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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 2004.

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		1977-																		
STATE	STATE NAME	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	185	15	27	27	44	39	52	43	30	52	52	65	60	42	48	47	41	37	906
AL	ALABAMA	994	109	154	160	174	133	142	150	160	183	160	206	237	209	246	207	213	171	4008
AR	ARKANSAS	566	57	74	98	96	76	78	97	93	103	87	83	112	102	110	96	100	80	2108
AS	U.S. PACIFIC IS.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	2742	339	387	364	407	387	377	393	445	413	417	569	491	526	500	472	463	425	10117
CA	CALIFORNIA	28293	2886	3446	3363	3812	3774	3784	3833	3991	4437	4160	5325	5264	5215	5062	4828	4822	4306	100601
CO	COLORADO	2527	287	385	377	386	452	472	474	445	538	438	564	541	540	487	517	449	418	10297
CT	CONNECTICUT	2748	289	340	379	436	354	414	405	406	362	346	528	523	438	444	372	398	298	9480
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	424	27	29	32	32	41	39	35	41	28	35	56	43	37	38	29	12	26	1004
DE	DELAWARE	297	26	38	41	50	38	57	49	58	72	40	46	53	53	65	67	59	63	1172
FL	FLORIDA	7251	831	1029	1047	1109	1170	1144	1199	1305	1447	1404	1719	1749	1725	1590	1466	1574	1452	30211
GA	GEORGIA	1970	173	241	324	329	342	374	375	401	426	353	537	507	522	549	473	424	359	8679
GU	GUAM	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	6	2	0	0	33
HI	HAWAII	358	52	65	83	71	61	87	73	64	70	76	70	70	76	87	51	54	52	1520
IA	IOWA	1339	140	175	140	153	162	134	160	162	128	150	226	197	173	191	124	134	128	4016
ID	IDAHO	622	54	119	124	98	107	105	113	108	112	125	113	162	173	163	149	159	122	2728
IL	ILLINOIS	7272	625	847	772	861	794	893	840	998	973	870	1206	1083	1110	978	896	859	767	22644
IN	INDIANA	2431	244	243	256	297	245	266	269	284	310	290	343	384	430	353	336	346	282	7609
KS	KANSAS	1254	108	156	148	151	160	124	156	128	150	141	161	210	201	155	171	175	145	3894
KY	KENTUCKY	849	81	132	106	146	110	102	135	146	124	129	151	161	133	151	141	142	114	3053
LA	LOUISIANA	1742	218	250	274	264	280	282	243	244	283	260	341	334	381	344	317	252	229	6538
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	4351	394	488	512	496	532	584	601	615	660	663	870	793	832	733	691	749	561	15125
MD	MARYLAND	3085	255	364	305	367	423	387	428	463	429	485	545	550	482	468	416	363	351	10166
ME	MAINE	394	40	51	51	40	74	83	89	88	69	53	76	74	82	70	70	52	50	1506
MI	MICHIGAN	6473	596	758	776	855	807	801	904	839	845	741	893	1038	974	882	868	802	718	20570
MN	MINNESOTA	2999	316	423	425	468	435	421	399	436	428	461	655	474	592	538	514	570	468	11022
MO	MISSOURI	2077	185	279	269	301	315	249	308	313	313	393	441	416	403	344	420	325	239	7590
MS	MISSISSIPPI	409	71	68	87	77	88	100	112	75	92	99	102	141	107	102	84	87	76	1977
MT	MONTANA	548	58	96	76	86	101	100	73	120	108	83	111	94	105	87	88	53	54	2041
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	2113	237	322	290	366	316	367	375	387	428	461	489	520	547	583	526	498	451	9276
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	313	38	45	32	41	45	50	48	47	49	37	42	47	57	61	49	25	33	1059
NE	NEBRASKA	884	77	79	93	96	107	104	117	113	86	90	104	92	113	97	82	107	80	2521
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	592	65	84	122	103	111	104	148	154	164	135	131	165	150	147	121	135	123	2754
NJ	NEW JERSEY	6148	525	701	616	704	668	797	739	713	836	839	1122	1024	943	868	730	734	740	19447
NM	NEW MEXICO	703	83	98	83	94	126	134	117	130	122	126	121	139	135	135	120	104	105	2675
NV	NEVADA	800	65	107	98	170	133	156	166	161	172	161	245	279	307	293	252	272	200	4037
NY	NEW YORK	12284	1049	1328	1489	1520	1375	1520	1504	1608	1628	1456	1979	1802	1773	1585	1555	1358	1349	38162
OH	OHIO	5642	519	589	645	680	684	664	692	708	669	672	844	936	814	791	791	771	667	17778
OK	OKLAHOMA	2023	194	234	296	280	280	294	243	230	228	192	206	196	225	195	193	203	152	5864
OR	OREGON	2363	219	318	299	299	257	332	281	315	352	312	384	384	366	421	392	336	332	7962
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	5721	509	673	725	711	721	780	849	794	890	776	1163	1091	1011	901	840	803	708	19666
PR	PUERTO RICO	146	13	21	16	14	12	11	16	13	12	13	13	25	29	11	11	18	11	405
RI	RHODE ISLAND	553	46	85	57	85	83	90	86	87	95	105	91	81	82	65	62	81	63	1897
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1025	105	156	153	156	215	195	199	161	217	156	261	236	246	236	237	198	195	4347
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	254	25	20	33	26	35	44	37	36	27	41	32	47	50	47	43	33	38	868
TN	TENNESSEE	1456	196	221	228	239	264	245	221	231	274	252	337	373	327	292	296	282	257	5991
TX	TEXAS	7627	815	1018	1119	1175	1142	1164	1244	1265	1370	1163	1564	1572	1608	1490	1314	1238	1142	29030
US	UNITED STATES	0	0	0	0	3	11	4	4	1	5	4	2	5	1	1	0	1	0	42
UT	UTAH	1271	128	167	178	219	202	258	240	230	245	224	322	287	286	287	292	233	237	5306
VA	VIRGINIA	2433	224	319	369	401	359	359	362	393	389	349	500	485	496	519	449	470	354	9230

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	24	2	0	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	2	57
VT	VERMONT	261	30	31	51	34	55	62	78	68	82	84	67	69	63	76	38	38	43	1230
WA	WASHINGTON	2916	357	437	433	507	385	464	500	463	485	467	577	485	553	538	503	530	457	11057
WI	WISCONSIN	2189	265	304	326	359	325	310	307	355	380	342	457	484	501	471	405	362	378	8520
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	405	42	48	51	44	50	40	63	60	54	54	66	63	56	49	48	41	51	1285
WY	WYOMING	283	19	19	32	41	27	35	52	71	34	37	37	44	48	43	32	49	33	936
U.S. TOTAL		144633		18091		19976		20237		21257		21063		26697		24996		22601		512019
		14323		18452		19489		20647		22452		27164		26455		23294		20192		
ALL COUNTRIES		211636		25822		27944		27009		28423		28608		36713		35869		33457		723564
		20535		26227		26582		27639		29687		37124		36860		34060		29369		