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# Stewarding the Monographic Collective Collection: Charting the Present

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# Origin Story

- The Partnership for Shared Book Collections serves 17 shared print monograph programs including 388 libraries
- That service includes scaled research to support:
  - evidence-based decision-making and best practices for shared print and collective collection management;
  - cost-effective retention and access to shared print monograph collections;
  - preservation and long-term accessibility of print resources; and
  - expanding the collective of shared print programs and the value they provide.

# Tier 1 priority research for the Partnership

- Research questions...
  - What is the corpus of content we are looking to protect/preserve as part of Partnership programs (monographs)?
  - What is not being adequately retained (or potentially over retained)?

To answer these questions, we needed to be able to look at the broad landscape of *both retained and unretained* print book collections.



# OCLC Analysis Approach

- Analysis of current registered monograph print retentions in the US and Canada
  - Refine by state/province and shared print program
  - Further refine by subject, language, decade of publication, place of publication, retention expiration date, scarcity
- Compare the landscape of print retentions against all monographic bib holdings

# What we'll share today

- Share initial findings on the landscape of current registered retention commitments of monographs
  - Gaps in data and participation
  - Data anomalies
- Frame the next steps for the analysis
  - Comparing registered retention commitments against unretained holdings
  - Anticipated timeline and deliverables

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# ANALYSIS - PREVIEW

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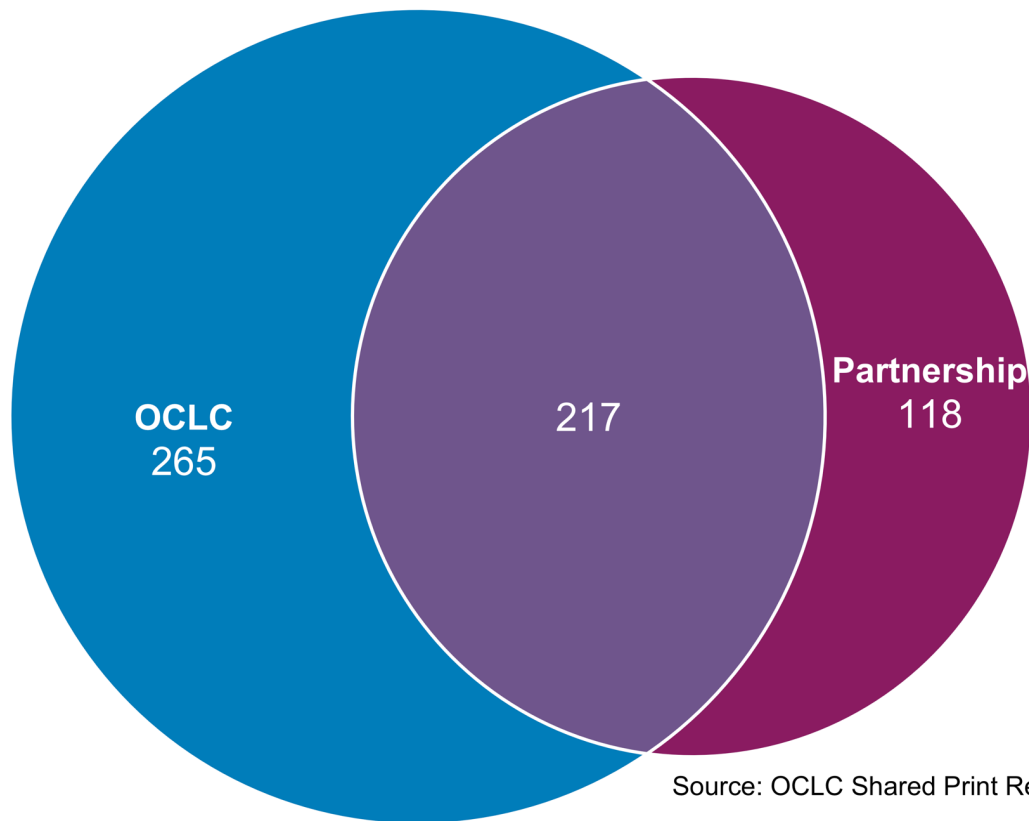
# Data Overview

- Who is represented in the analysis?
  - Institutions that have registered their commitments in OCLC's Shared Print Registry
- What is the state of the data?
  - 34 million registered monographic retention commitments
  - 99% updated in last 5 years
  - Normal errors that need normal cleaning
- What challenges does the state of data present?
  - Multiple overlapping commitments complicate the analysis
    - One item committed to multiple programs
    - Multiple commitments for the same manifestation
  - Unregistered data limits the extent of the analysis



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Institutions with  
monographic  
retention  
commitments



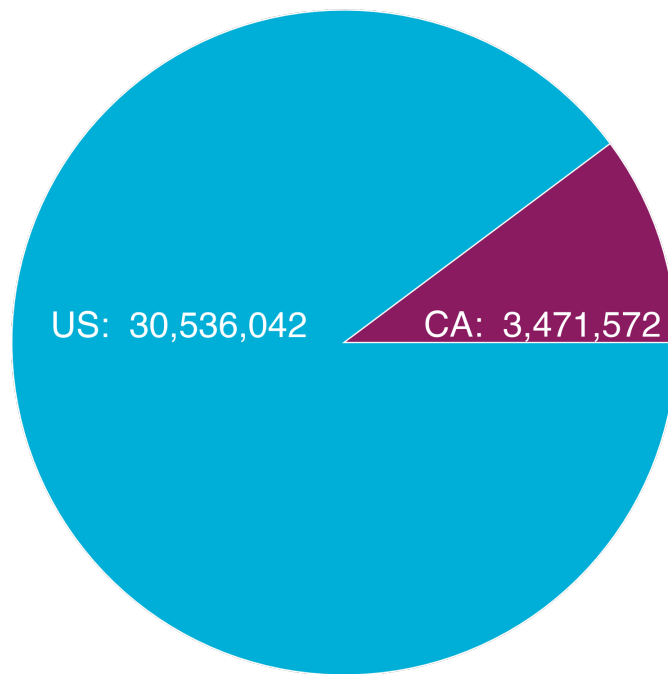
Partnership  
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Participating  
institutions

Source: OCLC Shared Print Registry, January 2024



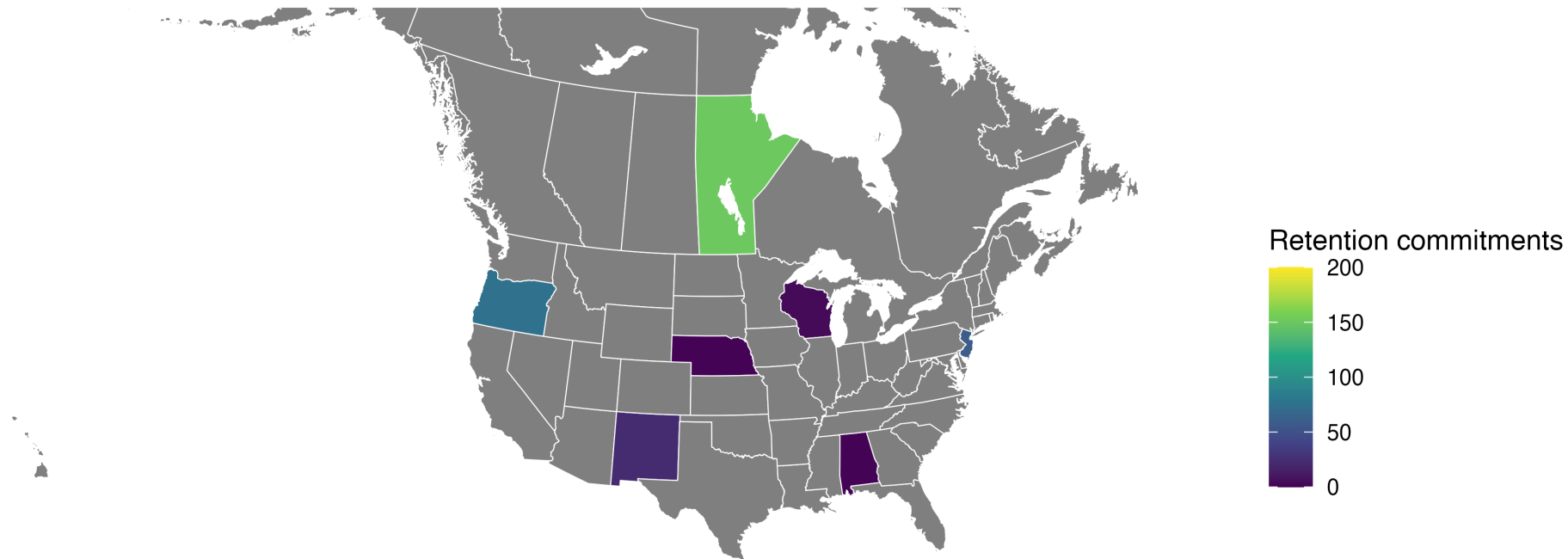
# Registered monographic retention commitments US and Canada



Total: 34,007,614

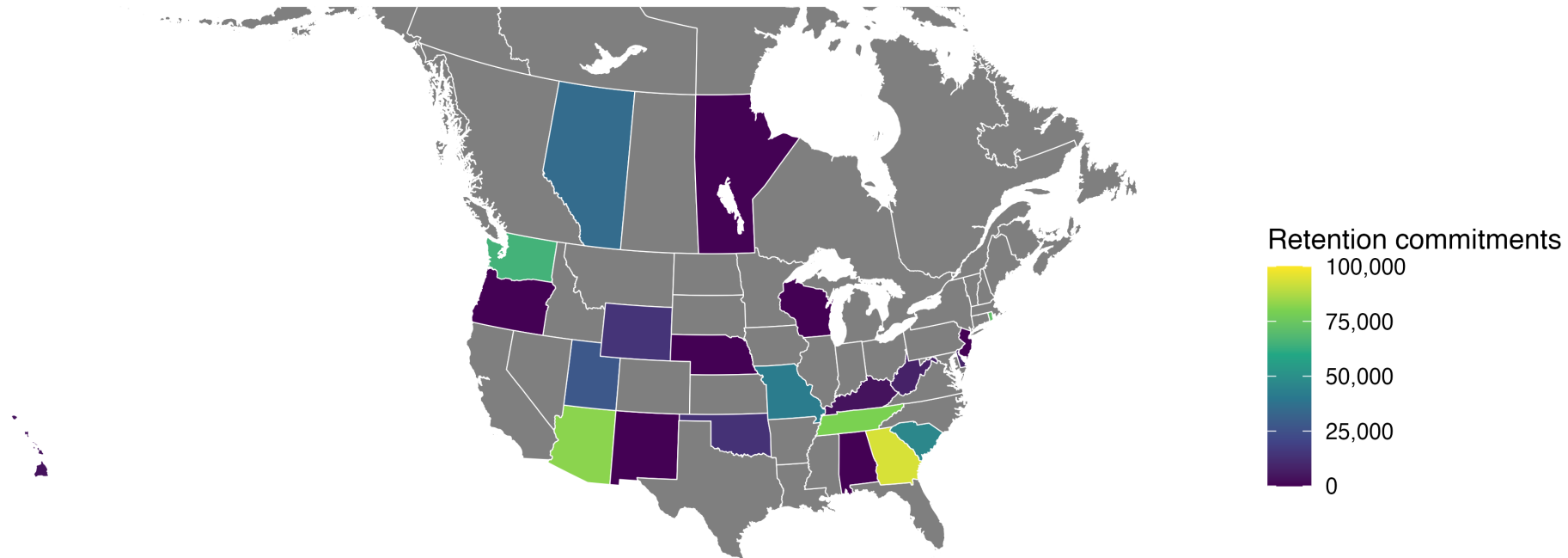
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# Total registered monograph commitments per state



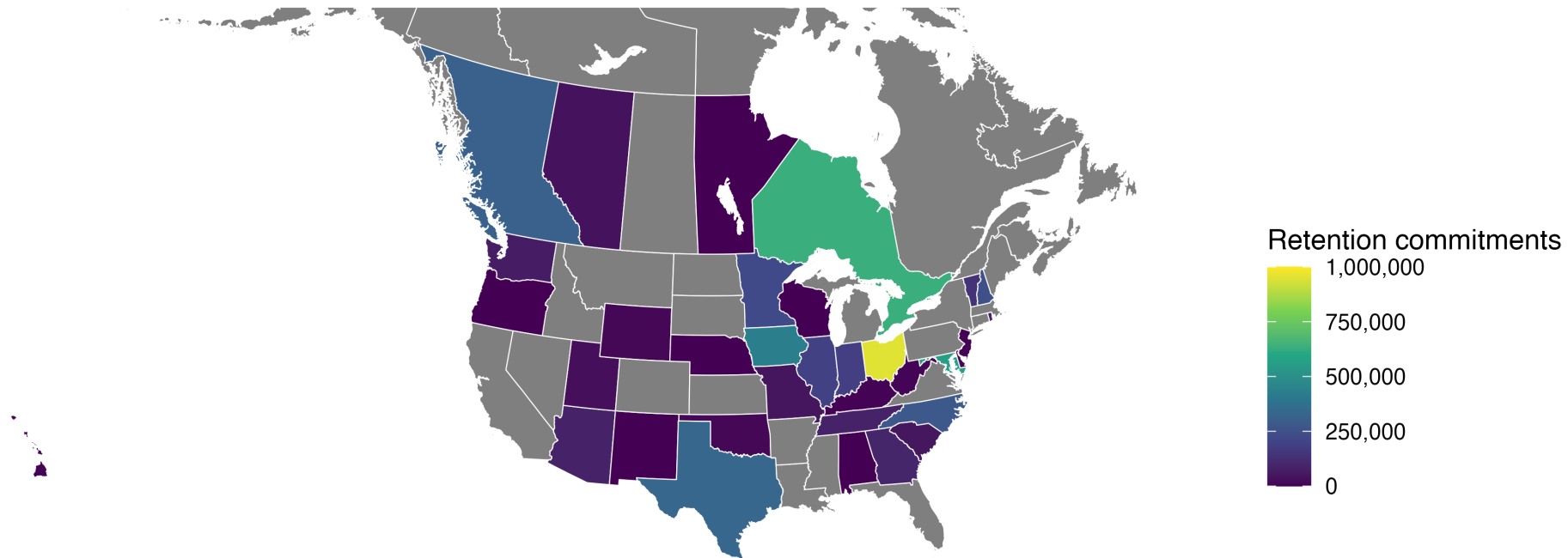
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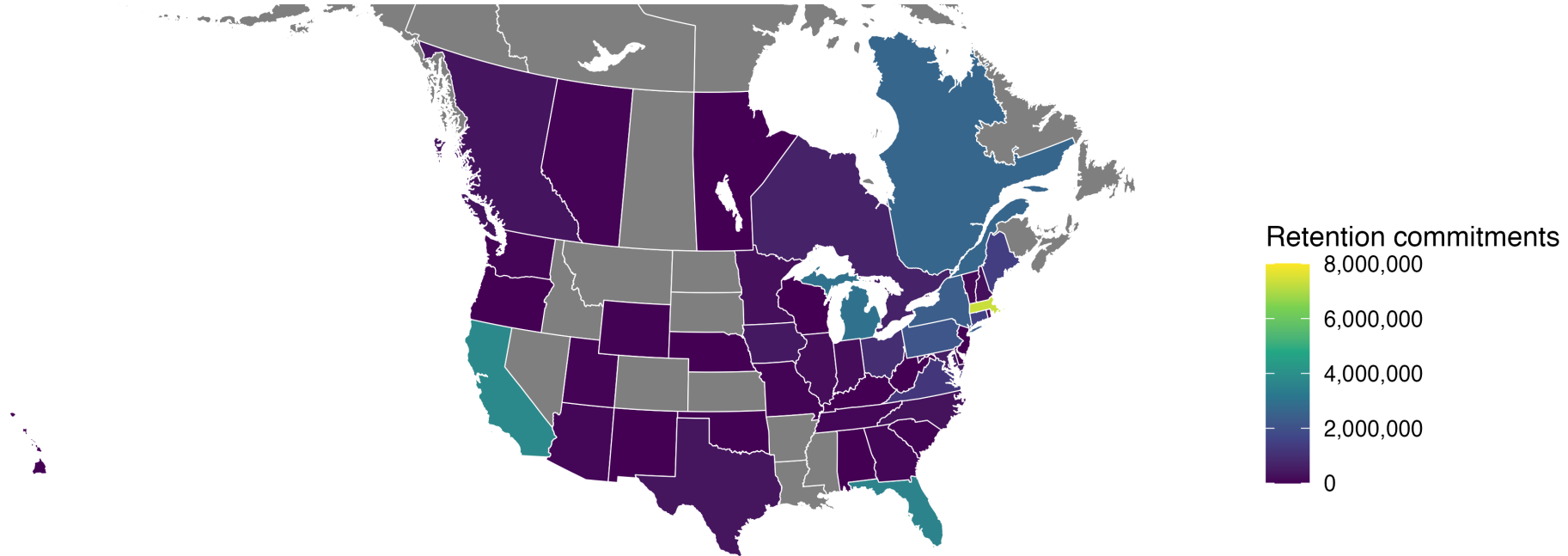
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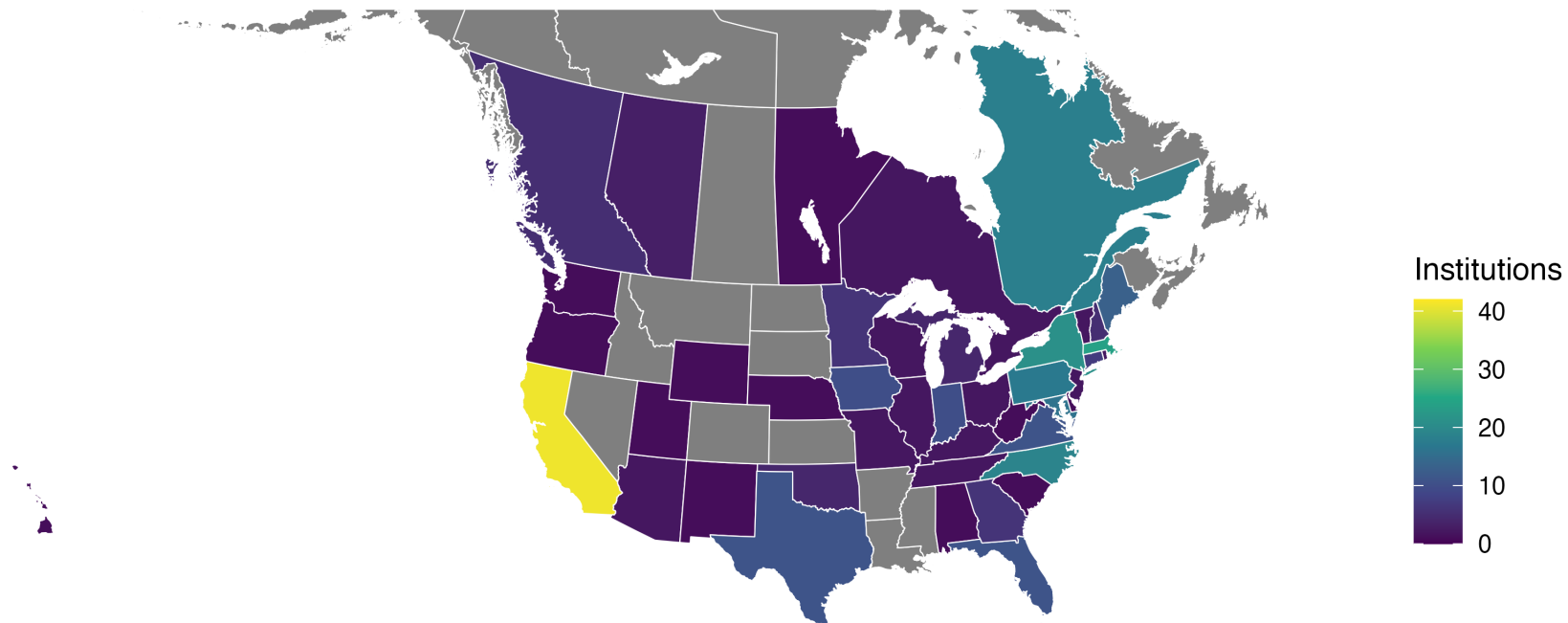
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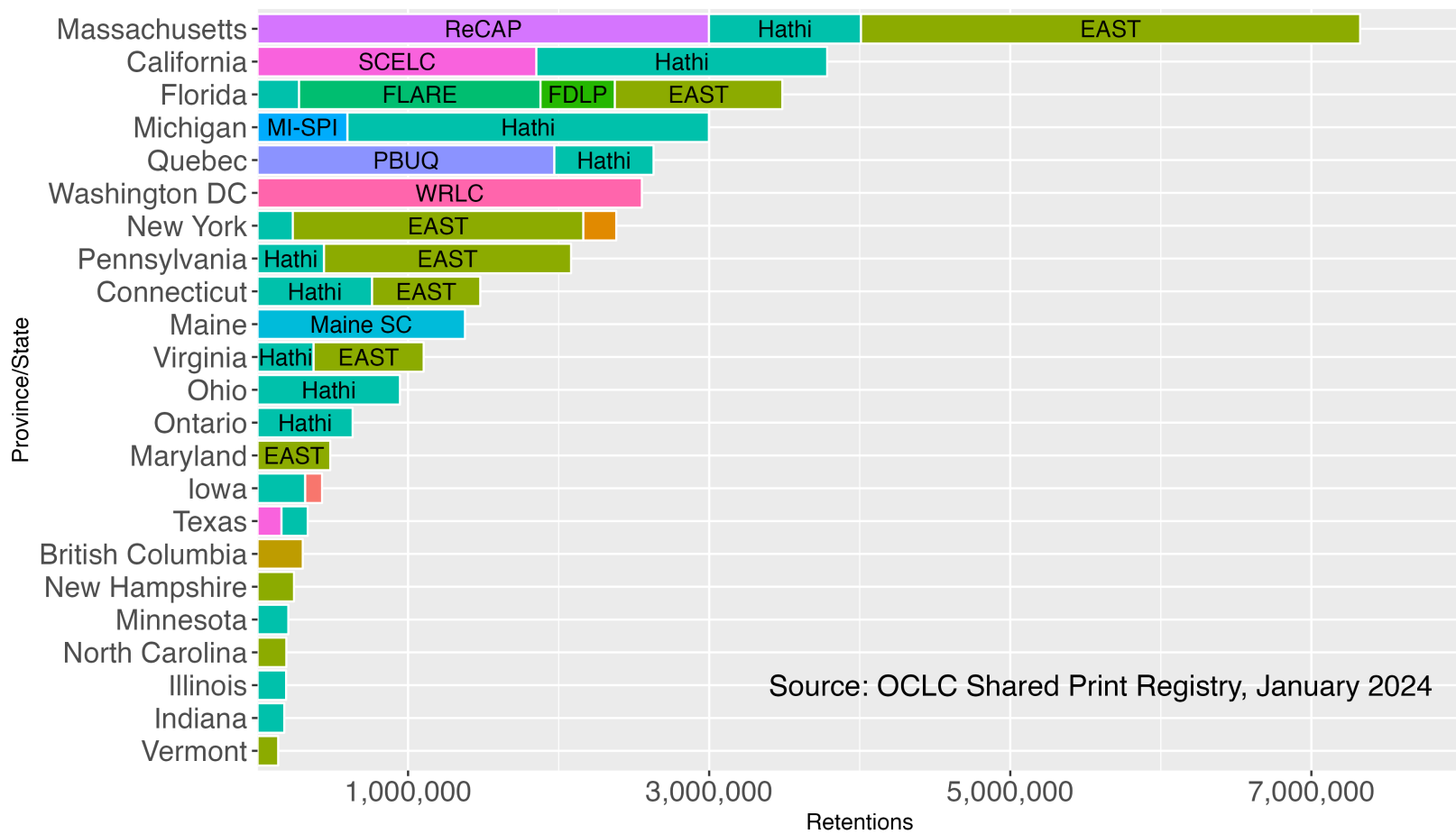
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# Institutions per state with registered monograph commitments



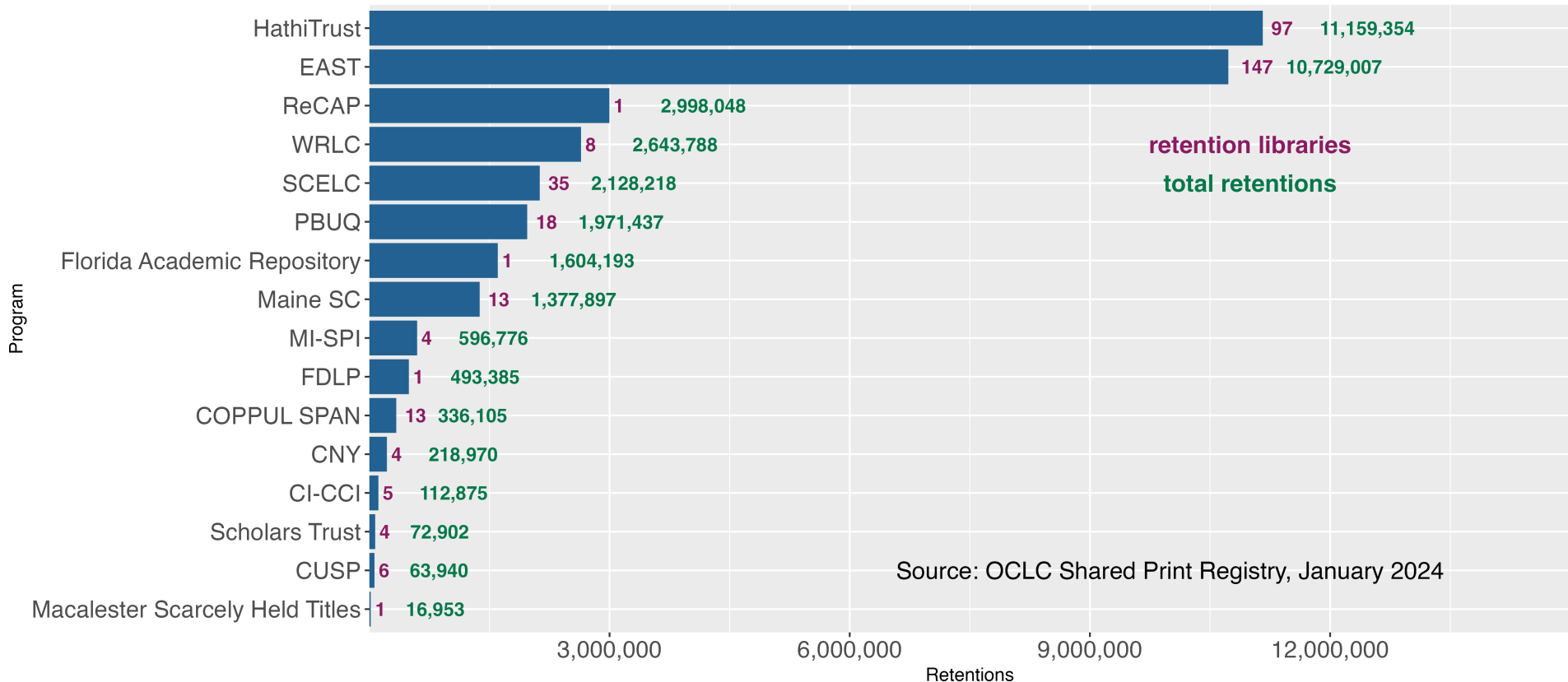
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# Registered monographic retentions by province/state and program (>100,000)



Source: OCLC Shared Print Registry, January 2024

Registered monographic retentions by program (>10000)



Source: OCLC Shared Print Registry, January 2024



# Timeline

- Started data engineering July 2023
- Started analyzing September 2023
- Targeting analysis completion February 2024
- Will produce a public report, mid 2024
  - Including a website with datasets
- Regular updates of analysis as registration grows

# Q&A?

- Join us at the PAN Watercooler!

# Thank you

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