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USPTO patents per capita of U.S. states: 2005

Rank/state	Number	Rank/state	Number
1 Idaho	1,069.7	27 Nevada	158.8
2 Vermont.....	589.7	28 Kansas	138.3
3 California.....	497.6	29 New Mexico.....	137.6
4 Massachusetts	484.0	30 Georgia.....	132.9
5 Minnesota.....	474.2	31 Florida	128.9
6 Oregon	444.6	32 Virginia	125.1
7 Connecticut	434.2	33 North Dakota	116.6
8 Colorado	397.6	34 Maine	114.5
9 New Hampshire	381.1	35 Oklahoma.....	113.7
10 Delaware.....	377.8	36 Missouri.....	108.3
11 Washington.....	364.1	37 South Carolina	108.3
12 Michigan.....	333.3	38 Montana	108.1
13 New Jersey.....	293.8	39 Wyoming	104.2
14 Wisconsin.....	269.4	40 Nebraska.....	103.5
15 Rhode Island.....	245.0	41 Tennessee	98.1
16 Arizona	244.8	42 District of Columbia	94.5
17 New York	243.5	43 South Dakota.....	85.2
18 Texas.....	229.4	44 Kentucky	82.9
19 Utah.....	222.5	45 Alabama	69.9
20 Illinois.....	215.6	46 Louisiana	60.1
21 Maryland	213.1	47 Alaska	52.8
22 Ohio.....	202.2	48 West Virginia.....	50.2
23 Iowa	188.8	49 Arkansas	45.4
24 North Carolina.....	185.6	50 Hawaii	39.3
25 Pennsylvania.....	185.2	51 Mississippi.....	39.2
26 Indiana	176.8	52 Puerto Rico.....	6.6

USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

NOTES: Patents assigned to state based on residence of first-named inventor. States ranked by number of 2005 patents per million inhabitants in 2005.

SOURCES: USPTO, Historic Patents By Country, State, and Year 1963–2005, http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/appl_yr.htm, accessed December 2005; and Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Population for the United States, Regions, and States and for Puerto Rico: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006 (NST-EST2006-01), <http://www.census.gov/popest/states/NST-ann-est.html>, accessed 15 December 2006.