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An independent inventor (also called an individual inventor), for purposes of this report, is a person whose patent, at the time of grant, has ownership that 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 a 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 counts the number of times inventors from particular states are named on utility patents (i.e., "patents for inventions") granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the period January 1975 to December 2008. Counts of patent grants are broken out by calendar year.

The source of the data used for this report is the TAF database, maintained by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

COUNTS OF INDEPENDENT INVENTORS BY STATE, BY YEAR

STATE	STATE NAME	1975-																		
		1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	301	29	36	34	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	845
AL	ALABAMA	1394	109	114	95	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	3614
AR	ARKANSAS	806	53	57	76	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	1928
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	4085	336	308	310	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	304	10200
CA	CALIFORNIA	38816	2958	2880	2967	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2580	96513
CO	COLORADO	3694	379	364	372	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	344	297	232	10064
CT	CONNECTICUT	4195	317	327	326	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	206	9713
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	579	36	32	30	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	1041
DE	DELAWARE	451	32	47	40	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	1215
FL	FLORIDA	10592	986	919	948	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	846	29709
GA	GEORGIA	2862	258	261	264	278	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	8386
GU	GUAM	5	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	25
HI	HAWAII	596	51	63	51	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	1449
IA	IOWA	1835	134	78	119	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	3881
ID	IDAHO	986	85	83	79	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	2753
IL	ILLINOIS	10401	647	705	629	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	22425
IN	INDIANA	3252	200	199	201	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	7257
KS	KANSAS	1776	129	88	123	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	3795
KY	KENTUCKY	1309	92	82	118	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	3084
LA	LOUISIANA	2795	249	233	212	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	6699
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	6329	463	472	494	511	562	577	720	689	707	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	15637
MD	MARYLAND	4367	332	323	350	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	10422
ME	MAINE	549	55	62	66	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	1454
MI	MICHIGAN	9477	722	646	726	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	449	458	20634
MN	MINNESOTA	4361	347	331	321	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	10720
MO	MISSOURI	3041	258	192	235	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	168	7367
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MS	MISSISSIPPI	721	73	75	80	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	1902
MT	MONTANA	866	84	79	61	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	2014
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	3033	249	278	295	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	8686
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	446	37	45	43	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	1097
NE	NEBRASKA	1195	95	88	94	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	2551
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	945	94	82	119	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	57	2778
NJ	NEW JERSEY	8735	551	605	569	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	19493
NM	NEW MEXICO	1081	113	112	89	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	2774
NV	NEVADA	1156	115	114	120	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	4028
NY	NEW YORK	17521	1146	1148	1237	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	37586
OH	OHIO	7877	570	519	529	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	424	17135
OK	OKLAHOMA	2916	215	191	179	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	5619
OR	OREGON	3334	217	232	221	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	7848
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	8509	608	590	676	610	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	19794
PR	PUERTO RICO	187	10	8	13	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	394
RI	RHODE ISLAND	715	62	64	63	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	1672
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1550	172	154	169	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	4256
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	348	27	31	33	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	880
TN	TENNESSEE	2114	228	184	182	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	5636
TX	TEXAS	11310	957	907	985	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	29381
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	2	7	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	34
UT	UTAH	1864	154	213	177	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	5573

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VA	VIRGINIA	3641	306	290	296	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	256	9408	
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	34	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	66	
VT	VERMONT	345	43	36	57	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	13	1104	
WA	WASHINGTON	4528	333	366	410	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	331	11196	
WI	WISCONSIN	3415	263	253	259	292	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	237	231	8561	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	600	46	32	41	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	20	1301	
WY	WYOMING	401	27	21	40	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	20	928	
U.S. TOTAL		208244		15624		16497		16989		22052		20588		18462		14039		13748		504528	
			16060		16229		18003		21885		21335		19165		16517		16478		12613		
ALL COUNTRIES		311934		21578		22646		23483		30744		29767		27472		20241		19914		730999	
			22357		22330		24176		30390		30041		28139		24314		23405		18068		