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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 2006.

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		1977-																		
STATE	STATE NAME	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	227	27	44	39	52	43	30	52	52	65	60	42	48	47	41	37	39	41	986
AL	ALABAMA	1257	160	174	133	142	150	160	183	160	206	237	209	246	207	213	171	148	168	4324
AR	ARKANSAS	697	98	96	76	78	97	93	103	87	83	112	102	110	96	100	80	81	93	2282
AS	U.S. PACIFIC IS.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	3468	364	407	387	377	393	445	413	417	569	491	526	500	472	463	425	357	418	10892
CA	CALIFORNIA	34625	3363	3812	3774	3784	3833	3991	4437	4160	5325	5264	5215	5062	4828	4819	4306	3556	4635	108789
CO	COLORADO	3199	377	386	452	472	474	445	538	438	564	541	540	487	517	449	418	325	425	11047
CT	CONNECTICUT	3377	379	436	354	414	405	406	362	346	528	523	438	444	372	398	298	253	424	10157
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	480	32	32	41	39	35	41	28	35	56	43	37	38	29	12	26	16	17	1037
DE	DELAWARE	361	41	50	38	57	49	58	72	40	46	53	53	65	67	59	63	60	54	1286
FL	FLORIDA	9111	1047	1109	1170	1144	1199	1305	1447	1404	1719	1749	1725	1590	1466	1575	1452	1233	1379	32824
GA	GEORGIA	2384	324	329	342	374	375	401	426	353	537	507	522	548	473	424	359	366	440	9484
GU	GUAM	6	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	33
HI	HAWAII	475	83	71	61	87	73	64	70	76	70	70	76	87	51	54	52	45	69	1634
IA	IOWA	1654	140	153	162	134	160	162	128	150	226	197	173	191	124	134	128	112	141	4269
ID	IDAHO	795	124	98	107	105	113	108	112	125	113	162	173	163	149	159	122	87	151	2966
IL	ILLINOIS	8744	772	861	794	893	840	998	973	870	1206	1083	1110	978	896	859	767	670	785	24099
IN	INDIANA	2918	256	297	245	266	269	284	310	290	343	384	430	353	336	346	282	234	279	8122
KS	KANSAS	1518	148	151	160	124	156	128	150	141	161	210	201	155	171	175	145	118	115	4127
KY	KENTUCKY	1062	106	146	110	102	135	146	124	129	151	161	133	151	141	141	114	85	101	3238
LA	LOUISIANA	2210	274	264	280	282	243	244	283	260	341	334	381	344	317	252	229	196	201	6935
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	5233	512	496	532	584	601	615	660	663	870	793	832	733	691	748	561	467	634	16225
MD	MARYLAND	3704	305	367	423	387	428	463	429	485	545	550	482	468	416	363	351	280	365	10811
ME	MAINE	485	51	40	74	83	89	88	69	53	76	74	82	70	70	53	50	48	56	1611
MI	MICHIGAN	7827	776	855	807	801	904	839	845	741	893	1038	974	882	868	802	717	611	699	21879
MN	MINNESOTA	3738	425	468	435	421	399	436	428	461	655	474	592	538	514	569	468	382	537	11940
MO	MISSOURI	2541	269	301	315	249	308	313	313	393	441	416	403	344	420	325	239	262	226	8078
MS	MISSISSIPPI	548	87	77	88	100	112	75	92	99	102	141	107	102	84	88	77	57	48	2084
MT	MONTANA	702	76	86	101	100	73	120	108	83	110	94	105	87	88	53	54	58	55	2153
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	2672	290	366	316	367	375	387	428	461	489	520	547	583	526	498	451	330	358	9964
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	396	32	41	45	50	48	47	49	37	42	47	57	61	49	25	33	39	39	1137
NE	NEBRASKA	1040	93	96	107	104	117	113	86	90	104	92	113	97	82	106	80	85	81	2686
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	741	122	103	111	104	148	154	164	135	131	165	150	147	121	135	123	108	118	2980
NJ	NEW JERSEY	7374	616	704	668	797	739	713	836	839	1122	1024	943	868	730	734	740	602	679	20728
NM	NEW MEXICO	884	83	94	126	134	117	130	122	126	121	139	135	135	120	103	105	69	97	2840
NV	NEVADA	972	98	170	133	156	166	161	172	161	245	279	307	293	252	275	200	215	225	4480
NY	NEW YORK	14661	1489	1520	1375	1520	1504	1608	1628	1456	1979	1802	1773	1585	1555	1358	1349	1116	1251	40529
OH	OHIO	6750	645	680	684	664	692	708	669	672	844	936	814	791	791	772	667	545	673	18997
OK	OKLAHOMA	2451	296	280	280	294	243	230	228	192	206	196	225	195	193	203	152	125	171	6160
OR	OREGON	2900	299	299	257	332	281	315	352	312	384	384	366	421	392	336	332	280	326	8568
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	6903	725	711	721	780	849	794	890	776	1163	1091	1011	900	840	804	708	581	718	20965
PR	PUERTO RICO	180	16	14	12	11	16	13	12	13	13	25	29	11	11	18	11	16	20	441
RI	RHODE ISLAND	684	57	85	83	90	86	87	95	105	91	81	82	65	62	81	63	65	80	2042
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1286	153	156	215	195	199	161	217	156	261	236	246	236	237	198	195	169	196	4712
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	299	33	26	35	44	37	36	27	41	32	47	50	47	43	33	38	31	39	938
TN	TENNESSEE	1873	228	239	264	245	221	231	274	252	337	373	327	292	296	281	257	181	253	6424
TX	TEXAS	9460	1119	1175	1142	1164	1244	1265	1370	1163	1564	1572	1608	1490	1314	1239	1144	1050	1168	31251
US	UNITED STATES	0	0	3	11	4	4	1	5	4	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	45
UT	UTAH	1566	178	219	202	258	240	230	245	224	322	287	286	287	292	233	237	195	229	5730
VA	VIRGINIA	2976	369	401	359	359	362	393	389	349	500	485	496	519	449	470	354	329	401	9960

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VI	VIRGIN (U.S.) ISLANDS	26	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	2	4	1	62	
VT	VERMONT	322	51	34	55	62	78	68	82	84	67	69	63	76	38	38	43	36	58	1324	
WA	WASHINGTON	3710	433	507	385	464	500	463	485	467	577	485	553	538	503	530	457	363	499	11919	
WI	WISCONSIN	2758	326	359	325	310	307	355	380	342	457	484	501	470	405	362	378	274	323	9116	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	495	51	44	50	40	63	60	54	54	66	63	56	49	48	41	51	33	58	1376	
WY	WYOMING	321	32	41	27	35	52	71	34	37	37	44	48	43	32	49	33	29	33	998	
U.S. TOTAL		177047	19976		20237		21257		21063		26697		24993		22600		17018		549686		
		18452		19489		20647		22452		27163		26455		23294		20194		20652			
ALL COUNTRIES		257993	27944		27009		28423		28608		36713		35866		33456		24282		777151		
		26227		26582		27639		29687		37123		36860		34060		29371		29308			