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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 2010. 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-																		TOTAL
		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
AK	ALASKA	366	34	18	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	29	19	893
AL	ALABAMA	1617	95	124	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	87	125	3826
AR	ARKANSAS	916	76	70	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	38	68	2034
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	4729	310	360	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	304	259	353	10812
CA	CALIFORNIA	44654	2967	3010	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2581	2626	3881	103021
CO	COLORADO	4437	372	371	427	353	465	452	439	431	451	382	340	270	344	297	232	225	367	10655
CT	CONNECTICUT	4839	326	344	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	206	212	260	10185
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	647	30	36	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	15	19	1075
DE	DELAWARE	530	40	52	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	33	33	1281
FL	FLORIDA	12497	948	974	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	846	822	1063	31594
GA	GEORGIA	3381	264	278	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	238	376	9000
GU	GUAM	6	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	26
HI	HAWAII	710	51	47	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	27	53	1529
IA	IOWA	2047	119	125	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	77	129	4087
ID	IDAHO	1154	79	86	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	75	83	2911
IL	ILLINOIS	11753	629	772	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	458	556	23439
IN	INDIANA	3651	201	213	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	130	233	7620
KS	KANSAS	1993	123	91	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	70	132	3997
KY	KENTUCKY	1483	118	107	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	73	91	3248
LA	LOUISIANA	3277	212	199	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	138	150	6987
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	7264	494	511	562	577	720	689	707	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	418	582	16637
MD	MARYLAND	5022	350	373	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	294	347	11063
ME	MAINE	666	66	64	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	34	33	1521
MI	MICHIGAN	10845	726	680	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	448	458	403	507	21543
MN	MINNESOTA	5039	321	305	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	256	317	11293
MO	MISSOURI	3491	235	216	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	168	157	194	7718
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MS	MISSISSIPPI	869	80	54	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	42	31	1975
MT	MONTANA	1029	61	100	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	34	43	2091
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	3560	295	301	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	205	326	9217
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	528	43	44	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	31	23	1151
NE	NEBRASKA	1378	94	97	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	53	67	2671
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1121	119	124	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	57	78	132	2988
NJ	NEW JERSEY	9891	569	577	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	399	710	20602
NM	NEW MEXICO	1306	89	102	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	59	111	2944
NV	NEVADA	1385	120	119	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	110	164	4302
NY	NEW YORK	19815	1237	1296	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	766	1057	39409
OH	OHIO	8966	529	519	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	424	343	532	18010
OK	OKLAHOMA	3322	179	176	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	100	109	5828
OR	OREGON	3783	221	224	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	296	320	8464
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	9707	676	610	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	397	586	20777
PR	PUERTO RICO	205	13	10	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	12	15	421
RI	RHODE ISLAND	841	63	68	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	38	41	1751
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	1876	169	129	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	119	116	4491
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	406	33	24	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	26	36	942
TN	TENNESSEE	2526	182	171	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	159	169	5964
TX	TEXAS	13174	985	1035	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	770	1131	31282
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	11	3	1	3	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	35
UT	UTAH	2231	177	182	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	353	371	6297

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VA	VIRGINIA	4237	296	312	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	256	266	365	10039
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	37	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	3	70
VT	VERMONT	424	57	50	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	13	23	41	1168
WA	WASHINGTON	5227	410	366	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	331	386	532	12114
WI	WISCONSIN	3931	259	292	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	237	231	240	277	9078
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	678	41	46	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	20	31	48	1380
WY	WYOMING	449	40	41	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	20	30	32	990
U.S. TOTAL		239928	16497		16989		22053		20588		18462		14039		13747		12562		534449	
		16229		18003		21885		21335		19164		16517		16478		12614		17359		
ALL COUNTRIES		355869	22646		23483		30744		29767		27472		20241		19910		18119		773561	
		22330		24176		30390		30041		28138		24314		23405		18068		24448		