

# INDEPENDENT INVENTORS BY STATE BY YEAR

ALL PATENTS, ALL TYPES REPORT

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An independent inventor (also called an individual inventor), for purposes of this report, is an inventor 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 patent documents of the following types, granted between January 1977 and December 2012 : utility, design, plant, and reissue patents, defensive publications, and statutory invention registrations. Counts of inventors and their 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.

## COUNTS OF INDEPENDENT INVENTORS BY STATE, BY YEAR

STATE	STATE NAME	1977-																		TOTAL
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
AK	ALASKA	461	52	52	65	60	42	48	47	41	37	39	41	20	21	44	23	29	40	1162
AL	ALABAMA	2176	183	160	206	237	209	246	207	213	171	148	168	109	132	156	202	159	169	5251
AR	ARKANSAS	1233	103	87	83	112	102	110	96	100	80	81	93	73	75	75	113	70	93	2779
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	5842	413	417	569	491	526	500	472	463	425	357	418	410	405	356	462	450	487	13463
CA	CALIFORNIA	57219	4437	4160	5325	5264	5215	5062	4828	4819	4306	3556	4636	4069	3883	3696	5104	4283	4799	134661
CO	COLORADO	5805	538	438	564	541	540	487	517	449	418	325	424	393	337	336	464	408	528	13512
CT	CONNECTICUT	5771	362	346	528	523	438	444	372	398	298	253	424	277	244	266	313	285	305	11847
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	700	28	35	56	43	37	38	29	12	26	16	17	27	18	20	24	41	46	1213
DE	DELAWARE	654	72	40	46	53	53	65	67	59	63	60	54	36	25	43	42	52	47	1531
FL	FLORIDA	16084	1447	1404	1719	1749	1725	1590	1466	1575	1452	1233	1379	1316	1294	1263	1516	1575	1713	41500
GA	GEORGIA	4529	426	353	537	507	522	548	473	424	359	366	440	383	360	362	497	569	564	12219
GU	GUAM	11	2	2	4	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	39
HI	HAWAII	914	70	76	70	70	76	87	51	54	52	45	69	55	58	48	72	59	68	1994
IA	IOWA	2565	128	150	226	197	173	191	124	134	128	112	141	83	105	110	146	162	126	5001
ID	IDAHO	1450	112	125	113	162	173	163	149	159	122	87	151	106	96	95	129	116	108	3616
IL	ILLINOIS	13902	973	870	1206	1083	1110	978	896	859	767	670	785	741	607	594	745	663	675	28124
IN	INDIANA	4535	310	290	343	384	430	353	336	346	282	234	279	247	197	195	299	270	294	9624
KS	KANSAS	2385	150	141	161	210	201	155	171	175	145	118	115	108	101	95	158	142	113	4844
KY	KENTUCKY	1807	124	129	151	161	133	151	141	141	114	85	101	113	109	94	128	109	127	3918
LA	LOUISIANA	3797	283	260	341	334	381	344	317	252	229	196	201	167	183	191	196	195	256	8123
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	8573	660	663	870	793	833	733	691	748	561	467	634	529	499	534	690	756	712	19946
MD	MARYLAND	6077	429	485	545	550	482	468	416	363	351	280	365	326	274	335	424	341	397	12908
ME	MAINE	910	69	53	76	74	82	70	70	53	50	48	56	38	33	39	42	57	44	1864
MI	MICHIGAN	12807	845	741	893	1038	974	882	868	802	717	611	699	611	616	557	639	629	665	25594
MN	MINNESOTA	6323	428	461	655	474	592	538	514	569	468	382	537	413	338	340	392	461	426	14311
MO	MISSOURI	4297	313	393	441	416	403	344	420	325	239	262	226	224	230	254	267	230	245	9529
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MS	MISSISSIPPI	1087	92	99	102	141	107	102	84	88	77	57	48	82	41	54	40	54	73	2428
MT	MONTANA	1258	108	83	110	94	105	87	88	53	54	58	55	61	55	45	52	61	55	2482
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	4773	428	461	489	520	547	583	526	498	451	330	358	343	280	321	420	440	385	12153
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	659	49	37	42	47	57	61	49	25	33	39	39	36	31	36	25	22	25	1312
NE	NEBRASKA	1670	86	90	104	92	113	97	82	106	80	85	81	90	86	63	91	89	142	3247
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1483	164	135	131	165	150	147	121	135	123	108	118	90	68	100	148	114	121	3621
NJ	NEW JERSEY	11611	836	839	1122	1024	943	868	730	734	740	602	679	619	557	550	865	690	728	24737
NM	NEW MEXICO	1568	122	126	121	139	135	135	120	103	105	69	97	85	86	76	128	116	119	3450
NV	NEVADA	1856	172	161	245	279	307	293	252	275	200	215	225	172	166	147	221	186	228	5600
NY	NEW YORK	23677	1628	1456	1979	1802	1773	1585	1555	1358	1349	1116	1251	1267	1107	1067	1408	1282	1359	48019
OH	OHIO	10822	669	672	844	936	814	791	791	772	667	545	673	539	550	432	673	557	587	22334
OK	OKLAHOMA	4074	228	192	206	196	225	195	193	203	152	125	171	157	123	135	143	139	180	7037
OR	OREGON	4682	352	312	384	384	366	421	392	336	332	280	326	353	467	374	408	355	318	10842
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	11489	890	776	1163	1091	1011	900	840	804	708	581	718	586	515	503	733	654	678	24640
PR	PUERTO RICO	262	12	13	13	25	29	11	11	18	11	16	20	18	11	12	20	20	31	553
RI	RHODE ISLAND	1172	95	105	91	81	82	65	62	81	63	65	80	72	72	70	72	54	72	2454
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2365	217	156	261	236	246	236	237	198	195	169	196	158	158	179	157	174	210	5748
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	510	27	41	32	47	50	47	43	33	38	31	39	27	26	35	42	50	82	1200
TN	TENNESSEE	3301	274	252	337	373	327	292	296	281	257	181	253	236	210	208	226	300	328	7932
TX	TEXAS	16570	1370	1163	1564	1572	1608	1490	1314	1239	1144	1050	1168	1084	1010	984	1408	1214	1338	38290
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	23	6	4	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	54
UT	UTAH	2893	245	224	322	287	286	287	292	233	237	195	229	309	366	392	423	379	357	7956

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VA	VIRGINIA	5218	389	349	500	485	496	519	449	470	354	329	401	344	321	328	429	397	427	12205	
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	38	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	4	2	4	1	2	4	4	3	3	1	79	
VT	VERMONT	670	82	84	67	69	63	76	38	38	43	36	58	37	18	26	49	33	28	1515	
WA	WASHINGTON	6462	485	467	577	485	553	538	503	530	457	363	499	482	457	527	651	539	535	15110	
WI	WISCONSIN	4740	380	342	457	484	501	470	405	362	378	274	323	315	314	324	365	329	364	11127	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	803	54	54	66	63	56	49	48	41	51	33	58	40	35	41	61	42	50	1645	
WY	WYOMING	579	34	37	37	44	48	43	32	49	33	29	33	23	25	33	38	29	40	1186	
U.S. TOTAL		297143	21063		26698		24993		22600		17018		18505		17165		20434		667532		
		22453		27163		26456		23294		20194		20652		17406		22387		21908			
ALL COUNTRIES		421752	28605		36711		35866		33457		24282		26419		24358		28524		943507		
		29686		37123		36861		34060		29371		29308		24817		31287		31020			