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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 2003

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STATE	STATE NAME	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	TOTAL	
AK	ALASKA	170	15	15	27	27	44	39	52	43	30	52	52	65	60	43	49	47	41	871	
AL	ALABAMA	880	114	109	154	160	174	133	142	150	160	183	160	206	237	209	247	207	213	3838	
AR	ARKANSAS	514	52	57	74	98	94	76	78	97	93	103	87	83	112	101	109	96	100	2024	
AS	U.S. PACIFIC IS.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
AZ	ARIZONA	2394	348	339	387	364	407	387	377	393	445	413	417	569	491	526	500	472	463	9692	
CA	CALIFORNIA	25365	2928	2886	3446	3352	3782	3765	3784	3833	3991	4437	4160	5325	5264	5216	5061	4828	4822	96245	
CO	COLORADO	2255	272	287	385	377	386	452	472	474	445	538	438	564	541	540	487	517	449	9879	
CT	CONNECTICUT	2479	269	289	340	379	436	354	414	405	406	362	346	528	523	438	446	372	398	9184	
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	389	35	27	29	32	32	41	39	35	41	28	35	56	43	37	38	29	12	978	
DE	DELAWARE	260	37	26	38	41	49	38	57	49	58	72	40	46	53	53	65	67	59	1108	
FL	FLORIDA	6430	821	831	1029	1047	1109	1170	1144	1199	1305	1447	1404	1719	1749	1723	1590	1466	1574	28757	
GA	GEORGIA	1760	210	173	241	324	329	342	374	375	401	426	353	537	507	522	550	473	424	8321	
GU	GUAM	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	6	2	0	33	
HI	HAWAII	320	38	52	65	83	71	61	87	73	64	70	76	70	70	76	87	51	54	1468	
IA	IOWA	1210	129	140	175	140	153	162	134	160	162	128	150	226	197	174	191	124	134	3889	
ID	IDAHO	567	55	54	119	124	98	107	105	113	108	112	125	113	162	173	163	149	159	2606	
IL	ILLINOIS	6596	676	625	847	771	860	793	893	840	998	973	870	1206	1083	1111	980	896	859	21877	
IN	INDIANA	2207	224	244	243	256	297	245	266	269	284	310	290	343	384	429	352	336	346	7325	
KS	KANSAS	1135	119	108	156	148	151	160	124	156	128	150	141	161	210	201	155	171	175	3749	
KY	KENTUCKY	758	91	81	132	106	146	110	102	135	146	124	129	151	161	133	151	141	142	2939	
LA	LOUISIANA	1509	233	218	250	274	264	280	282	243	244	283	260	341	334	382	344	317	252	6310	
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	3917	434	394	488	512	496	531	584	601	615	660	663	870	793	832	733	691	749	14563	
MD	MARYLAND	2794	291	255	364	305	367	423	387	428	463	429	485	545	550	480	467	416	363	9812	
ME	MAINE	342	52	40	51	51	40	74	83	89	88	69	53	76	74	82	70	70	52	1456	
MI	MICHIGAN	5859	614	596	758	776	855	807	801	904	839	845	741	893	1038	978	884	868	802	19858	
MN	MINNESOTA	2623	376	316	423	425	468	435	421	399	436	428	461	655	474	593	538	514	570	10555	
MO	MISSOURI	1850	227	185	279	269	301	315	249	308	313	313	393	441	416	403	343	420	325	7350	
MS	MISSISSIPPI	352	57	71	68	87	77	88	100	112	75	92	99	102	141	103	101	84	87	1896	
MT	MONTANA	447	101	58	96	76	86	101	100	73	120	108	83	111	94	105	86	88	53	1986	
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	1866	247	237	322	290	366	316	367	375	387	428	461	489	520	548	583	526	498	8826	
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	269	44	38	45	32	41	45	50	48	47	49	37	42	47	57	61	49	25	1026	
NE	NEBRASKA	802	82	77	79	93	96	107	104	117	113	86	90	104	92	112	97	82	107	2440	
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	528	64	65	84	122	103	111	104	148	154	164	135	131	165	150	147	121	135	2631	
NJ	NEW JERSEY	5533	615	525	701	616	704	668	797	739	713	836	839	1122	1024	946	867	730	735	18710	
NM	NEW MEXICO	610	93	83	98	83	94	126	134	117	130	122	126	121	139	135	135	120	104	2570	
NV	NEVADA	724	76	65	107	98	170	133	156	166	161	172	161	245	279	307	293	252	272	3837	
NY	NEW YORK	11097	1187	1049	1328	1489	1520	1375	1520	1504	1608	1628	1456	1979	1802	1769	1584	1555	1358	36808	
OH	OHIO	5111	531	519	589	645	680	684	664	692	708	669	672	844	936	813	791	791	771	17110	
OK	OKLAHOMA	1799	224	194	234	296	280	280	294	243	230	228	192	206	196	225	195	193	203	5712	
OR	OREGON	2067	296	219	318	299	299	257	332	281	315	352	312	384	384	366	421	392	336	7630	
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	5098	623	509	673	724	705	721	780	849	794	890	776	1163	1091	1011	901	840	803	18951	
PR	PUERTO RICO	128	18	13	21	16	14	12	11	16	13	12	13	13	25	29	11	11	18	394	
RI	RHODE ISLAND	505	48	46	85	57	85	83	90	86	87	95	105	91	81	82	65	62	81	1834	
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	902	123	105	156	153	156	215	195	199	161	217	156	261	236	245	236	237	198	4151	
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	216	38	25	20	33	26	35	44	37	36	27	41	32	47	50	47	43	33	830	
TN	TENNESSEE	1306	150	196	221	228	239	264	245	221	231	274	252	337	373	327	292	296	282	5734	
TX	TEXAS	6730	897	815	1018	1119	1175	1142	1164	1244	1265	1370	1163	1564	1572	1608	1490	1314	1238	27888	
US	UNITED STATES	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	4	4	1	5	4	2	5	1	1	0	1	42	
UT	UTAH	1136	135	128	167	178	219	202	258	240	230	245	224	322	287	286	287	292	233	5069	
VA	VIRGINIA	2191	242	224	319	369	401	359	359	362	393	389	349	500	485	500	519	449	470	8880	

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	22	2	2	0	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	55
VT	VERMONT	227	34	30	31	51	34	55	62	78	68	82	84	67	69	63	76	38	38	1187
WA	WASHINGTON	2569	347	357	437	433	507	385	464	500	463	485	467	577	485	553	539	503	530	10601
WI	WISCONSIN	1885	304	265	304	326	359	325	310	307	355	380	342	457	484	501	471	405	362	8142
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	359	46	42	48	51	44	50	40	63	60	54	54	66	63	55	49	48	41	1233
WY	WYOMING	249	34	19	19	32	41	27	35	52	71	34	37	37	44	48	43	32	49	903
U.S. TOTAL		129315	14323		18439		19478		20647		22452		27164		26455		23294		491765	
		15318		18091		19936		20237		21257		21063		26697		24997		22602		
ALL COUNTRIES		189809	20535		26227		26582		27639		29687		37124		36860		34060		694199	
		21827		25822		27944		27009		28423		28608		36713		35869		33461		