

ASTC Research Reports

Largest Science Centers in the United States



The following lists are based on responses to ASTC's 2008 *Sourcebook Survey* by 77 U.S. members that identify themselves as science/technology centers or museums. Approximately 56 percent of ASTC's museum members are science/technology centers and museums.

10 Largest Centers by On-Site Attendance

Institution	Location
The Franklin Institute	Philadelphia, PA
Museum of Science and Industry	Chicago, IL
California Science Center	Los Angeles, CA
Saint Louis Science Center	St. Louis, MO
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry	Portland, OR
Science Museum of Minnesota	St. Paul, MN
Pacific Science Center	Seattle, WA
Liberty Science Center	Jersey City, NJ
Discovery Place, Inc.	Charlotte, NC
Exploratorium	San Francisco, CA

10 Largest Centers by Total Interior Exhibit Space

Institution	Location
Museum of Science and Industry	Chicago, IL
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry	Portland, OR
Science Museum Oklahoma at Omniplex	Oklahoma City, OK
Discovery Place, Inc.	Charlotte, NC
Great Lakes Science Center	Cleveland, OH
New York Hall of Science	Queens, NY
COSI Columbus	Columbus, OH
Carnegie Science Center	Pittsburgh, PA
Maryland Science Center	Baltimore, MD
The Works: Ohio Center for History,	Newark, OH

10 Largest Centers by Operating Expenditures

Institution	Location
Museum of Science and Industry	Chicago, IL
Science Museum of Minnesota	St. Paul, MN
Exploratorium	San Francisco, CA
The Franklin Institute	Philadelphia, PA
Pacific Science Center	Seattle, WA
Lawrence Hall of Science	Berkeley, CA
Saint Louis Science Center	St. Louis, MO
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry	Portland, OR
Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum	Chicago, IL
California Science Center	Los Angeles, CA

Further information is provided in the *2008 ASTC Sourcebook of Statistics & Analysis*, available for purchase from ASTC Publications, www.astc.org/pubs.