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An independent inventor, also called an individual inventor, is one whose patent, at the time of grant, is unassigned or assigned to an individual (i.e., ownership of the patent is not assigned to an organization).

The counts in this report represent the number of times inventors from particular states are named on unassigned patents or on patents assigned to individuals. If the patent has more than one inventor, each inventor is counted according to his or her state of residence at the time of patent grant. If an inventor has more than one patent, he or she is counted once for each patent.

This report covers utility patents (i.e., "patents for inventions") granted between January 1975 and December 2007.

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STATE	STATE NAME	1975-																		TOTAL
		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
AK	ALASKA	266	36	29	36	34	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	835
AL	ALABAMA	1243	151	109	114	95	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	3537
AR	ARKANSAS	735	73	53	57	76	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	1891
AS	U.S. PACIFIC IS.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	3733	351	336	308	310	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	9895
CA	CALIFORNIA	35807	2977	2958	2880	2967	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	93901
CO	COLORADO	3373	321	379	364	372	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	344	297	9832
CT	CONNECTICUT	3819	376	317	327	326	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	9507
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	551	28	36	32	30	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	1023
DE	DELAWARE	409	42	32	47	40	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	1198
FL	FLORIDA	9692	900	986	919	948	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	28863
GA	GEORGIA	2615	247	258	261	264	278	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	8147
GU	GUAM	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
HI	HAWAII	546	50	51	63	51	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	1412
IA	IOWA	1718	117	134	78	119	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	3802
ID	IDAHO	903	83	85	83	79	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	2670
IL	ILLINOIS	9661	737	647	705	629	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	21990
IN	INDIANA	3029	223	200	199	201	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	7110
KS	KANSAS	1652	124	129	88	123	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	3720
KY	KENTUCKY	1188	121	92	82	118	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	2994
LA	LOUISIANA	2560	235	249	233	212	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	6560
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	5884	445	463	472	494	511	562	577	720	689	707	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	15243
MD	MARYLAND	4103	264	332	323	350	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	10202
ME	MAINE	515	34	55	62	66	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	1426
MI	MICHIGAN	8745	732	722	646	726	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	449	20176
MN	MINNESOTA	3969	392	347	331	321	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	10466
MO	MISSOURI	2787	254	258	192	235	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	7199
MS	MISSISSIPPI	661	60	73	75	80	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	1871
MT	MONTANA	792	74	84	79	61	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	1971
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	2731	302	249	278	295	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	8491
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	411	35	37	45	43	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	1071
NE	NEBRASKA	1115	80	95	88	94	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	2483
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	862	83	94	82	119	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	2721
NJ	NEW JERSEY	8133	602	551	605	569	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	19071
NM	NEW MEXICO	1004	77	113	112	89	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	2698
NV	NEVADA	1017	139	115	114	120	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	3905
NY	NEW YORK	16202	1319	1146	1148	1237	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	36800
OH	OHIO	7348	529	570	519	529	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	16711
OK	OKLAHOMA	2686	230	215	191	179	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	5527
OR	OREGON	3093	241	217	232	221	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	7464
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	7916	590	608	590	676	610	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	19401
PR	PUERTO RICO	174	13	10	8	13	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	386
RI	RHODE ISLAND	648	67	62	64	63	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	1634
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1419	131	172	154	169	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	4149
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	334	14	27	31	33	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	859
TN	TENNESSEE	1921	193	228	184	182	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	5504
TX	TEXAS	10339	970	957	907	985	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	28568
US	UNITED STATES	0	2	7	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	32
UT	UTAH	1672	192	154	213	177	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	5249
VA	VIRGINIA	3325	316	306	290	296	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	9152

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	32	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	63	
VT	VERMONT	325	20	43	36	57	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	1091	
WA	WASHINGTON	4112	416	333	366	410	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	10865	
WI	WISCONSIN	3109	306	263	253	259	292	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	237	8330	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	564	36	46	32	41	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	1281	
WY	WYOMING	364	37	27	21	40	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	908	
U.S. TOTAL		191817		16060		16229		18003		21885		21335		19165		16517		16478		491878	
			16390		15624		16497		16989		22052		20588		18462		14039		13748		
ALL COUNTRIES		288439		22357		22330		24176		30390		30041		28139		24314		23405		712931	
			23495		21578		22646		23483		30744		29767		27472		20241		19914		