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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 2013. Counts of inventors and their 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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL			
AK	ALASKA	452	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	29	19	23	21	36	973			
AL	ALABAMA	1976	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	87	125	116	120	137	4199			
AR	ARKANSAS	1132	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	38	68	42	71	57	2204			
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
AZ	ARIZONA	5737	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	304	259	353	367	395	416	11990			
CA	CALIFORNIA	54184	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2581	2626	3881	3306	3738	3914	113978			
CO	COLORADO	5607	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	344	297	232	225	367	315	386	412	11769			
CT	CONNECTICUT	5814	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	206	212	260	242	272	287	10986			
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	740	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	15	19	40	35	34	1184			
DE	DELAWARE	677	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	33	33	45	38	28	1392			
FL	FLORIDA	15572	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	846	822	1063	1110	1228	1316	35247			
GA	GEORGIA	4233	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	239	376	431	397	459	10288			
GU	GUAM	8	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	27			
HI	HAWAII	853	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	27	53	38	50	58	1675			
IA	IOWA	2387	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	77	129	143	89	125	4444			
ID	IDAHO	1404	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	75	83	88	85	104	3188			
IL	ILLINOIS	13964	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	457	556	491	533	616	25075			
IN	INDIANA	4315	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	130	233	210	234	260	8324			
KS	KANSAS	2327	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	70	132	104	98	132	4331			
KY	KENTUCKY	1798	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	73	91	88	94	105	3535			
LA	LOUISIANA	3933	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	138	150	150	179	181	7497			
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	8831	577	720	689	708	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	418	582	643	601	627	18509			
MD	MARYLAND	6107	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	294	347	298	346	371	12078			
ME	MAINE	850	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	34	33	46	39	42	1648			
MI	MICHIGAN	12927	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	448	458	403	507	493	536	558	23130			
MN	MINNESOTA	6008	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	256	317	359	344	382	12378			
MO	MISSOURI	4188	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	168	157	194	170	185	206	8279			
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
MS	MISSISSIPPI	1076	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	42	31	36	57	47	2115			
MT	MONTANA	1267	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	34	43	44	47	67	2249			
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	4496	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	205	326	349	308	345	10219			
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	657	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	31	23	16	24	27	1218			
NE	NEBRASKA	1638	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	53	67	73	106	85	2935			
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1493	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	57	78	132	86	107	115	3296			
NJ	NEW JERSEY	11717	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	399	710	533	583	727	22445			
NM	NEW MEXICO	1604	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	59	111	98	108	117	3267			
NV	NEVADA	1756	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	110	164	143	171	206	4822			
NY	NEW YORK	23653	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	766	1057	974	1062	1178	42623			
OH	OHIO	10533	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	424	343	532	424	449	498	19380			
OK	OKLAHOMA	3865	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	100	109	120	122	157	6227			
OR	OREGON	4468	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	296	320	253	229	280	9225			
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	11699	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	397	586	523	560	560	22420			
PR	PUERTO RICO	238	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	12	15	19	27	10	477			
RI	RHODE ISLAND	1045	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	38	41	44	42	57	1894			
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2352	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	119	116	130	144	151	4916			
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	486	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	26	36	42	71	62	1117			
TN	TENNESSEE	3096	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	159	169	219	218	219	6620			
TX	TEXAS	16343	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	770	1131	1003	1036	1192	34513			
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	18	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	35			
UT	UTAH	2788	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	353	371	306	298	349	7250			

