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## UTILITY PATENTS REPORT

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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 2011. 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

		1975																			
STATE	STATE NAME	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL	
AK	ALASKA	400	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	29	19	23	916	
AL	ALABAMA	1712	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	87	125	116	3942	
AR	ARKANSAS	992	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	38	68	42	2076	
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
AZ	ARIZONA	5039	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	304	259	353	367	11179	
CA	CALIFORNIA	47621	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2581	2626	3881	3307	106328	
CO	COLORADO	4809	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	344	297	232	225	367	315	10971	
CT	CONNECTICUT	5165	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	206	212	260	242	10427	
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	677	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	15	19	40	1115	
DE	DELAWARE	570	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	33	33	45	1326	
FL	FLORIDA	13445	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	846	822	1063	1110	32704	
GA	GEORGIA	3645	278	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	238	376	430	9430	
GU	GUAM	7	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	26	
HI	HAWAII	761	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	27	53	38	1567	
IA	IOWA	2166	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	77	129	143	4230	
ID	IDAHO	1233	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	75	83	88	2999	
IL	ILLINOIS	12382	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	458	556	491	23930	
IN	INDIANA	3852	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	130	233	210	7830	
KS	KANSAS	2116	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	70	132	104	4101	
KY	KENTUCKY	1601	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	73	91	88	3336	
LA	LOUISIANA	3489	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	138	150	150	7137	
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	7758	511	562	577	720	689	708	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	418	582	643	17281	
MD	MARYLAND	5372	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	294	347	298	11361	
ME	MAINE	732	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	34	33	46	1567	
MI	MICHIGAN	11571	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	448	458	403	507	493	22036	
MN	MINNESOTA	5360	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	256	317	359	11652	
MO	MISSOURI	3726	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	168	157	194	170	7888	
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
MS	MISSISSIPPI	949	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	42	31	36	2011	
MT	MONTANA	1090	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	34	43	44	2135	
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	3855	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	205	326	349	9566	
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	571	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	31	23	16	1167	
NE	NEBRASKA	1472	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	53	67	73	2744	
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1240	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	57	78	132	86	3074	
NJ	NEW JERSEY	10460	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	399	710	533	21135	
NM	NEW MEXICO	1395	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	59	111	98	3042	
NV	NEVADA	1505	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	110	164	143	4445	
NY	NEW YORK	21052	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	766	1057	974	40383	
OH	OHIO	9495	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	424	343	532	424	18434	
OK	OKLAHOMA	3501	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	100	109	120	5948	
OR	OREGON	4004	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	296	320	253	8717	
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	10383	610	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	397	586	523	21300	
PR	PUERTO RICO	218	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	12	15	19	440	
RI	RHODE ISLAND	904	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	38	41	44	1795	
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2045	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	119	116	130	4621	
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	439	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	26	36	42	984	
TN	TENNESSEE	2708	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	159	169	219	6183	
TX	TEXAS	14159	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	770	1131	1003	32285	
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	14	1	3	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	35	
UT	UTAH	2408	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	353	371	306	6603	

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VA	VIRGINIA	4533	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	256	266	365	333	10372	
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	39	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	3	3	73	
VT	VERMONT	481	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	13	23	41	24	1192	
WA	WASHINGTON	5637	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	331	386	532	436	12550	
WI	WISCONSIN	4190	292	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	237	231	240	277	252	9330	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	719	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	20	31	48	28	1408	
WY	WYOMING	489	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	20	30	32	21	1011	
U.S. TOTAL		256157	18003		21885		21336		19165		16517		16478		12614		17359		550341		
		16497		16989		22053		20588		18462		14039		13747		12562		15890			
ALL COUNTRIES		378199	24176		30390		30042		28139		24314		23405		18068		24448		796026		
		22646		23483		30744		29767		27473		20241		19910		18119		22462			