

**STATE OF NEVADA YUCCA MOUNTAIN SURVEY
SUMMARY REPORT
JUNE, 2002**

Introduction

The following survey was conducted between June 6th and June 19th, 2002 by Northwest Survey & Data Services based in Eugene, Oregon and affiliated with the University of Oregon.

From a randomly generated list of telephone numbers, 406 completed interviews were obtained. The response rate for the survey was 47.43%, and the margin of error was plus or minus 4.9%.

Forty eight percent (48%) of respondents were male and 52% were female. Thirty-three point seven percent (33.7%) were Democrats; 37.9% Republicans; 8.4% were Independents; and 20% were either unregistered or didn't know.

Thirty-four point seven percent (34.7%) of respondents were between 18 and 39 years of age; 30.7% were between 40 and 54 years of age; and 34.2% were 55 and older.

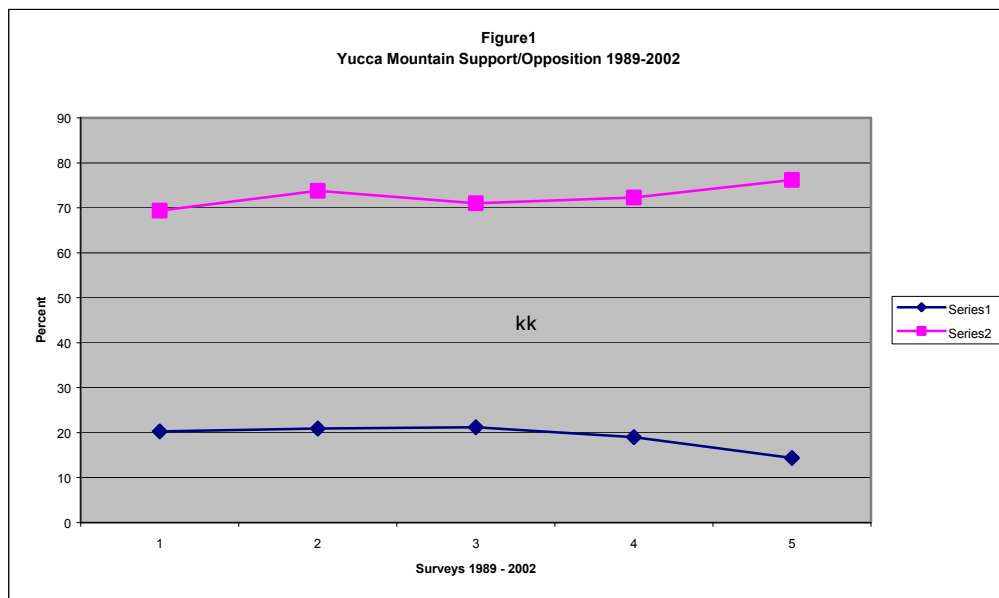
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Summary of Key Findings

The survey found that, despite action in the Congress to override Governor Guinn’s veto of the Yucca Mountain program, opposition to the program remains high. Statewide, over 76% of Nevadans oppose locating a high-level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain and would vote against it if given the opportunity. Only slightly more than 20% support the project.

These results are consistent with finding from past surveys conducted since 1989. Figure 1 below shows that the level of opposition to the Yucca Mountain project has remained consistently high for the past 13 years. The figure depicts results for surveys conducted in 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, and 2002.

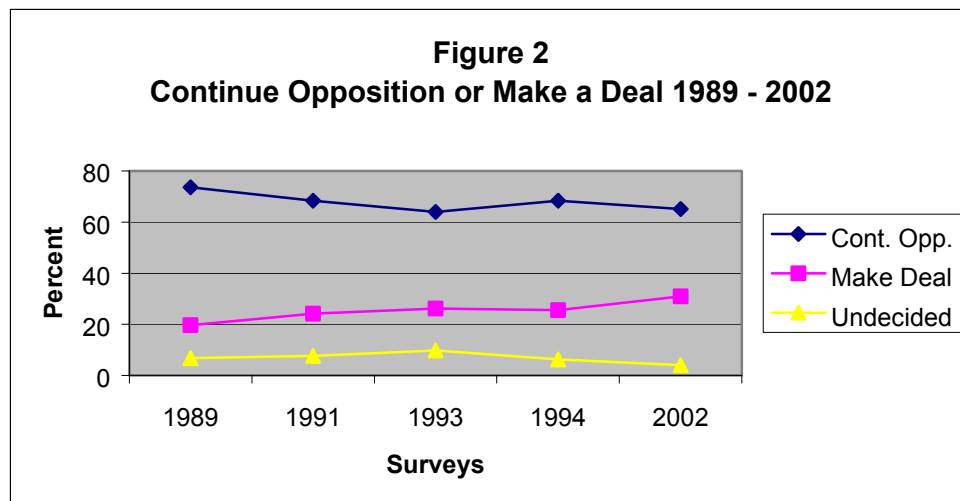


Nevadans also remain opposed to the State abandoning the fight to stop the Yucca Mountain project. The survey asked people to respond to the following question:

“Some people think Nevada should stop fighting the repository and instead try to make a deal with the federal

government for benefits. Other people believe Yucca Mountain is a poor choice, and that state resistance should not be weakened or compromised by entering into a deal for benefits. Do you believe the state should stop its opposition and make a deal, or do you think the state should continue to do all it can to oppose the repository, even if that means turning down benefits that may be offered by the federal government.”

Sixty-five percent (65%) of the respondents favored continuing State opposition, even if that meant turning down benefits, while just under 31% favored making a deal. These survey findings were also remarkably consistent with results for the same question from past surveys (Figure 2).



The survey also asked a number of other questions regarding Nevadans’ perceptions of risks associated with various aspects of the Yucca Mountain project, the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, and actions the State might take in an effort to oppose the project. Results for those questions are contained in the question-by-question results presented below.

Question-by-Question Survey Results

Question 1:

The federal Department of Energy (DOE) wants to build the nation's first high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain in southern Nevada. If given the opportunity to vote on this matter, would you vote for or against locating a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain?

- 1 Vote For
- 2 Vote Against

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	82	20.30%	20.30%
2	308	76.24%	76.24%
8	13	3.22%	3.22%
9	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 2:

The federal government and the State of Nevada have identified several risks presented by the Yucca Mountain repository program. I am going to read a short list and I would like you to tell me if you, personally, think these are items with little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk. The first one is, rail and truck shipments of up to 100,000 casks of high-level radioactive wastes across the country to Nevada.

Do you think this item is of little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk?

- 1 Little or no risk
- 2 Slight risk
- 3 Moderate risk
- 4 High risk

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	29	7.18%	7.18%
2	11	2.72%	2.72%
3	79	19.55%	19.55%
4	281	69.55%	69.55%
8	4	0.99%	0.99%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 3:

The next one is, radioactive contamination of the environment by radioactive emissions to the air or water during the next 10,000 years.

Do you think this item is of little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk?

- 1 Little or no risk
- 2 Slight risk
- 3 Moderate risk
- 4 High risk

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	42	10.40%	10.40%
2	24	5.94%	5.94%
3	65	16.09%	16.09%
4	265	65.59%	65.59%
8	8	1.98%	1.98%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 4:

Economic damage to the major industries such as gaming and conventions because people avoid Nevada as the "Nuclear Dump State".

Do you think this item is of little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk?

- 1 Little or no risk
- 2 Slight risk
- 3 Moderate risk
- 4 High risk

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	104	25.74%	25.74%
2	38	9.41%	9.41%
3	89	22.03%	22.03%
4	167	41.34%	41.34%
8	6	1.49%	1.49%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 5:

Damage to the reputation of Nevada as a place to vacation or live.

Do you think this item is of little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk?

- 1 Little or no risk
- 2 Slight risk
- 3 Moderate risk
- 4 High risk

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	87	21.53%	21.53%
2	34	8.42%	8.42%
3	84	20.79%	20.79%
4	196	48.51%	48.51%
8	3	0.74%	0.74%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 6:

Loss of public revenues because of reduced numbers of visitors and tourists.

Do you think this item is of little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk?

- 1 Little or no risk
- 2 Slight risk
- 3 Moderate risk
- 4 High risk

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	106	26.24%	26.24%
2	36	8.91%	8.91%
3	83	20.54%	20.54%
4	174	43.07%	43.07%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	4	0.99%	0.99%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 7:

Adverse health effects for Nevada residents from transportation and operations of a repository.

Do you think this item is of little or no risk, slight risk, moderate risk, or high risk?

- 1 Little or no risk
- 2 Slight risk
- 3 Moderate risk
- 4 High risk

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	67	16.58%	16.58%
2	36	8.91%	8.91%
3	79	19.55%	19.55%
4	215	53.22%	53.22%
8	7	1.73%	1.73%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 8:

Some people think Nevada should stop fighting the repository and instead try to make a deal with the federal government for benefits. Other people believe Yucca Mountain is a poor choice, and that state resistance should not be weakened or compromised by entering into a deal for benefits. Do you believe the state should stop its opposition and make a deal, or do you think the state should continue to do all it can to oppose the repository, even if that means turning down benefits that may be offered by the federal government.

- 1 Stop fighting and make a deal
- 2 Continue opposition/turn down benefits

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	125	30.94%	30.94%
2	263	65.10%	65.10%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	15	3.71%	3.71%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 9:

The U.S. Senate has until July to override Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn's veto of the Department of Energy (DOE) proposal to build a high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain. If the Senate votes to override the Governor's veto, the state plans to vigorously challenge the project in the federal

courts. Under these conditions, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with law suits by the state of Nevada against the federal government?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	153	37.87%	37.87%
2	127	31.44%	31.44%
3	68	16.83%	16.83%
4	43	10.64%	10.64%
7	2	0.50%	0.50%
8	10	2.48%	2.48%
9	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 10:

Supporters of the Yucca Mountain program say that the Department of Energy (DOE) can be trusted to live up to any benefits agreement the federal government would make with Nevada. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with this claim?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	25	6.19%	6.19%
2	113	27.97%	27.97%
3	139	34.41%	34.41%
4	101	25.00%	25.00%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	23	5.69%	5.69%
9	2	0.50%	0.50%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 11:

In addition to Governor Guinn's veto of the recommendation to develop Yucca Mountain there are a number of other actions that could be taken. Please tell me if you would strongly agree, agree, disagree or

strongly disagree with the following actions. The first one is, filing law suits in the courts to stop the project.

Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with this step?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	128	31.68%	31.68%
2	154	38.12%	38.12%
3	80	19.80%	19.80%
4	37	9.16%	9.16%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	4	0.99%	0.99%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 12:

(The next one is), calling out the Nevada National Guard to stop the Department of Energy (DOE) from proceeding with activities at the site.

Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with this step?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	78	19.31%	19.31%
2	103	25.50%	25.50%
3	137	33.91%	33.91%
4	71	17.57%	17.57%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	13	3.22%	3.22%
9	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 13:

Denying the Department of Energy (DOE) water permits it needs for the project.

Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with this step?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	116	28.71%	28.71%
2	146	36.14%	36.14%
3	88	21.78%	21.78%
4	37	9.16%	9.16%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	14	3.47%	3.47%
9	2	0.50%	0.50%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 14:

Taking action to stop the Department of Energy's (DOE's) other activities at the Nevada Test Site in protest over Yucca Mountain.

Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with this step?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	95	23.51%	23.51%
2	152	37.62%	37.62%
3	101	25.00%	25.00%
4	38	9.41%	9.41%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	11	2.72%	2.72%
9	6	1.49%	1.49%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 15:

Using the Nevada Highway Patrol to stop any shipments of spent nuclear fuel or high-level nuclear waste from crossing into the state.

Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with this step?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	105	25.99%	25.99%
2	115	28.47%	28.47%
3	124	30.69%	30.69%
4	52	12.87%	12.87%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	6	1.49%	1.49%
9	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 16:

What is your age?

INTERVIEWER: ENTER EXACT AGE, 18-99

96 96 OR MORE

- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
18	6	1.49%	1.49%
19	1	0.25%	0.25%
20	4	0.99%	0.99%
21	7	1.73%	1.73%
22	7	1.73%	1.73%
23	1	0.25%	0.25%
24	5	1.24%	1.24%
25	7	1.73%	1.73%
26	7	1.73%	1.73%
27	6	1.49%	1.49%
28	5	1.24%	1.24%
29	4	0.99%	0.99%
30	10	2.48%	2.48%
31	10	2.48%	2.48%

32	10	2.48%	2.48%
33	7	1.73%	1.73%
34	5	1.24%	1.24%
35	13	3.22%	3.22%
36	2	0.50%	0.50%
37	7	1.73%	1.73%
38	8	1.98%	1.98%
39	8	1.98%	1.98%
40	9	2.23%	2.23%
41	7	1.73%	1.73%
42	7	1.73%	1.73%
43	9	2.23%	2.23%
44	6	1.49%	1.49%
45	15	3.71%	3.71%
46	10	2.48%	2.48%
47	5	1.24%	1.24%
48	6	1.49%	1.49%
49	8	1.98%	1.98%
50	13	3.22%	3.22%
51	5	1.24%	1.24%
52	11	2.72%	2.72%
53	9	2.23%	2.23%
54	4	0.99%	0.99%
55	18	4.46%	4.46%
56	9	2.23%	2.23%
57	2	0.50%	0.50%
58	8	1.98%	1.98%
59	4	0.99%	0.99%
60	13	3.22%	3.22%
61	5	1.24%	1.24%
62	4	0.99%	0.99%
63	2	0.50%	0.50%
64	10	2.48%	2.48%
65	9	2.23%	2.23%
66	5	1.24%	1.24%
67	5	1.24%	1.24%
68	4	0.99%	0.99%
69	1	0.25%	0.25%
70	5	1.24%	1.24%
71	2	0.50%	0.50%
72	4	0.99%	0.99%
73	1	0.25%	0.25%
74	1	0.25%	0.25%
75	6	1.49%	1.49%
76	3	0.74%	0.74%
77	3	0.74%	0.74%
78	1	0.25%	0.25%
79	1	0.25%	0.25%
80	4	0.99%	0.99%
81	3	0.74%	0.74%
84	1	0.25%	0.25%
88	1	0.25%	0.25%
89	3	0.74%	0.74%
97	2	0.50%	0.50%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 17:

Are you male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	194	48.02%	48.02%
2	209	51.73%	51.73%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 18:

How many people live in your household?

- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six or more

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	79	19.55%	19.55%
2	143	35.40%	35.40%
3	69	17.08%	17.08%
4	73	18.07%	18.07%
5	19	4.70%	4.70%
6	16	3.96%	3.96%
7	2	0.50%	0.50%
8	1	0.25%	0.25%
9	2	0.50%	0.50%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 19:

How many people in your household are under the age of 18?

- 0 Zero
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six or more

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
0	185	45.79%	56.92%
1	50	12.38%	15.38%
2	61	15.10%	18.77%
3	15	3.71%	4.62%
4	9	2.23%	2.77%
5	3	0.74%	0.92%
7	1	0.25%	0.31%
9	1	0.25%	0.31%
Missing	79	19.55%	
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 20:

How long have you lived in Nevada?

INTERVIEWER: ENTER EXACT NUMBER IN YEARS

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
0	6	1.49%	1.49%
1	25	6.19%	6.19%
2	20	4.95%	4.95%
3	23	5.69%	5.69%
4	14	3.47%	3.47%
5	20	4.95%	4.95%
6	9	2.23%	2.23%
7	9	2.23%	2.23%
8	13	3.22%	3.22%
9	14	3.47%	3.47%
10	15	3.71%	3.71%
11	4	0.99%	0.99%
12	16	3.96%	3.96%
13	11	2.72%	2.72%
14	8	1.98%	1.98%
15	13	3.22%	3.22%
16	6	1.49%	1.49%
17	4	0.99%	0.99%

18	11	2.72%	2.72%
19	4	0.99%	0.99%
20	15	3.71%	3.71%
21	5	1.24%	1.24%
22	7	1.73%	1.73%
23	3	0.74%	0.74%
24	8	1.98%	1.98%
25	11	2.72%	2.72%
26	3	0.74%	0.74%
27	2	0.50%	0.50%
28	2	0.50%	0.50%
29	1	0.25%	0.25%
30	18	4.46%	4.46%
31	5	1.24%	1.24%
32	6	1.49%	1.49%
33	2	0.50%	0.50%
34	7	1.73%	1.73%
35	5	1.24%	1.24%
36	3	0.74%	0.74%
37	5	1.24%	1.24%
38	6	1.49%	1.49%
39	2	0.50%	0.50%
40	5	1.24%	1.24%
41	3	0.74%	0.74%
42	3	0.74%	0.74%
44	1	0.25%	0.25%
45	2	0.50%	0.50%
46	2	0.50%	0.50%
47	2	0.50%	0.50%
48	1	0.25%	0.25%
49	3	0.74%	0.74%
50	4	0.99%	0.99%
51	1	0.25%	0.25%
52	1	0.25%	0.25%
55	1	0.25%	0.25%
56	2	0.50%	0.50%
61	1	0.25%	0.25%
64	3	0.74%	0.74%
65	1	0.25%	0.25%
70	1	0.25%	0.25%
72	1	0.25%	0.25%
75	1	0.25%	0.25%
89	2	0.50%	0.50%
97	1	0.25%	0.25%
99	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 21:

Are you a registered voter in the state of Nevada?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
1	320	79.21%	79.21%
2	82	20.30%	20.30%
7	1	0.25%	0.25%
8	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

Question 22:

What political party are you affiliated with?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent
- 4 Other (SPECIFY)

- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

Question 23:

What is your zip code?

INTERVIEWER: ENTER FIVE DIGIT NUMBER

Value	Count	Percent	Valid %
86060	1	0.25%	0.25%
89005	6	1.49%	1.49%
89006	1	0.25%	0.25%
89007	1	0.25%	0.25%
89012	9	2.23%	2.23%
89014	9	2.23%	2.23%
89015	11	2.72%	2.72%
89019	1	0.25%	0.25%
89020	1	0.25%	0.25%
89024	1	0.25%	0.25%
89027	2	0.50%	0.50%
89029	1	0.25%	0.25%
89030	3	0.74%	0.74%
89031	9	2.23%	2.23%
89032	2	0.50%	0.50%
89040	3	0.74%	0.74%
89045	1	0.25%	0.25%
89048	3	0.74%	0.74%
89052	4	0.99%	0.99%
89060	1	0.25%	0.25%

89074	10	2.48%	2.48%
89101	4	0.99%	0.99%
89102	3	0.74%	0.74%
89103	9	2.23%	2.23%
89104	7	1.73%	1.73%
89106	5	1.24%	1.24%
89107	4	0.99%	0.99%
89108	6	1.49%	1.49%
89109	3	0.74%	0.74%
89110	9	2.23%	2.23%
89113	1	0.25%	0.25%
89115	6	1.49%	1.49%
89117	12	2.97%	2.97%
89118	1	0.25%	0.25%
89119	10	2.48%	2.48%
89120	3	0.74%	0.74%
89121	10	2.48%	2.48%
89122	5	1.24%	1.24%
89123	10	2.48%	2.48%
89125	1	0.25%	0.25%
89128	5	1.24%	1.24%
89129	4	0.99%	0.99%
89130	4	0.99%	0.99%
89131	8	1.98%	1.98%
89134	2	0.50%	0.50%
89135	1	0.25%	0.25%
89139	1	0.25%	0.25%
89142	4	0.99%	0.99%
89144	7	1.73%	1.73%
89145	3	0.74%	0.74%
89146	1	0.25%	0.25%
89147	8	1.98%	1.98%
89148	3	0.74%	0.74%
89149	4	0.99%	0.99%
89156	2	0.50%	0.50%
89301	1	0.25%	0.25%
89315	1	0.25%	0.25%
89316	1	0.25%	0.25%
89318	1	0.25%	0.25%
89401	1	0.25%	0.25%
89402	1	0.25%	0.25%
89403	3	0.74%	0.74%
89404	2	0.50%	0.50%
89406	2	0.50%	0.50%
89408	4	0.99%	0.99%
89410	4	0.99%	0.99%
89411	1	0.25%	0.25%
89413	1	0.25%	0.25%
89415	1	0.25%	0.25%
89419	2	0.50%	0.50%
89423	7	1.73%	1.73%
89424	1	0.25%	0.25%
89429	3	0.74%	0.74%
89431	5	1.24%	1.24%
89432	1	0.25%	0.25%
89433	6	1.49%	1.49%

89434	2	0.50%	0.50%
89436	10	2.48%	2.48%
89442	1	0.25%	0.25%
89444	1	0.25%	0.25%
89445	3	0.74%	0.74%
89447	2	0.50%	0.50%
89448	1	0.25%	0.25%
89449	2	0.50%	0.50%
89450	3	0.74%	0.74%
89501	3	0.74%	0.74%
89502	8	1.98%	1.98%
89503	5	1.24%	1.24%
89506	7	1.73%	1.73%
89509	4	0.99%	0.99%
89510	1	0.25%	0.25%
89511	12	2.97%	2.97%
89512	3	0.74%	0.74%
89523	4	0.99%	0.99%
89533	1	0.25%	0.25%
89602	1	0.25%	0.25%
89701	5	1.24%	1.24%
89702	1	0.25%	0.25%
89703	2	0.50%	0.50%
89704	3	0.74%	0.74%
89705	5	1.24%	1.24%
89706	4	0.99%	0.99%
89801	4	0.99%	0.99%
89815	4	0.99%	0.99%
89820	1	0.25%	0.25%
89832	1	0.25%	0.25%
89835	1	0.25%	0.25%
93274	1	0.25%	0.25%
99997	2	0.50%	0.50%
99998	1	0.25%	0.25%
Total	404	100.00%	100.00%

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