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An independent inventor (also called an individual inventor), for purposes of this report, is a person whose patent, at the time of grant, has ownership that 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 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 counts the number of times inventors from particular states are named on utility patents (i.e., "patents for inventions") granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the period January 1975 to December 2009. Counts of patent grants are broken out by calendar year.

The source of the data used for this report is the TAF database, maintained by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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STATE	STATE NAME	1975-																		
		1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	330	36	34	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	29	874
AL	ALABAMA	1503	114	95	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	87	3701
AR	ARKANSAS	859	57	76	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	38	1966
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	4421	308	310	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	304	259	10459
CA	CALIFORNIA	41774	2880	2967	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2581	2626	99140
CO	COLORADO	4073	364	372	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	451	382	340	270	344	297	232	225	10288
CT	CONNECTICUT	4512	327	326	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	206	212	9925
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	615	32	30	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	15	1056
DE	DELAWARE	483	47	40	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	33	1248
FL	FLORIDA	11578	919	948	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	846	822	30531
GA	GEORGIA	3120	261	264	278	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	238	8624
GU	GUAM	5	1	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	26
HI	HAWAII	647	63	51	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	27	1476
IA	IOWA	1969	78	119	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	77	3958
ID	IDAHO	1071	83	79	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	75	2828
IL	ILLINOIS	11048	705	629	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	458	22883
IN	INDIANA	3452	199	201	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	130	7387
KS	KANSAS	1905	88	123	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	70	3865
KY	KENTUCKY	1401	82	118	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	73	3157
LA	LOUISIANA	3044	233	212	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	138	6837
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	6792	472	494	511	562	577	720	689	707	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	418	16055
MD	MARYLAND	4699	323	350	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	294	10716
ME	MAINE	604	62	66	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	34	1488
MI	MICHIGAN	10199	646	726	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	448	458	403	21036
MN	MINNESOTA	4708	331	321	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	256	10976
MO	MISSOURI	3299	192	235	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	168	157	7524
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MS	MISSISSIPPI	794	75	80	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	42	1944
MT	MONTANA	950	79	61	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	34	2048
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	3282	278	295	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	205	8891
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	483	45	43	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	31	1128
NE	NEBRASKA	1290	88	94	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	53	2604
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1039	82	119	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	57	78	2856
NJ	NEW JERSEY	9286	605	569	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	399	19892
NM	NEW MEXICO	1194	112	89	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	59	2833
NV	NEVADA	1271	114	120	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	110	4138
NY	NEW YORK	18667	1148	1237	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	766	38352
OH	OHIO	8447	519	529	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	424	343	17478
OK	OKLAHOMA	3131	191	179	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	100	5719
OR	OREGON	3551	232	221	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	296	8144
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	9117	590	676	610	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	397	20191
PR	PUERTO RICO	197	8	13	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	12	406
RI	RHODE ISLAND	777	64	63	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	38	1710
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1722	154	169	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	119	4375
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	375	31	33	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	26	906
TN	TENNESSEE	2342	184	182	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	159	5795
TX	TEXAS	12267	907	985	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	770	30151
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	9	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	34
UT	UTAH	2018	213	177	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	353	5926

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VA	VIRGINIA	3947	290	296	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	256	266	9674
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	35	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	67
VT	VERMONT	388	36	57	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	13	23	1127
WA	WASHINGTON	4861	366	410	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	331	386	11582
WI	WISCONSIN	3678	253	259	292	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	237	231	240	8801
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	646	32	41	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	20	31	1332
WY	WYOMING	428	21	40	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	20	30	958
U.S. TOTAL		224304	16229		18003		21885		21335		19164		16517		16478		12614		517089	
		15624		16497		16989		22052		20588		18462		14039		13747		12562		
ALL COUNTRIES		334291	22330		24176		30390		30041		28138		24314		23405		18068		749113	
		21578		22646		23483		30744		29767		27472		20241		19910		18119		