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An independent inventor, also called an individual inventor, is an inventor 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 residing in 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 covers all patent documents (i.e., utility, design, plant, and reissue patents, defensive publications, and statutory invention registrations) granted between January 1977 and December 2005.

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STATE	STATE NAME	1977-																		TOTAL
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
AK	ALASKA	200	27	27	44	39	52	43	30	52	52	65	60	42	48	47	41	37	39	945
AL	ALABAMA	1103	154	160	174	133	142	150	160	183	160	206	237	209	246	207	213	171	148	4156
AR	ARKANSAS	623	74	98	96	76	78	97	93	103	87	83	112	102	110	96	100	80	81	2189
AS	U.S. PACIFIC IS.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	3081	387	364	407	387	377	393	445	413	417	569	491	526	500	472	463	425	357	10474
CA	CALIFORNIA	31179	3446	3363	3812	3774	3784	3833	3991	4437	4160	5325	5264	5215	5062	4828	4819	4306	3556	104154
CO	COLORADO	2814	385	377	386	452	472	474	445	538	438	564	541	540	487	517	449	418	325	10622
CT	CONNECTICUT	3037	340	379	436	354	414	405	406	362	346	528	523	438	444	372	398	298	253	9733
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	451	29	32	32	41	39	35	41	28	35	56	43	37	38	29	12	26	16	1020
DE	DELAWARE	323	38	41	50	38	57	49	58	72	40	46	53	53	65	67	59	63	60	1232
FL	FLORIDA	8082	1029	1047	1109	1170	1144	1199	1305	1447	1404	1719	1749	1725	1590	1466	1575	1452	1233	31445
GA	GEORGIA	2143	241	324	329	342	374	375	401	426	353	537	507	522	548	473	424	359	366	9044
GU	GUAM	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	33
HI	HAWAII	410	65	83	71	61	87	73	64	70	76	70	70	76	87	51	54	52	45	1565
IA	IOWA	1479	175	140	153	162	134	160	162	128	150	226	197	173	191	124	134	128	112	4128
ID	IDAHO	676	119	124	98	107	105	113	108	112	125	113	162	173	163	149	159	122	87	2815
IL	ILLINOIS	7897	847	772	861	794	893	840	998	973	870	1206	1083	1110	978	896	859	767	670	23314
IN	INDIANA	2675	243	256	297	245	266	269	284	310	290	343	384	430	353	336	346	282	234	7843
KS	KANSAS	1362	156	148	151	160	124	156	128	150	141	161	210	201	155	171	175	145	118	4012
KY	KENTUCKY	930	132	106	146	110	102	135	146	124	129	151	161	133	151	141	141	114	85	3137
LA	LOUISIANA	1960	250	274	264	280	282	243	244	283	260	341	334	381	344	317	252	229	196	6734
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	4745	488	512	496	532	584	601	615	660	663	870	793	832	733	691	748	561	467	15591
MD	MARYLAND	3340	364	305	367	423	387	428	463	429	485	545	550	482	468	416	363	351	280	10446
ME	MAINE	434	51	51	40	74	83	89	88	69	53	76	74	82	70	70	53	50	48	1555
MI	MICHIGAN	7069	758	776	855	807	801	904	839	845	741	893	1038	974	882	868	802	717	611	21180
MN	MINNESOTA	3315	423	425	468	435	421	399	436	428	461	655	474	592	538	514	569	468	382	11403
MO	MISSOURI	2262	279	269	301	315	249	308	313	313	393	441	416	403	344	420	325	239	262	7852
MS	MISSISSIPPI	480	68	87	77	88	100	112	75	92	99	102	141	107	102	84	88	77	57	2036
MT	MONTANA	606	96	76	86	101	100	73	120	108	83	110	94	105	87	88	53	54	58	2098
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	2350	322	290	366	316	367	375	387	428	461	489	520	547	583	526	498	451	330	9606
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	351	45	32	41	45	50	48	47	49	37	42	47	57	61	49	25	33	39	1098
NE	NEBRASKA	961	79	93	96	107	104	117	113	86	90	104	92	113	97	82	106	80	85	2605
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	657	84	122	103	111	104	148	154	164	135	131	165	150	147	121	135	123	108	2862
NJ	NEW JERSEY	6673	701	616	704	668	797	739	713	836	839	1122	1024	943	868	730	734	740	602	20049
NM	NEW MEXICO	786	98	83	94	126	134	117	130	122	126	121	139	135	135	120	103	105	69	2743
NV	NEVADA	865	107	98	170	133	156	166	161	172	161	245	279	307	293	252	275	200	215	4255
NY	NEW YORK	13333	1328	1489	1520	1375	1520	1504	1608	1628	1456	1979	1802	1773	1585	1555	1358	1349	1115	39277
OH	OHIO	6161	589	645	680	684	664	692	708	669	672	844	936	814	791	791	772	667	545	18324
OK	OKLAHOMA	2217	234	296	280	280	294	243	230	228	192	206	196	225	195	193	203	152	125	5989
OR	OREGON	2582	318	299	299	257	332	281	315	352	312	384	384	366	421	392	336	332	280	8242
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	6230	673	725	711	721	780	849	794	890	776	1163	1091	1011	900	840	804	708	581	20247
PR	PUERTO RICO	159	21	16	14	12	11	16	13	12	13	13	25	29	11	11	18	11	16	421
RI	RHODE ISLAND	599	85	57	85	83	90	86	87	95	105	91	81	82	65	62	81	63	65	1962
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1130	156	153	156	215	195	199	161	217	156	261	236	246	236	237	198	195	169	4516
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	279	20	33	26	35	44	37	36	27	41	32	47	50	47	43	33	38	31	899
TN	TENNESSEE	1652	221	228	239	264	245	221	231	274	252	337	373	327	292	296	281	257	181	6171
TX	TEXAS	8442	1018	1119	1175	1142	1164	1244	1265	1370	1163	1564	1572	1608	1490	1314	1239	1144	1050	30083
US	UNITED STATES	0	0	0	3	11	4	4	1	5	4	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	43
UT	UTAH	1399	167	178	219	202	258	240	230	245	224	322	287	286	287	292	233	237	195	5501
VA	VIRGINIA	2657	319	369	401	359	359	362	393	389	349	500	485	496	519	449	470	354	329	9559

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	26	0	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	2	4	61
VT	VERMONT	291	31	51	34	55	62	78	68	82	84	67	69	63	76	38	38	43	36	1266
WA	WASHINGTON	3273	437	433	507	385	464	500	463	485	467	577	485	553	538	503	530	457	363	11420
WI	WISCONSIN	2454	304	326	359	325	310	307	355	380	342	457	484	501	470	405	362	378	274	8793
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	447	48	51	44	50	40	63	60	54	54	66	63	56	49	48	41	51	33	1318
WY	WYOMING	302	19	32	41	27	35	52	71	34	37	37	44	48	43	32	49	33	29	965
U.S. TOTAL		158956		18452		19489		20647		22452		27163		26455		23294		20194		529033
			18091		19976		20237		21257		21063		26697		24993		22600		17017	
ALL COUNTRIES		232171		26227		26582		27639		29687		37123		36860		34060		29371		747842
			25822		27944		27009		28423		28608		36713		35866		33456		24281	