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ALL PATENTS, ALL TYPES REPORT

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An independent inventor (also called an individual inventor), for purposes of this report, is an inventor 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 patent documents of the following types, granted between January 1977 and December 2011 : utility, design, plant, and reissue patents, defensive publications, and statutory invention registrations. 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.

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		1977-																		
STATE	STATE NAME	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	431	30	52	52	65	60	42	48	47	41	37	39	41	20	21	44	23	29	1122
AL	ALABAMA	2016	160	183	160	206	237	209	246	207	213	171	148	168	109	132	156	202	159	5082
AR	ARKANSAS	1140	93	103	87	83	112	102	110	96	100	80	81	93	73	75	75	113	70	2686
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	5397	445	413	417	569	491	526	500	472	463	425	357	418	410	405	356	462	450	12976
CA	CALIFORNIA	53229	3991	4437	4160	5325	5264	5215	5062	4828	4819	4306	3556	4636	4069	3883	3696	5104	4283	129863
CO	COLORADO	5360	445	538	438	564	541	540	487	517	449	418	325	424	393	337	336	464	408	12984
CT	CONNECTICUT	5365	406	362	346	528	523	438	444	372	398	298	253	424	277	244	266	313	285	11542
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	659	41	28	35	56	43	37	38	29	12	26	16	17	27	18	20	24	41	1167
DE	DELAWARE	596	58	72	40	46	53	53	65	67	59	63	60	54	36	25	43	42	52	1484
FL	FLORIDA	14780	1305	1447	1404	1719	1749	1725	1590	1466	1575	1452	1233	1379	1316	1294	1263	1516	1575	39788
GA	GEORGIA	4128	401	426	353	537	507	522	548	473	424	359	366	440	383	360	362	497	569	11655
GU	GUAM	9	2	2	2	4	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	39
HI	HAWAII	850	64	70	76	70	70	76	87	51	54	52	45	69	55	58	48	72	59	1926
IA	IOWA	2403	162	128	150	226	197	173	191	124	134	128	112	141	83	105	110	146	162	4875
ID	IDAHO	1342	108	112	125	113	162	173	163	149	159	122	87	151	106	96	95	129	116	3508
IL	ILLINOIS	12907	998	973	870	1206	1083	1110	978	896	859	767	670	785	741	607	594	745	663	27452
IN	INDIANA	4251	284	310	290	343	384	430	353	336	346	282	234	279	247	197	195	299	270	9330
KS	KANSAS	2257	128	150	141	161	210	201	155	171	175	145	118	115	108	101	95	158	142	4731
KY	KENTUCKY	1661	146	124	129	151	161	133	151	141	141	114	85	101	113	109	94	128	109	3791
LA	LOUISIANA	3553	244	283	260	341	334	381	344	317	252	229	196	201	167	183	191	196	195	7867
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	7958	615	660	663	870	793	833	733	691	748	561	467	634	529	499	534	690	756	19234
MD	MARYLAND	5614	463	429	485	545	550	482	468	416	363	351	280	365	326	274	335	424	341	12511
ME	MAINE	822	88	69	53	76	74	82	70	70	53	50	48	56	38	33	39	42	57	1820
MI	MICHIGAN	11968	839	845	741	893	1038	974	882	868	802	717	611	699	611	616	557	639	629	24929
MN	MINNESOTA	5887	436	428	461	655	474	592	538	514	569	468	382	537	413	338	340	392	461	13885
MO	MISSOURI	3984	313	313	393	441	416	403	344	420	325	239	262	226	224	230	254	267	230	9284
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	1012	75	92	99	102	141	107	102	84	88	77	57	48	82	41	54	40	54	2355
MT	MONTANA	1138	120	108	83	110	94	105	87	88	53	54	58	55	61	55	45	52	61	2427
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	4386	387	428	461	489	520	547	583	526	498	451	330	358	343	280	321	420	440	11768
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	612	47	49	37	42	47	57	61	49	25	33	39	39	36	31	36	25	22	1287
NE	NEBRASKA	1557	113	86	90	104	92	113	97	82	106	80	85	81	90	86	63	91	89	3105
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1329	154	164	135	131	165	150	147	121	135	123	108	118	90	68	100	148	114	3500
NJ	NEW JERSEY	10898	713	836	839	1122	1024	943	868	730	734	740	602	679	619	557	550	865	690	24009
NM	NEW MEXICO	1438	130	122	126	121	139	135	135	120	103	105	69	97	85	86	76	128	116	3331
NV	NEVADA	1695	161	172	161	245	279	307	293	252	275	200	215	225	172	166	147	221	186	5372
NY	NEW YORK	22069	1608	1628	1456	1979	1802	1773	1585	1555	1358	1349	1116	1251	1267	1107	1067	1408	1282	46660
OH	OHIO	10115	708	669	672	844	936	814	791	791	772	667	545	673	539	550	432	673	557	21748
OK	OKLAHOMA	3844	230	228	192	206	196	225	195	193	203	152	125	171	157	123	135	143	139	6857
OR	OREGON	4368	315	352	312	384	384	366	421	392	336	332	280	326	353	467	374	408	355	10525
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	10695	794	890	776	1163	1091	1011	900	840	804	708	581	718	586	515	503	733	654	23962
PR	PUERTO RICO	249	13	12	13	13	25	29	11	11	18	11	16	20	18	11	12	20	20	522
RI	RHODE ISLAND	1085	87	95	105	91	81	82	65	62	81	63	65	80	72	72	70	72	54	2382
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2204	161	217	156	261	236	246	236	237	198	195	169	196	158	158	179	157	174	5538
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	474	36	27	41	32	47	50	47	43	33	38	31	39	27	26	35	42	50	1118
TN	TENNESSEE	3070	231	274	252	337	373	327	292	296	281	257	181	253	236	210	208	226	300	7604
TX	TEXAS	15305	1265	1370	1163	1564	1572	1608	1490	1314	1239	1144	1050	1168	1084	1010	984	1408	1214	36952
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	22	1	6	4	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	54
UT	UTAH	2663	230	245	224	322	287	286	287	292	233	237	195	229	309	366	392	423	379	7599

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VA	VIRGINIA	4826	393	389	349	500	485	496	519	449	470	354	329	401	344	321	328	429	397	11779	
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	35	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	2	4	1	2	4	4	3	3	78	
VT	VERMONT	602	68	82	84	67	69	63	76	38	38	43	36	58	37	18	26	49	33	1487	
WA	WASHINGTON	5999	463	485	467	577	485	553	538	503	530	457	363	499	482	457	527	651	539	14575	
WI	WISCONSIN	4385	355	380	342	457	484	501	470	405	362	378	274	323	315	314	324	365	329	10763	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	743	60	54	54	66	63	56	49	48	41	51	33	58	40	35	41	61	42	1595	
WY	WYOMING	508	71	34	37	37	44	48	43	32	49	33	29	33	23	25	33	38	29	1146	
U.S. TOTAL		275894	22453		27163		26456		23294		20194		20652		17406		22387		645632		
		21257		21063		26698		24993		22600		17018		18505		17165		20434			
ALL COUNTRIES		393394	29688		37123		36861		34060		29371		29308		24817		31287		912559		
		28423		28608		36713		35866		33457		24282		26419		24358		28524			