

Courses

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16, North Carolina with 14 and California and South Carolina with 12 each.

Florida also had 45 courses under construction at the end of the year, the NGF found, while 22 were being built in California, 19 in both Texas and North Carolina, and 16 in Illinois.

The NGF and others are calling for even more course construction, and NGF Executive Vice President Dr. Joseph Beditz believes there are some encouraging signs in

the latest research.

"That we had a 45-percent jump in new course openings in 1988 and that 60 percent of these are public are two very positive signs," he said. "Equally encouraging is the 40-percent increase between 1987 and 1988 in the number of courses under construction ... although only 54 percent of these are public."

Beditz said building 400 or more golf courses per year is possible.

"During the 1920s there were 4,500 golf courses built over a 10- to 12-year period,"

he said. "And this happened again in the 1960s ... the second boom period for golf course development in the U.S."

According to the NGF report, the total number of courses in the country at the end of the year stood at 13,626 and the number of golf facilities was 12,582.

A facility may contain more than one course.

Florida's golf boom took the state from second place, past California into first in the nation in golf facilities with 765.

California has 745, followed by New York

with 735 courses, Texas 692 and Michigan 654.

Florida also leads in the number of courses with 932. California has 836, New York 794, Texas 761 and Michigan 721.

Researchers say that because nearly 70 percent of the golf being played today is on public courses, upwards of 65 percent of the new courses must be public facilities.

The NGF report shows that 66 percent of the new courses and 61 percent of the facilities in the United States are open to the public.

Golf Courses By State

(As of December 31, 1988)

State	Daily Fee		Municipal		Private		Total	
	Total	Rank*	Total	Rank*	Total	Rank*	Total	Rank*
Alabama	47	33	36	25	127	14	210	25
Alaska	5	49	2	49	2	51	9	50
Arizona	118	16	31	27	76	29	225	22
Arkansas	44	35	15	40	89	26	148	32
California	351	6	166	1	319	3	836	2
Colorado	58	29	68	9	65	31	191	26
Connecticut	49	32	37	24	83	28	169	28
Delaware	4	50	2	49	18	43	24	49
DC	0	51	3	46	4	50	7	51
Florida	431	2	89	6	412	1	932	1
Georgia	84	23	38	21	175	10	297	15
Hawaii	40	36	7	44	19	42	66	44
Idaho	39	37	24	33	16	45	79	41
Illinois	258	8	132	3	207	6	597	8
Indiana	209	12	61	11	103	20	373	12
Iowa	128	15	54	12	178	9	360	13
Kansas	64	27	47	16	128	13	239	20
Kentucky	84	23	31	27	97	23	212	24
Louisiana	25	44	24	33	103	20	152	30
Maine	91	22	8	43	17	44	116	35
Maryland	27	42	26	30	90	25	143	34
Massachusetts	175	13	38	21	127	14	340	14
Michigan	489	1	86	7	146	11	721	5
Minnesota	216	10	77	8	94	24	387	11
Mississippi	34	38	13	42	98	22	145	33
Missouri	105	18	48	15	117	18	270	17
Montana	33	39	20	36	26	39	79	41
Nebraska	59	28	36	25	74	30	169	28
Nevada	24	45	16	38	5	49	45	48
New Hampshire	74	26	3	46	16	45	93	39
New Jersey	92	21	47	16	123	16	262	18
New Mexico	21	47	26	30	31	38	78	43
New York	409	4	116	4	269	4	794	3
North Carolina	226	9	29	29	207	6	462	9
North Dakota	28	41	45	18	33	37	106	37
Ohio	419	3	91	5	193	8	703	6
Oklahoma	56	30	53	13	64	32	173	27
Oregon	100	19	16	38	36	36	152	30
Pennsylvania	367	5	38	21	237	5	642	7
Rhode Island	24	45	3	46	21	41	48	46
South Carolina	153	14	6	45	121	17	280	16
South Dakota	33	39	26	30	45	34	104	38
Tennessee	84	23	40	20	109	19	233	21
Texas	211	11	150	2	400	2	761	4
Utah	26	43	42	19	21	40	89	40
Vermont	46	34	0	51	11	48	57	45
Virginia	94	20	22	35	140	12	256	19
Washington	111	17	51	14	59	33	221	23
West Virginia	50	31	18	37	41	35	109	36
Wisconsin	267	7	64	10	84	27	415	10
Wyoming	21	47	14	41	12	47	47	47
Total U.S.	6,203		2,135		5,288		13,626	

*National Ranking

Source: National Golf Foundation/Golf Facilities in the U.S. (1989 Edition)

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