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## UTILITY PATENTS REPORT

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An independent inventor, also called an individual inventor, is one 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 from particular states are named on unassigned patents or on patents assigned to individuals. If the patent has more than one inventor, each inventor is counted according to his or her state of residence. If an inventor has more than one patent he or she is counted for each patent.

This report covers utility patents (i.e., "patents for inventions") granted between January 1975 and December 2004.

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STATE	STATE NAME	1975-																		
		1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	205	12	26	23	36	29	36	34	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	752
AL	ALABAMA	912	89	118	124	151	109	114	95	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	3221
AR	ARKANSAS	546	47	61	81	73	53	57	76	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	1740
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	2767	311	359	296	351	336	308	310	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	8949
CA	CALIFORNIA	27803	2356	2917	2731	2977	2958	2880	2967	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3790	3438	84601
CO	COLORADO	2469	248	331	325	321	379	364	372	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	8921
CT	CONNECTICUT	2934	250	302	333	376	317	327	326	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	8657
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	471	25	26	29	28	36	32	30	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	974
DE	DELAWARE	317	22	33	37	42	32	47	40	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	1069
FL	FLORIDA	7186	730	901	875	900	986	919	948	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1247	1169	25847
GA	GEORGIA	1995	150	203	267	247	258	261	264	278	310	280	428	409	431	463	366	354	285	7249
GU	GUAM	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	20
HI	HAWAII	379	46	54	67	50	51	63	51	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	1284
IA	IOWA	1331	123	150	114	117	134	78	119	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	3539
ID	IDAHO	641	49	113	100	83	85	83	79	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	2381
IL	ILLINOIS	7707	543	759	652	737	647	705	629	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	20299
IN	INDIANA	2419	189	208	213	223	200	199	201	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	6547
KS	KANSAS	1312	91	135	114	124	129	88	123	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	3438
KY	KENTUCKY	917	66	113	92	121	92	82	118	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	124	93	2751
LA	LOUISIANA	1888	200	230	242	235	249	233	212	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	6089
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	4620	362	456	446	445	463	472	494	511	562	577	720	689	707	643	591	649	472	13879
MD	MARYLAND	3281	228	329	265	264	332	323	350	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	9356
ME	MAINE	392	35	45	43	34	55	62	66	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	49	47	1302
MI	MICHIGAN	6856	536	677	676	732	722	646	726	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	572	18678
MN	MINNESOTA	2978	275	369	347	392	347	331	321	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	446	384	9423
MO	MISSOURI	2171	152	241	223	254	258	192	235	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	6636
MS	MISSISSIPPI	457	61	61	82	60	73	75	80	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	61	1724
MT	MONTANA	578	52	93	69	74	84	79	61	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	1836
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	2028	194	279	230	302	249	278	295	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	7676
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	313	30	41	27	35	37	45	43	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	979
NE	NEBRASKA	887	67	77	84	80	95	88	94	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	75	71	2269
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	609	63	77	113	83	94	82	119	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	2453
NJ	NEW JERSEY	6501	466	644	522	602	551	605	569	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	17566
NM	NEW MEXICO	769	68	89	78	77	113	112	89	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	96	95	2478
NV	NEVADA	777	61	95	84	139	115	114	120	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	217	169	3382
NY	NEW YORK	12808	923	1196	1275	1319	1146	1148	1237	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	34034
OH	OHIO	5888	449	492	519	529	570	519	529	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	562	523	15373
OK	OKLAHOMA	2089	157	201	239	230	215	191	179	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	5145
OR	OREGON	2391	190	268	244	241	217	232	221	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	6693
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	6257	439	598	622	590	608	590	676	610	706	621	933	930	869	784	722	683	594	17832
PR	PUERTO RICO	132	13	20	9	13	10	8	13	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	341
RI	RHODE ISLAND	497	35	73	43	67	62	64	63	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	1495
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1053	93	135	138	131	172	154	169	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	3786
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	269	23	17	25	14	27	31	33	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	770
TN	TENNESSEE	1381	151	189	200	193	228	184	182	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	223	205	5015
TX	TEXAS	7837	694	890	918	970	957	907	985	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1093	956	25829
US	UNITED STATES	0	0	0	0	2	7	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	27
UT	UTAH	1274	108	142	148	192	154	213	177	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	4636
VA	VIRGINIA	2543	182	285	315	316	306	290	296	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	420	312	8268

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	28	2	0	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	57
VT	VERMONT	243	17	27	38	20	43	36	57	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	987
WA	WASHINGTON	3037	304	388	383	416	333	366	410	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	9750
WI	WISCONSIN	2326	231	273	279	306	263	253	259	292	328	287	368	392	392	381	367	300	309	7606
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	444	36	43	41	36	46	32	41	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	1167
WY	WYOMING	307	14	17	26	37	27	21	40	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	837
U.S. TOTAL		148224	15867		16390		15624		16497		16989		22052		20591		18463		447615	
		12258		15468		16060		16229		18003		21885		21335		19165		16515		
ALL COUNTRIES		224913	23016		23495		21578		22646		23483		30744		29770		27473		649373	
		17955		22555		22357		22330		24176		30390		30041		28139		24312		