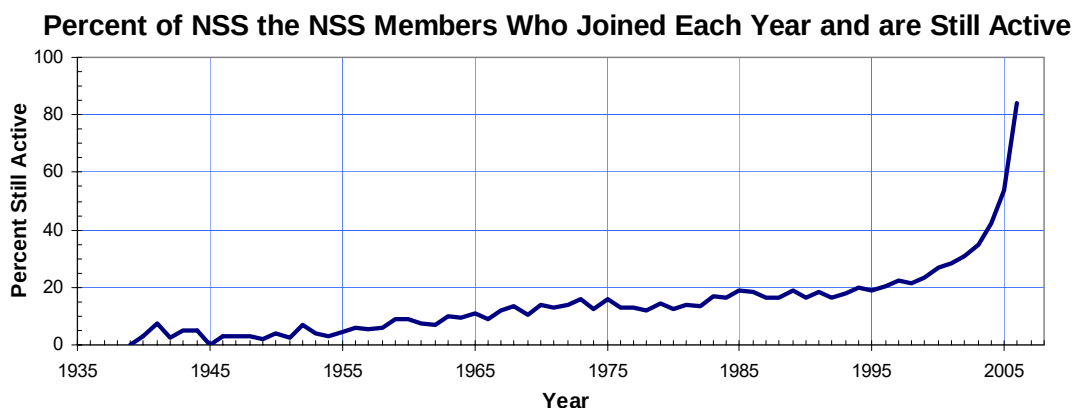
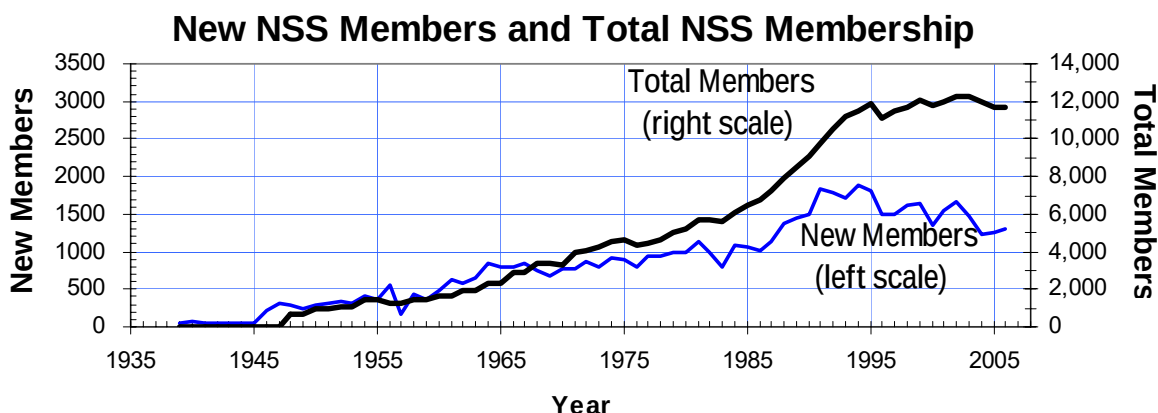
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At press time, the highest NSS number was 58692 and was in Pennsylvania.

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None	577
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...					Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	501	4.3	11.3	42671	3.6	13.8	26.1	44.9	67.1	91.8	69.1	6.0
Alaska	49	0.4	7.8	35932	4.1	22.4	28.6	65.3	79.6	93.9	85.7	12.2
Arizona	227	2.0	4.4	36908	8.8	24.7	40.1	54.2	76.2	86.8	72.2	6.2
Arkansas	181	1.6	6.8	45651	2.2	10.5	19.9	37.0	59.1	91.2	72.4	3.9
California	701	6.0	2.1	40205	7.0	21.0	34.8	49.6	68.8	88.7	76.5	8.7
Colorado	374	3.2	8.7	36360	6.1	20.1	36.6	57.8	74.6	89.8	73.5	7.8
Connecticut	103	0.9	3.0	43421	5.8	15.5	31.1	46.6	68.9	86.4	68.0	1.0
Delaware	22	0.2	2.8	44198	0.0	13.6	27.3	45.5	59.1	100.0	77.3	4.5
Dist. of Columbia	19	0.2	3.3	45654	5.3	21.1	42.1	47.4	63.2	94.7	100.0	10.5
Florida	591	5.1	3.7	47572	3.6	8.8	19.1	36.7	55.8	88.5	84.8	3.6
Georgia	740	6.4	9.0	44731	2.8	11.1	23.8	40.1	63.6	93.0	72.4	5.5
Hawaii	34	0.3	2.8	42617	17.6	23.5	32.4	35.3	73.5	94.1	79.4	11.8
Idaho	85	0.7	6.6	48338	3.5	11.8	23.5	35.3	62.4	90.6	78.8	7.1
Illinois	256	2.2	2.1	39332	5.1	19.5	35.2	51.6	75.4	86.7	70.7	3.9
Indiana	423	3.6	7.0	38879	5.4	17.3	35.2	51.5	70.0	93.1	74.9	8.3
Iowa	37	0.3	1.3	28063	10.8	24.3	54.1	62.2	81.1	86.5	64.9	5.4
Kansas	61	0.5	2.3	37511	6.6	23.0	39.3	57.4	75.4	85.2	67.2	0.0
Kentucky	294	2.5	7.3	43991	5.8	13.9	27.9	44.2	60.9	92.2	75.9	7.5
Louisiana	44	0.4	1.0	45201	4.5	11.4	27.3	31.8	77.3	88.6	77.3	4.5
Maine	23	0.2	1.8	43634	4.3	17.4	17.4	30.4	56.5	78.3	65.2	8.7
Maryland	387	3.3	7.3	37157	5.2	22.0	36.2	56.3	76.5	86.6	66.1	5.7
Massachusetts	99	0.9	1.6	43666	10.1	24.2	29.3	44.4	66.7	82.8	71.7	5.1
Michigan	194	1.7	2.0	41527	2.1	11.9	29.4	45.4	63.9	89.7	73.2	4.1
Minnesota	60	0.5	1.2	43657	5.0	15.0	31.7	43.3	61.7	86.7	76.7	5.0
Mississippi	51	0.4	1.8	46032	5.9	21.6	29.4	43.1	60.8	90.2	64.7	2.0
Missouri	357	3.1	6.4	42054	8.1	20.2	32.2	46.5	64.7	88.0	73.4	7.6
Montana	47	0.4	5.2	38660	12.8	29.8	34.0	55.3	72.3	85.1	93.6	10.6
Nebraska	12	0.1	0.7	42669	16.7	16.7	33.3	41.7	58.3	100.0	91.7	0.0
Nevada	83	0.7	4.2	41140	8.4	25.3	30.1	48.2	65.1	81.9	77.1	6.0
New Hampshire	42	0.4	3.4	45830	16.7	26.2	31.0	35.7	69.0	83.3	78.6	4.8
New Jersey	175	1.5	2.1	40489	8.6	17.1	29.7	48.6	69.7	85.7	73.7	6.9
New Mexico	217	1.9	11.9	33485	10.1	28.6	43.3	57.1	73.3	91.2	83.9	18.9
New York	300	2.6	1.6	40253	8.7	18.7	32.3	49.7	69.0	86.7	74.7	4.3
North Carolina	247	2.1	3.1	43067	8.5	18.6	30.8	45.3	64.4	91.9	79.4	4.0
North Dakota	4	0.0	0.6	25879	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	100.0	50.0	75.0	0.0
Ohio	541	4.7	4.8	42548	1.3	10.4	24.6	43.3	67.3	90.6	73.4	3.5
Oklahoma	87	0.7	2.5	40986	5.7	14.9	31.0	44.8	79.3	93.1	60.9	6.9
Oregon	108	0.9	3.2	33321	9.3	25.0	44.4	63.9	75.0	83.3	76.9	9.3
Pennsylvania	601	5.2	4.9	38881	8.3	19.5	34.6	51.9	71.9	87.9	69.1	5.2
Rhode Island	6	0.1	0.6	31999	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7	83.3	83.3	50.0	0.0
South Carolina	58	0.5	1.4	42562	10.3	17.2	27.6	46.6	60.3	79.3	74.1	3.4
South Dakota	27	0.2	3.6	25107	14.8	44.4	59.3	63.0	77.8	88.9	70.4	29.6
Tennessee	652	5.6	11.5	42657	6.0	15.3	28.5	45.6	67.5	90.3	75.8	7.7
Texas	510	4.4	2.4	40009	9.2	24.5	37.1	49.8	68.0	88.6	78.2	8.4
Utah	98	0.8	4.4	39253	4.1	11.2	26.5	53.1	71.4	91.8	85.7	3.1
Vermont	41	0.4	6.7	37569	7.3	24.4	41.5	53.7	70.7	90.2	82.9	2.4
Virginia	808	7.0	11.4	38271	7.8	22.0	38.7	51.5	71.9	88.2	71.7	9.5
Washington	160	1.4	2.7	37435	6.2	23.8	38.8	55.0	71.2	86.2	84.4	6.2
West Virginia	285	2.5	15.8	39103	7.0	25.6	38.9	51.2	70.9	88.1	66.3	10.2
Wisconsin	118	1.0	2.2	39880	4.2	17.8	30.5	50.0	66.1	89.8	67.8	3.4
Wyoming	51	0.4	10.3	39978	0.0	17.6	33.3	51.0	70.6	88.2	76.5	5.9
Canada	135	1.2	-	49035	6.7	11.9	20.0	37.0	53.3	93.3	88.1	7.4
Other foreign	294	2.5	-	47834	3.1	10.9	23.1	33.3	57.1	38.1	87.4	2.7
ALL MEMBERS	11,620	100.0	-	41464	6.1	17.8	31.5	47.5	67.9	88.0	74.7	6.6

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² Median: Half the NSS numbers are above the median and half are below it. The median is not the average.

NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	6,768	58.2
Family Regular	1,534	13.2
Regular Life	1,513	13.0
Regular General	705	6.1
Family Associate	501	4.3
Sustaining	194	1.7
Associate	161	1.4
Family Life	109	0.9
Institutional	51	0.4
Honorary Member	27	0.2
Family Sustaining	21	0.2
Outstanding Service	20	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	6	0.1
Conservation Member	6	0.1
Conservation Life Member	4	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	11,620	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	808
Georgia	740
California	701
Tennessee	652
Pennsylvania	601
Florida	591
Ohio	541
Texas	510
Alabama	501
Indiana	423
Maryland	387
Colorado	374

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	764
Certificate of Merit	97
Lew Bicking Award	36
Honorary Member	35
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	29
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	27
Ralph Stone Research Award	26
James G. Mitchell Award	16
Conservation Award	13
Science Award	12
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	11
TOTAL AWARDS	1,066

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
10001-20000	1,358	304	22.4
20001-30000	1,592	151	9.5
30001-40000	1,869	61	3.3
40001-50000	2,361	10	0.4
over 50000	3,734	0	0.0
Totals	11,620	764	6.6

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	226	Georgia
371xx	115	Tennessee
301xx	109	Georgia
240xx	101	Virginia
357xx	100	Alabama
358xx	96	Alabama
373xx	96	Tennessee
857xx	96	Arizona
307xx	95	Georgia
787xx	95	Texas
201xx	94	Virginia
462xx	94	Indiana

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
65	Maryland
98	Michigan
126	North Carolina
128	Virginia
138	Tennessee
162	New York
175	Arizona
240	Arkansas
247	Virginia
262	Iowa
292	New Jersey
373	Alabama

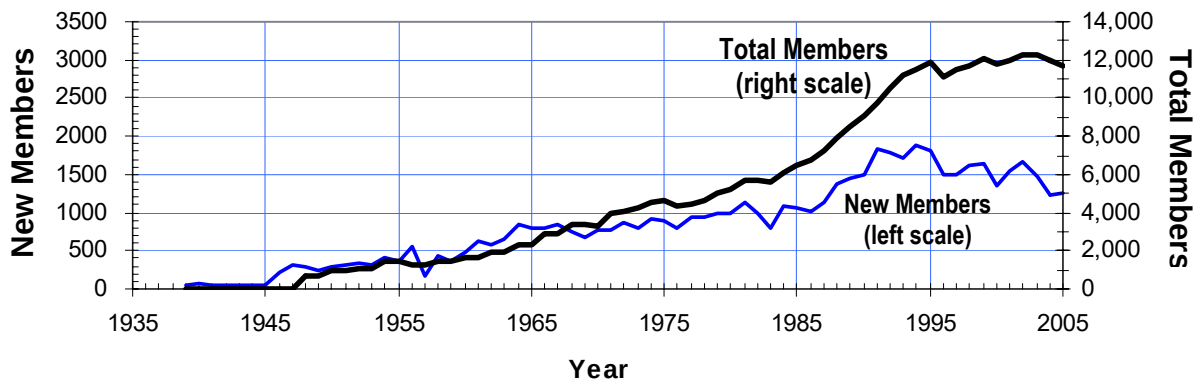
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**INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LARGEST
NUMBER OF MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION:**

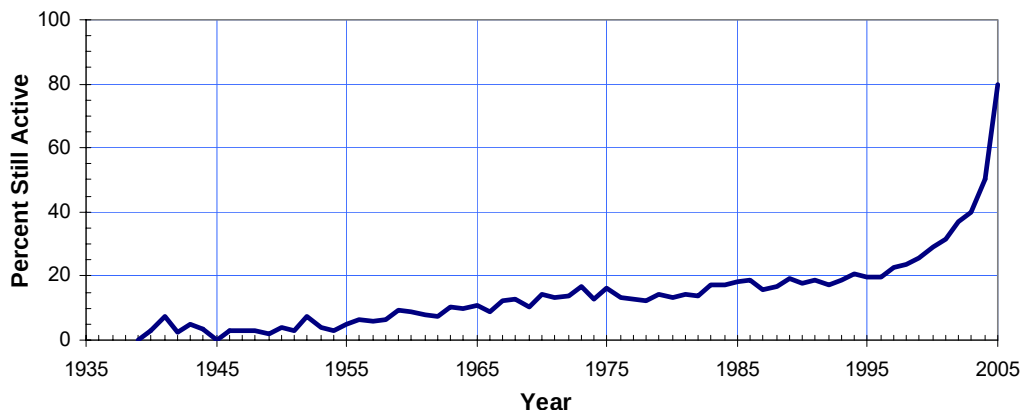
INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	1,069
None	527
Dogwood City Grotto	212
Huntsville Grotto	156
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	119
Southern California Grotto	114
Central Indiana Grotto	101
Colorado Grotto	98
Nashville Grotto	95
DC Grotto	93
San Francisco Bay Chapter	84
Baltimore Grotto	80
Birmingham Grotto	78
Chattanooga Grotto	76
Richmond Area Speleo Society	76

Each NSS member is allowed to declare affiliation with any single NSS Internal Organization (IO). Affiliation does not imply membership in the IO. This list shows the IOs with the most people claiming affiliation. (Each member's IO affiliation is shown on the mailing label of the *NSS News*. Affiliation can be changed by going to the "Member Change of Info" section on the NSS Web page, www.caves.org).

New NSS Members and Total NSS Membership



Percent of NSS the Members Who Joined Each Year and Are Still Active



Statistics produced by Bob Hoke on April 27, 2006 from the NSS membership database and information supplied by the NSS Office.

NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

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	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	489	4.1	11.0	40974	3.7	14.5	28.0	48.5	73.2	92.0	66.3	6.3
Alaska	45	0.4	7.2	35931	4.4	26.7	31.1	71.1	80.0	95.6	82.2	13.3
Arizona	224	1.9	4.4	39516	8.5	24.1	38.4	51.3	76.3	87.9	69.2	5.4
Arkansas	172	1.5	6.4	44052	2.9	12.2	21.5	39.5	64.0	89.5	70.9	4.7
California	731	6.2	2.2	40301	6.6	20.2	34.2	49.4	71.5	87.7	71.8	8.1
Colorado	369	3.1	8.6	36231	6.0	19.5	36.3	58.3	76.4	90.0	73.7	8.1
Connecticut	106	0.9	3.1	39943	6.6	16.0	33.0	50.0	73.6	82.1	66.0	2.8
Delaware	17	0.1	2.2	39329	0.0	17.6	35.3	58.8	76.5	100.0	76.5	5.9
Dist. of Columbia	17	0.1	3.0	45654	5.9	23.5	41.2	47.1	58.8	94.1	100.0	11.8
Florida	611	5.2	3.8	46504	3.4	9.0	19.3	37.6	58.8	87.2	79.4	3.4
Georgia	748	6.3	9.1	43845	3.3	11.9	25.3	41.8	68.9	91.2	68.0	5.5
Hawaii	33	0.3	2.7	41726	18.2	24.2	33.3	36.4	75.8	93.9	78.8	15.2
Idaho	83	0.7	6.4	47043	3.6	12.0	25.3	37.3	61.4	89.2	68.7	7.2
Illinois	254	2.1	2.0	38893	5.1	19.3	35.0	53.1	79.5	88.6	66.1	3.9
Indiana	458	3.9	7.5	40363	5.0	16.4	34.5	49.8	69.7	91.7	67.9	7.6
Iowa	37	0.3	1.3	33237	10.8	18.9	45.9	56.8	78.4	78.4	62.2	5.4
Kansas	58	0.5	2.2	32867	6.9	24.1	39.7	60.3	75.9	89.7	62.1	0.0
Kentucky	323	2.7	8.0	44552	5.6	12.7	26.3	42.7	61.6	92.3	75.5	6.2
Louisiana	45	0.4	1.0	44827	4.4	11.1	26.7	33.3	82.2	91.1	73.3	4.4
Maine	21	0.2	1.6	46782	4.8	19.0	19.0	33.3	52.4	66.7	66.7	9.5
Maryland	400	3.4	7.6	37157	5.5	22.5	36.5	56.0	78.8	88.2	66.0	5.2
Massachusetts	93	0.8	1.5	39450	11.8	25.8	34.4	50.5	72.0	77.4	66.7	5.4
Michigan	218	1.8	2.2	44303	2.3	11.5	25.7	41.7	64.2	88.5	74.8	3.7
Minnesota	58	0.5	1.2	39168	6.9	19.0	34.5	51.7	67.2	87.9	65.5	5.2
Mississippi	54	0.5	1.9	38074	5.6	22.2	33.3	53.7	74.1	90.7	57.4	1.9
Missouri	364	3.1	6.5	41934	7.7	19.8	32.7	47.3	66.5	87.6	72.8	7.1
Montana	41	0.3	4.5	38988	12.2	26.8	31.7	53.7	73.2	82.9	85.4	12.2
Nebraska	12	0.1	0.7	33690	16.7	16.7	41.7	58.3	75.0	83.3	83.3	0.0
Nevada	78	0.7	3.9	36051	9.0	29.5	35.9	53.8	69.2	80.8	75.6	6.4
New Hampshire	36	0.3	2.9	45830	19.4	27.8	33.3	38.9	75.0	80.6	72.2	5.6
New Jersey	178	1.5	2.1	40401	7.9	16.3	28.7	48.9	70.8	83.1	71.9	6.7
New Mexico	222	1.9	12.2	37457	10.4	26.1	41.0	55.0	72.1	90.5	82.0	19.8
New York	324	2.7	1.7	39603	8.3	19.1	33.0	50.6	69.8	86.4	73.1	4.0
North Carolina	238	2.0	3.0	43745	8.8	19.3	31.9	45.0	63.0	90.8	73.9	4.2
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.5	8380	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	100.0	0.0	66.7	0.0
Ohio	581	4.9	5.1	41651	1.5	10.3	25.3	44.1	70.1	90.0	71.9	3.4
Oklahoma	92	0.8	2.7	40671	5.4	14.1	31.5	45.7	78.3	95.7	60.9	6.5
Oregon	105	0.9	3.1	31989	9.5	23.8	47.6	71.4	84.8	83.8	72.4	9.5
Pennsylvania	652	5.5	5.3	39746	8.6	19.9	33.7	50.5	71.2	87.6	66.1	5.1
Rhode Island	8	0.1	0.8	31999	12.5	12.5	37.5	62.5	87.5	87.5	62.5	0.0
South Carolina	64	0.5	1.6	41237	9.4	15.6	26.6	46.9	62.5	79.7	73.4	3.1
South Dakota	28	0.2	3.7	25780	14.3	42.9	57.1	60.7	75.0	89.3	67.9	28.6
Tennessee	631	5.3	11.1	41352	6.0	15.7	28.7	47.1	71.2	91.0	71.2	7.8
Texas	536	4.5	2.6	40278	8.0	23.3	36.2	48.9	68.3	87.3	75.7	8.0
Utah	103	0.9	4.6	40910	3.9	12.6	26.2	48.5	69.9	87.4	82.5	3.9
Vermont	42	0.4	6.9	41639	4.8	19.0	33.3	47.6	69.0	85.7	81.0	0.0
Virginia	825	7.0	11.7	38047	7.8	21.3	38.3	52.1	73.5	87.5	69.0	9.6
Washington	155	1.3	2.6	36123	6.5	25.2	40.0	57.4	74.8	83.2	81.9	6.5
West Virginia	293	2.5	16.2	38999	6.5	23.5	38.2	51.2	72.4	87.0	65.5	10.2
Wisconsin	124	1.0	2.3	42418	4.0	16.1	29.0	46.8	66.1	91.1	65.3	3.2
Wyoming	56	0.5	11.3	40918	0.0	16.1	26.8	44.6	66.1	87.5	67.9	5.4
Canada	122	1.0	-	47754	7.4	13.1	23.0	41.0	62.3	95.1	82.0	8.2
Other foreign	272	2.3	-	46257	3.7	12.5	25.0	36.8	62.5	32.0	83.1	2.9
ALL MEMBERS	11,849	100.0	-	40972	6.1	17.7	31.6	48.2	70.2	87.3	71.6	6.5

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	6,860	57.9
Family Regular	1,571	13.3
Regular Life	1,472	12.4
Regular General	821	6.9
Family Associate	517	4.4
Sustaining	205	1.7
Associate	156	1.3
Family Life	102	0.9
Institutional	55	0.5
Honorary Member	30	0.3
Family Sustaining	27	0.2
Outstanding Service	20	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	6	0.1
Conservation Life Member	4	0.0
Conservation Member	3	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	11,849	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	825
Georgia	748
California	731
Pennsylvania	652
Tennessee	631
Florida	611
Ohio	581
Texas	536
Alabama	489
Indiana	458
Maryland	400
Colorado	369

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	770
Certificate of Merit	98
Honorary Member	38
Lew Bicking Award	36
Wm J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	29
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	26
James G. Mitchell Award	17
Conservation Award	13
Science Award	12
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	11
Ralph Stone Research Award	2
TOTAL AWARDS	1,052

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	718	243	33.8
10001-20000	1,377	305	22.1
20001-30000	1,649	151	9.2
30001-40000	1,965	61	3.1
40001-50000	2,606	10	0.4
over 50000	3,534	0	0.0
Totals	11,849	770	6.5

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	237	Georgia
301xx	118	Georgia
371xx	110	Tennessee
240xx	102	Virginia
373xx	99	Tennessee
787xx	98	Texas
357xx	97	Alabama
326xx	95	Florida
358xx	92	Alabama
201xx	90	Virginia
462xx	88	Indiana
857xx	88	Arizona

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
65	Maryland
98	Michigan
126	Maryland
128	Virginia
138	Tennessee
162	New York
164	Virginia
175	Arizona
177	California
240	Arkansas
247	Virginia
262	Iowa

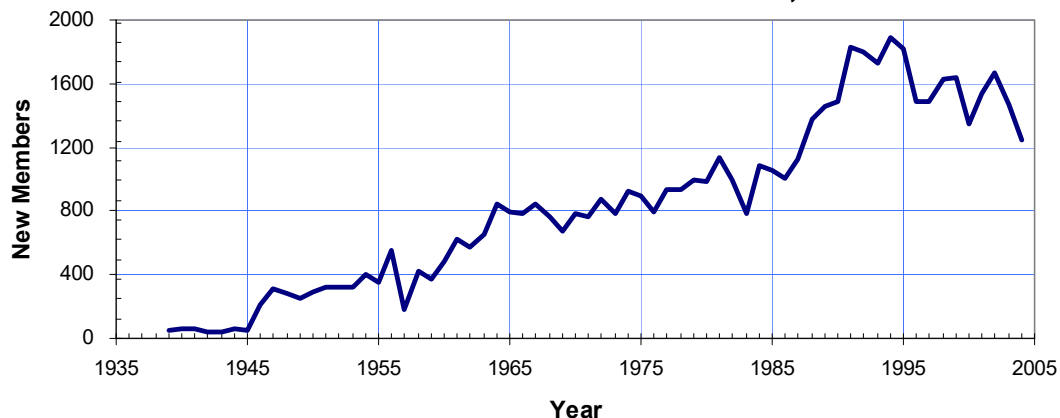
At press time, the highest NSS number was 56502 and was in California

INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION:

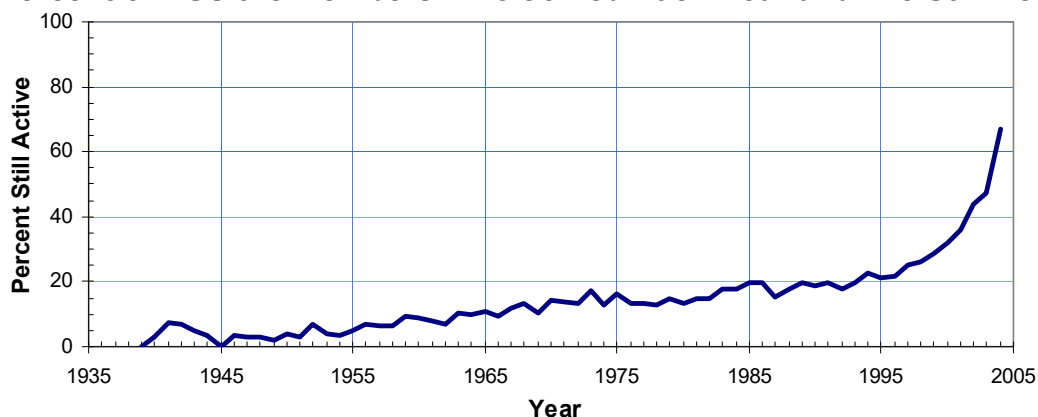
INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	1,086
None	462
Dogwood City Grotto	213
Huntsville Grotto	153
Southern California Grotto	129
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	113
Central Indiana Grotto	105
Colorado Grotto	105
Nashville Grotto	102
DC Grotto	101
San Francisco Bay Chapter	90
Chattanooga Grotto	84
Richmond Area Speleo Society	82
VPI Cave Club	78
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Number of New NSS Members Each Year, 1939-2004



Percent of NSS the Members Who Joined Each Year and Are Still Active



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NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The tables below are a summary of statistics derived from the membership database used to prepare this Manual.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE:

STATE	NSS Members		Caver Density ¹	Median ² NSS #	Percent of NSS Numbers under...					Percent of records with...		
	Number	Percent			10K	20K	30K	40K	50K	Phone#	E-mail	Fellows
Alabama	537	4.4	12.1	41188	4.1	14.2	26.6	48.0	77.1	92.2	63.3	6.1
Alaska	49	0.4	7.8	33898	6.1	32.7	38.8	77.6	91.8	79.6	69.4	12.2
Arizona	242	2.0	4.7	37747	7.9	22.7	37.6	54.5	80.6	88.4	70.7	5.4
Arkansas	140	1.1	5.2	41014	2.9	15.0	29.3	48.6	80.7	85.0	70.7	4.3
California	755	6.2	2.2	39134	6.9	19.3	34.2	52.6	78.0	83.6	70.1	7.7
Colorado	420	3.4	9.8	37971	6.2	18.6	34.5	53.8	75.0	90.2	71.2	6.9
Connecticut	102	0.8	3.0	35977	6.9	16.7	33.3	54.9	84.3	86.3	69.6	1.0
Delaware	27	0.2	3.4	39383	3.7	18.5	29.6	55.6	77.8	100.0	70.4	3.7
Dist. of Columbia	21	0.2	3.7	36075	9.5	23.8	42.9	57.1	66.7	85.7	81.0	9.5
Florida	631	5.1	3.9	45468	3.6	9.4	20.8	38.8	63.5	89.9	76.1	2.4
Georgia	802	6.5	9.8	43302	2.9	11.2	24.4	42.4	76.4	89.4	66.3	4.1
Hawaii	30	0.2	2.5	40838	20.0	20.0	33.3	43.3	93.3	93.3	70.0	13.3
Idaho	81	0.7	6.3	45472	2.5	9.9	23.5	35.8	70.4	88.9	74.1	6.2
Illinois	271	2.2	2.2	39187	5.2	18.5	33.2	52.0	82.7	85.2	66.1	3.3
Indiana	474	3.9	7.8	37927	5.5	16.7	36.5	53.6	79.1	91.4	67.1	6.5
Iowa	44	0.4	1.5	29331	13.6	20.5	50.0	63.6	81.8	84.1	61.4	4.5
Kansas	66	0.5	2.5	38940	6.1	21.2	34.8	57.6	78.8	95.5	71.2	0.0
Kentucky	304	2.5	7.5	41807	5.9	16.1	29.3	47.4	73.4	91.1	67.8	6.2
Louisiana	51	0.4	1.1	44721	3.9	11.8	31.4	35.3	80.4	92.2	70.6	3.9
Maine	22	0.2	1.7	42956	13.6	27.3	27.3	40.9	72.7	68.2	72.7	4.5
Maryland	438	3.6	8.3	37189	5.0	23.1	36.8	55.9	82.0	88.4	68.0	4.8
Massachusetts	105	0.9	1.7	39282	10.5	25.7	37.1	51.4	82.9	74.3	55.2	3.8
Michigan	220	1.8	2.2	40156	2.3	11.4	30.9	48.6	73.6	87.3	70.9	2.7
Minnesota	53	0.4	1.1	37196	3.8	17.0	37.7	54.7	73.6	86.8	73.6	7.5
Mississippi	48	0.4	1.7	35310	6.2	27.1	41.7	66.7	85.4	83.3	56.2	2.1
Missouri	373	3.0	6.7	39084	8.0	19.8	34.0	51.7	77.5	89.8	71.0	7.2
Montana	50	0.4	5.5	37104	10.0	24.0	32.0	54.0	82.0	88.0	70.0	4.0
Nebraska	12	0.1	0.7	40410	16.7	16.7	41.7	41.7	83.3	83.3	58.3	0.0
Nevada	69	0.6	3.5	33828	13.0	34.8	43.5	62.3	76.8	71.0	68.1	2.9
New Hampshire	52	0.4	4.2	44258	13.5	26.9	32.7	38.5	75.0	82.7	71.2	1.9
New Jersey	203	1.7	2.4	39659	7.4	15.3	28.6	51.2	82.3	81.3	69.5	5.9
New Mexico	227	1.9	12.5	33749	10.6	27.3	41.9	59.5	81.1	86.8	75.8	16.3
New York	351	2.9	1.8	39095	7.4	17.4	31.6	51.6	74.1	89.2	70.7	3.4
North Carolina	232	1.9	2.9	39976	7.8	17.2	31.9	50.0	74.1	90.9	75.0	4.3
North Dakota	3	0.0	0.5	8380	66.7	66.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	33.3	33.3	0.0
Ohio	627	5.1	5.5	41067	1.4	10.2	26.8	46.4	78.3	89.5	67.3	2.9
Oklahoma	103	0.8	3.0	40503	5.8	15.5	34.0	48.5	85.4	93.2	60.2	5.8
Oregon	114	0.9	3.3	33321	8.8	21.9	45.6	70.2	86.8	81.6	66.7	7.9
Pennsylvania	688	5.6	5.6	39299	8.7	19.6	33.9	51.6	78.3	87.4	64.2	4.8
Rhode Island	13	0.1	1.2	35964	7.7	7.7	30.8	53.8	100.0	84.6	76.9	0.0
South Carolina	74	0.6	1.8	42936	8.1	13.5	21.6	39.2	66.2	86.5	83.8	2.7
South Dakota	25	0.2	3.3	18198	16.0	48.0	60.0	68.0	88.0	92.0	56.0	24.0
Tennessee	647	5.3	11.4	40596	6.0	15.3	28.6	48.8	79.1	89.5	70.2	7.1
Texas	502	4.1	2.4	36193	9.4	26.1	40.8	56.2	81.1	87.5	74.9	7.4
Utah	95	0.8	4.3	38171	3.2	16.8	30.5	55.8	82.1	92.6	73.7	5.3
Vermont	38	0.3	6.2	38084	5.3	23.7	36.8	52.6	76.3	84.2	76.3	0.0
Virginia	824	6.7	11.6	37241	7.8	21.2	38.8	54.4	80.0	88.1	71.4	8.0
Washington	152	1.2	2.6	37184	8.6	26.3	39.5	57.9	82.9	81.6	72.4	5.9
West Virginia	285	2.3	15.8	37134	7.7	24.6	39.6	55.8	81.8	87.0	66.3	10.9
Wisconsin	113	0.9	2.1	38702	6.2	20.4	34.5	54.0	77.9	90.3	61.9	3.5
Wyoming	57	0.5	11.5	34565	0.0	21.1	35.1	59.6	82.5	77.2	61.4	5.3
Canada	119	1.0	-	43838	8.4	14.3	28.6	47.9	72.3	93.3	76.5	7.6
Other foreign	282	2.3	-	43388	5.3	14.2	30.1	41.8	75.9	31.9	76.6	3.9
ALL MEMBERS	12,263	100.0	-	39696	6.2	17.8	32.6	50.7	77.8	86.8	69.5	5.7

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NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	7,473	60.9
Family Regular	1,593	13.0
Regular Life	1,326	10.8
Regular General	685	5.6
Family Associate	568	4.6
Associate	207	1.7
Sustaining	206	1.7
Family Life	83	0.7
Institutional	52	0.4
Honorary Member	31	0.3
Outstanding Service	21	0.2
Family Sustaining	16	0.1
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	2	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	12,263	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	824
Georgia	802
California	755
Pennsylvania	688
Tennessee	647
Florida	631
Ohio	627
Alabama	537
Texas	502
Indiana	474
Maryland	438
Colorado	420

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	704
Certificate of Merit	90
Honorary Member	36
Lew Bicking Award	33
Wm. J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award	27
Peter M. Hauer Spelean History Award	23
James G. Mitchell Award	14
Conservation Award	10
Spelean Arts and Letters Award	9
Science Award	9
Ralph Stone Research Award	2
TOTAL AWARDS	957

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371xx	104	Tennessee
357xx	103	Alabama
462xx	101	Indiana
787xx	101	Texas
326xx	98	Florida
303xx	95	Georgia
370xx	92	Tennessee

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
65	Maryland
98	Michigan
126	Maryland
128	Virginia
138	Tennessee
162	New York
164	Virginia
175	Arizona
177	California
240	Arkansas
247	Virginia
257	West Virginia

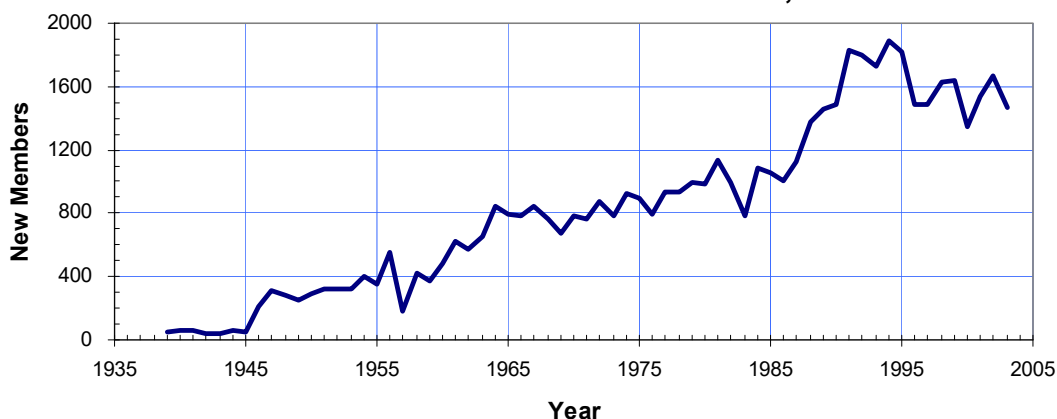
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INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION:

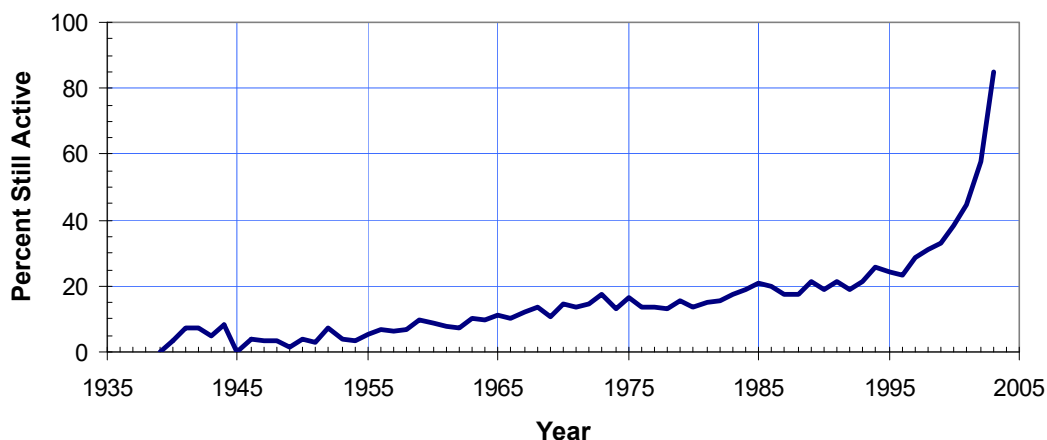
INTERNAL ORGANIZATION	NSS MEMBERS CLAIMING AFFILIATION
Cave Diving Section	1116
None	466
Dogwood City Grotto	206
Huntsville Grotto	168
Colorado Grotto	118
Greater Cincinnati Grotto	118
DC Grotto	117
Southern California Grotto	110
Central Indiana Grotto	109
Nashville Grotto	99
San Francisco Bay Chapter	88
Chattanooga Grotto	87
Richmond Area Speleo Society	83
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NSS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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Alabama	552	4.5	12.5	41191	4.2	13.8	27.2	48.6	79.0	90.8	61.4	6.2
Alaska	44	0.4	7.0	33773	4.5	29.5	38.6	81.8	95.5	81.8	70.5	13.6
Arizona	250	2.0	4.9	37747	8.0	23.6	37.2	54.8	83.2	86.8	67.6	5.6
Arkansas	147	1.2	5.5	40354	2.7	14.3	28.6	49.7	84.4	85.7	69.4	4.1
California	737	6.0	2.2	38246	7.2	20.8	35.5	54.1	82.1	82.6	66.2	7.9
Colorado	399	3.2	9.3	36666	6.8	19.0	35.8	57.4	82.2	89.0	69.4	7.3
Connecticut	112	0.9	3.3	38043	6.2	15.2	30.4	52.7	84.8	82.1	60.7	0.9
Delaware	24	0.2	3.1	39161	4.2	20.8	33.3	66.7	83.3	100.0	66.7	4.2
Dist. Of Columbia	20	0.2	3.5	37582	10.0	25.0	40.0	55.0	65.0	90.0	85.0	10.0
Florida	600	4.9	3.8	44949	3.7	9.3	21.0	40.3	68.0	89.3	72.2	2.7
Georgia	825	6.7	10.1	43136	2.9	11.3	24.2	42.3	78.1	88.2	65.7	4.0
Hawaii	29	0.2	2.4	40740	20.7	20.7	34.5	44.8	96.6	93.1	65.5	13.8
Idaho	80	0.6	6.2	44497	2.5	10.0	23.8	38.8	75.0	86.2	68.8	6.2
Illinois	272	2.2	2.2	38937	5.1	17.6	33.1	54.4	86.0	85.3	63.6	3.7
Indiana	487	4.0	8.0	37773	5.7	17.0	36.8	54.0	81.9	89.7	64.9	6.4
Iowa	43	0.3	1.5	28064	14.0	20.9	51.2	65.1	83.7	79.1	60.5	4.7
Kansas	74	0.6	2.8	39702	5.4	18.9	32.4	52.7	79.7	91.9	68.9	0.0
Kentucky	303	2.5	7.5	40876	5.9	16.8	28.7	48.2	78.5	87.5	69.0	5.9
Louisiana	49	0.4	1.1	44341	4.1	12.2	30.6	34.7	87.8	87.8	63.3	4.1
Maine	25	0.2	2.0	43634	8.0	20.0	20.0	36.0	60.0	80.0	72.0	0.0
Maryland	461	3.7	8.7	36800	4.8	22.8	37.7	57.0	83.9	88.7	62.9	4.6
Massachusetts	120	1.0	1.9	40715	9.2	22.5	34.2	47.5	81.7	76.7	54.2	3.3
Michigan	207	1.7	2.1	38241	2.9	12.6	32.9	53.1	81.6	86.0	66.2	2.9
Minnesota	65	0.5	1.3	39291	4.6	13.8	35.4	50.8	78.5	90.8	75.4	4.6
Mississippi	56	0.5	2.0	37005	5.4	23.2	35.7	60.7	82.1	80.4	55.4	1.8
Missouri	373	3.0	6.7	39077	7.8	19.3	33.2	51.7	79.6	88.2	68.6	7.2
Montana	52	0.4	5.8	37886	9.6	23.1	30.8	51.9	82.7	88.5	73.1	3.8
Nebraska	14	0.1	0.8	40410	14.3	14.3	35.7	42.9	78.6	71.4	64.3	0.0
Nevada	61	0.5	3.1	32821	14.8	39.3	47.5	65.6	82.0	78.7	65.6	3.3
New Hampshire	56	0.5	4.5	45196	12.5	23.2	28.6	33.9	71.4	85.7	66.1	1.8
New Jersey	195	1.6	2.3	38079	7.7	16.9	30.8	53.3	87.7	80.0	69.7	6.7
New Mexico	221	1.8	12.1	33365	10.4	27.6	43.0	62.0	86.4	84.6	70.1	16.3
New York	361	2.9	1.9	38514	7.5	17.7	31.3	52.9	79.2	86.4	69.0	3.3
North Carolina	226	1.8	2.8	39029	8.8	18.6	34.5	54.4	81.0	91.2	75.7	4.9
North Dakota	4	0.0	0.6	16782	50.0	50.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	50.0	50.0	0.0
Ohio	631	5.1	5.6	40477	2.1	10.8	27.3	47.2	81.1	88.1	63.2	3.0
Oklahoma	105	0.9	3.0	36833	7.6	19.0	36.2	53.3	86.7	89.5	59.0	6.7
Oregon	118	1.0	3.4	33321	8.5	22.0	44.9	71.2	87.3	79.7	66.1	7.6
Pennsylvania	708	5.7	5.8	39156	8.5	19.5	33.8	52.4	80.4	87.1	63.1	4.4
Rhode Island	13	0.1	1.2	36249	7.7	7.7	30.8	53.8	100.0	84.6	76.9	0.0
South Carolina	64	0.5	1.6	42936	9.4	15.6	26.6	39.1	73.4	84.4	71.9	3.1
South Dakota	26	0.2	3.4	21652	15.4	46.2	65.4	69.2	80.8	88.5	69.2	26.9
Tennessee	620	5.0	10.9	39460	6.9	16.1	29.8	52.1	84.0	89.0	66.8	7.4
Texas	479	3.9	2.3	33855	10.2	26.7	42.4	58.9	86.8	85.4	70.4	7.7
Utah	101	0.8	4.5	37152	4.0	15.8	29.7	57.4	89.1	92.1	68.3	5.9
Vermont	38	0.3	6.2	38084	5.3	23.7	36.8	55.3	81.6	78.9	65.8	0.0
Virginia	832	6.8	11.8	37118	7.7	20.8	38.8	54.9	83.4	85.9	67.7	8.1
Washington	162	1.3	2.7	34353	8.6	27.2	41.4	59.9	87.7	82.1	67.9	5.6
West Virginia	286	2.3	15.8	36228	7.3	24.5	39.5	57.0	87.1	85.3	66.1	10.8
Wisconsin	116	0.9	2.2	38788	5.2	19.8	33.6	53.4	81.9	84.5	58.6	3.4
Wyoming	54	0.4	10.9	34307	0.0	22.2	35.2	61.1	88.9	72.2	61.1	3.7
Canada	115	0.9	-	39203	8.7	15.7	31.3	52.2	80.0	87.8	73.0	7.8
Other foreign	297	2.4	-	43874	4.7	13.5	28.6	41.8	79.5	35.0	77.1	4.0
ALL MEMBERS	12,314	100.0	-	39190	6.3	18.0	32.9	51.9	81.5	85.6	66.8	5.8

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² Number of NSS members per 100,000 population (based on the 2000 Census).

NSS MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Regular Member	7,604	61.8
Family Regular	1,659	13.5
Regular Life	1,309	10.6
Family Associate	582	4.7
Regular General	514	4.2
Associate	237	1.9
Sustaining	201	1.6
Family Life	81	0.7
Institutional	54	0.4
Honorary Member	31	0.3
Outstanding Service	21	0.2
Family Sustaining	19	0.2
Spouse of Deceased Life Member	2	0.0
TOTAL MEMBERS	12,314	100.0

STATES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

STATE	MEMBERS
Virginia	832
Georgia	825
California	737
Pennsylvania	708
Ohio	631
Tennessee	620
Florida	600
Alabama	552
Indiana	487
Texas	479
Maryland	461
Colorado	399

NUMBER OF MEMBERS WITH SOCIETY AWARDS:

AWARD	NUMBER
Fellow of the Society	709
Certificate of Merit	90
Honorable Member	36
Lew Bicking Award	33
Stevenson Outstanding Service Award	27
Hauer Spelean History Award	23
James A. Mitchell Award	15
Arts & Letters Award	9
Conservation Award	9
Science Award	9
Ralph Stone Research Award	2
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS	962

NSS FELLOW AWARD RECIPIENTS BY NSS NUMBER RANGES:

NSS NUMBERS	#MEMBERS	#FELLOWS	% WITH FELLOWS
1-10000	780	252	32.3
10001-20000	1,437	288	20.0
20001-30000	1,836	121	6.6
30001-40000	2,340	46	2.0
40001-50000	3,640	2	0.1
over 50000	2,281	0	0.0
TOTALS	12,314	709	5.8

ZIP CODES WITH THE MOST NSS MEMBERS:

ZIP CODE	#MEMBERS	STATE
300xx	260	Georgia
301xx	140	Georgia
358xx	111	Alabama
357xx	110	Alabama
857xx	109	Arizona
240xx	105	Virginia
371xx	102	Tennessee
302xx	101	Georgia
462xx	100	Indiana
303xx	99	Georgia
326xx	94	Florida
370xx	90	Tennessee

LOWEST ACTIVE NSS NUMBERS:

NSS NUMBER	STATE
65	Maryland
98	Michigan
116	Tennessee
126	Maryland
128	Virginia
138	Tennessee
162	New York
164	Virginia
175	Arizona
177	California
240	Arkansas
247	Virginia

The highest NSS number is 52821 and is in Pennsylvania.