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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 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 utility patents (i.e., "patents for inventions") granted between January 1975 and December 2005.

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STATE	STATE NAME	1975-																		
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	217	26	23	36	29	36	34	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	790
AL	ALABAMA	1001	118	124	151	109	114	95	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	3335
AR	ARKANSAS	593	61	81	73	53	57	76	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	1799
AS	U.S. PACIFIC IS.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	3078	359	296	351	336	308	310	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	9254
CA	CALIFORNIA	30159	2917	2731	2977	2958	2880	2967	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	87457
CO	COLORADO	2717	331	325	321	379	364	372	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	9191
CT	CONNECTICUT	3184	302	333	376	317	327	326	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	8881
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	496	26	29	28	36	32	30	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	987
DE	DELAWARE	339	33	37	42	32	47	40	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	1123
FL	FLORIDA	7916	901	875	900	986	919	948	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	26892
GA	GEORGIA	2145	203	267	247	258	261	264	278	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	7543
GU	GUAM	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	20
HI	HAWAII	425	54	67	50	51	63	51	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	1319
IA	IOWA	1454	150	114	117	134	78	119	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	3624
ID	IDAHO	690	113	100	83	85	83	79	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	2460
IL	ILLINOIS	8250	759	652	737	647	705	629	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	20824
IN	INDIANA	2608	208	213	223	200	199	201	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	6742
KS	KANSAS	1403	135	114	124	129	88	123	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	3539
KY	KENTUCKY	983	113	92	121	92	82	118	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	2826
LA	LOUISIANA	2088	230	242	235	249	233	212	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	6254
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	4982	456	446	445	463	472	494	511	562	577	720	689	707	643	591	648	472	390	14268
MD	MARYLAND	3509	329	265	264	332	323	350	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	9612
ME	MAINE	427	45	43	34	55	62	66	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	1348
MI	MICHIGAN	7392	677	676	732	722	646	726	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	19178
MN	MINNESOTA	3253	369	347	392	347	331	321	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	9747
MO	MISSOURI	2323	241	223	254	258	192	235	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	6852
MS	MISSISSIPPI	518	61	82	60	73	75	80	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	1775
MT	MONTANA	630	93	69	74	84	79	61	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	1878
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	2222	279	230	302	249	278	295	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	7953
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	343	41	27	35	37	45	43	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	1016
NE	NEBRASKA	954	77	84	80	95	88	94	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	2344
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	672	77	113	83	94	82	119	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	2543
NJ	NEW JERSEY	6967	644	522	602	551	605	569	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	18061
NM	NEW MEXICO	837	89	78	77	113	112	89	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	2540
NV	NEVADA	838	95	84	139	115	114	120	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	3567
NY	NEW YORK	13731	1196	1275	1319	1146	1148	1237	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	34939
OH	OHIO	6337	492	519	529	570	519	529	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	15805
OK	OKLAHOMA	2246	201	239	230	215	191	179	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	5258
OR	OREGON	2581	268	244	241	217	232	221	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	6925
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	6696	598	622	590	608	590	676	610	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	18327
PR	PUERTO RICO	145	20	9	13	10	8	13	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	350
RI	RHODE ISLAND	532	73	43	67	62	64	63	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	1536
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1146	135	138	131	172	154	169	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	3913
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	292	17	25	14	27	31	33	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	799
TN	TENNESSEE	1532	189	200	193	228	184	182	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	5159
TX	TEXAS	8531	890	918	970	957	907	985	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	26698
US	UNITED STATES	0	0	0	2	7	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	28
UT	UTAH	1382	142	148	192	154	213	177	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	4797
VA	VIRGINIA	2725	285	315	316	306	290	296	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	8546

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	30	0	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	61
VT	VERMONT	260	27	38	20	43	36	57	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	1017
WA	WASHINGTON	3341	388	383	416	333	366	410	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	10061
WI	WISCONSIN	2557	273	279	306	263	253	259	292	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	7828
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	480	43	41	36	46	32	41	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	1195
WY	WYOMING	321	17	26	37	27	21	40	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	866
U.S. TOTAL		160482	15468		16060		16229		18003		21885		21335		19165		16517		461652	
		15867		16390		15624		16497		16989		22052		20588		18462		14039		
ALL COUNTRIES		242868	22555		22357		22330		24176		30390		30041		28139		24314		669612	
		23016		23495		21578		22646		23483		30744		29767		27472		20241		