

Appendix table 6-35

**Share of USPTO patents granted to U.S. states: 1999–2005**

(Percent distribution)

Rank/state	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All states (number).....	83,905	85,068	87,600	86,971	87,893	84,271	74,637
All states .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1 California .....	19.99	20.56	21.23	21.65	22.40	23.13	24.10
2 Texas .....	7.21	7.43	7.27	6.93	6.86	7.04	7.05
3 New York .....	7.28	7.15	7.24	7.31	7.09	6.94	6.30
4 Michigan .....	4.39	4.38	4.39	4.44	4.39	4.46	4.51
5 Massachusetts .....	4.20	4.06	4.19	4.15	4.45	4.36	4.17
6 New Jersey .....	4.75	4.57	4.42	4.32	4.01	3.51	3.43
7 Illinois .....	4.45	4.50	4.15	3.99	3.75	3.75	3.69
8 Pennsylvania .....	4.47	4.28	4.03	3.84	3.62	3.42	3.08
9 Ohio .....	4.00	3.76	3.74	3.83	3.62	3.43	3.11
10 Minnesota .....	3.16	3.19	3.01	3.16	3.36	3.27	3.26
11 Florida .....	3.10	3.06	3.02	2.76	2.92	2.91	3.07
12 Washington .....	2.18	2.14	2.25	2.41	2.60	2.64	3.07
13 Colorado .....	2.16	2.17	2.20	2.23	2.35	2.49	2.48
14 North Carolina .....	2.07	2.17	2.22	2.09	2.13	2.13	2.16
15 Wisconsin .....	1.99	1.98	2.10	2.14	2.03	1.97	1.99
16 Connecticut .....	2.14	2.15	2.11	2.08	1.90	1.87	2.04
17 Idaho .....	1.46	1.85	1.94	2.10	2.05	2.12	2.05
18 Arizona .....	1.79	1.87	1.76	1.83	1.80	1.92	1.95
19 Oregon .....	1.31	1.40	1.44	1.67	1.89	2.05	2.17
20 Maryland .....	1.80	1.60	1.69	1.68	1.65	1.56	1.60
21 Indiana .....	1.72	1.68	1.55	1.61	1.58	1.52	1.48
22 Georgia .....	1.57	1.54	1.56	1.49	1.52	1.57	1.63
23 Virginia .....	1.24	1.34	1.27	1.33	1.26	1.28	1.27
24 Missouri .....	1.11	0.97	0.96	0.96	0.94	0.91	0.84
25 Tennessee .....	1.02	0.92	0.93	0.96	0.91	0.81	0.78
26 Utah .....	0.81	0.83	0.82	0.78	0.73	0.81	0.74
27 Iowa .....	0.89	0.69	0.86	0.72	0.76	0.78	0.75
28 New Hampshire .....	0.78	0.74	0.68	0.70	0.77	0.74	0.67
29 South Carolina .....	0.67	0.62	0.64	0.69	0.65	0.62	0.62
30 Oklahoma .....	0.59	0.64	0.66	0.54	0.59	0.53	0.54
31 Kentucky .....	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.52	0.50	0.48	0.46
32 Vermont .....	0.41	0.44	0.52	0.56	0.49	0.47	0.49
33 Louisiana .....	0.58	0.61	0.59	0.51	0.44	0.41	0.36
34 Kansas .....	0.52	0.46	0.36	0.48	0.49	0.53	0.51
35 Alabama .....	0.48	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.45	0.44	0.43
36 Delaware .....	0.50	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.41	0.43
37 Nevada .....	0.35	0.37	0.36	0.35	0.44	0.49	0.51
38 New Mexico .....	0.40	0.38	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.36
39 Rhode Island .....	0.31	0.38	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.37	0.35
40 Nebraska .....	0.23	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.21	0.23	0.24
41 Arkansas .....	0.22	0.25	0.21	0.21	0.17	0.16	0.17
42 Mississippi .....	0.22	0.22	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.15
43 Maine .....	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.20
44 West Virginia .....	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.12	0.12
45 Montana .....	0.15	0.13	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.14	0.14
46 South Dakota .....	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.09
47 Hawaii .....	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.07
48 North Dakota .....	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.10
49 District of Columbia .....	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.07
50 Wyoming .....	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.07
51 Alaska .....	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05
52 Puerto Rico .....	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03
53 Other .....	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01

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NOTES: Patents assigned to state based on residence of first-named inventor. States ranked by 2005 share of U.S. patents issued to United States. Other includes U.S. territories.

SOURCES: USPTO, Historic Patents by Country, State, and Year 1963–2005; and Historic Patents by Country, State, and Year, Utility Patents, [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst\\_uth.htm](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst_uth.htm), accessed 15 December 2006.