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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 2012. 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	1975-																		
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL
AK	ALASKA	418	34	37	51	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	29	19	23	21	937
AL	ALABAMA	1836	140	123	173	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	87	125	116	120	4062
AR	ARKANSAS	1062	70	69	63	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	38	68	42	71	2147
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	5399	338	323	442	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	294	304	259	353	367	395	11574
CA	CALIFORNIA	50630	3554	3174	4097	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2581	2626	3881	3307	3738	110065
CO	COLORADO	5180	427	353	465	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	344	297	232	225	367	315	386	11357
CT	CONNECTICUT	5509	305	296	430	432	375	390	326	346	248	224	388	238	206	212	260	242	272	10699
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	713	27	28	46	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	15	19	40	35	1150
DE	DELAWARE	622	55	35	37	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	33	33	45	38	1364
FL	FLORIDA	14418	1154	1136	1395	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	927	846	822	1063	1110	1228	33931
GA	GEORGIA	3923	310	280	428	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	238	376	430	396	9826
GU	GUAM	7	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	26
HI	HAWAII	808	45	60	60	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	27	53	38	50	1617
IA	IOWA	2291	96	126	191	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	77	129	143	89	4319
ID	IDAHO	1319	85	103	96	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	75	83	88	85	3084
IL	ILLINOIS	13151	813	704	978	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	458	556	491	533	24460
IN	INDIANA	4065	250	234	288	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	130	233	210	234	8064
KS	KANSAS	2207	120	110	139	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	70	132	104	98	4199
KY	KENTUCKY	1708	90	109	126	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	73	91	88	94	3430
LA	LOUISIANA	3688	245	234	287	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	138	150	150	179	7316
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	8269	562	577	720	689	708	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	418	582	643	601	17882
MD	MARYLAND	5745	362	443	463	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	294	347	298	346	11707
ME	MAINE	796	54	38	66	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	34	33	46	39	1606
MI	MICHIGAN	12251	676	617	749	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	448	458	403	507	493	536	22572
MN	MINNESOTA	5665	343	386	499	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	256	317	359	344	11996
MO	MISSOURI	3942	246	328	351	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	160	168	157	194	170	185	8073
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	1003	73	73	84	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	42	31	36	57	2068
MT	MONTANA	1190	77	65	91	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	34	43	44	47	2182
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	4156	340	367	391	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	205	326	349	308	9874
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	615	42	30	36	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	31	23	16	24	1191
NE	NEBRASKA	1569	69	76	92	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	53	67	73	106	2850
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1364	129	107	117	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	110	68	57	78	132	86	107	3181
NJ	NEW JERSEY	11037	680	724	913	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	399	710	533	583	21718
NM	NEW MEXICO	1497	107	112	105	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	59	111	98	108	3150
NV	NEVADA	1624	132	128	194	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	110	164	143	171	4616
NY	NEW YORK	22348	1305	1166	1599	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	766	1057	974	1062	41445
OH	OHIO	10013	520	503	657	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	404	424	343	532	424	449	18882
OK	OKLAHOMA	3677	188	168	166	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	100	109	120	122	6070
OR	OREGON	4227	241	232	289	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	296	320	253	229	8945
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	10993	706	621	933	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	397	586	523	560	21860
PR	PUERTO RICO	228	10	8	12	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	12	15	19	27	467
RI	RHODE ISLAND	972	73	79	64	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	38	41	44	42	1837
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2174	178	123	208	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	119	116	130	144	4765
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	463	23	35	32	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	26	36	42	71	1055
TN	TENNESSEE	2879	217	188	279	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	159	169	219	218	6401
TX	TEXAS	15194	1149	975	1306	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	770	1131	1003	1036	33321
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	15	3	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	35
UT	UTAH	2590	198	186	273	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	353	371	306	298	6901

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VA	VIRGINIA	4844	316	292	430	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	256	266	365	333	356	10727	
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	40	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	74	
VT	VERMONT	531	61	71	44	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	13	23	41	24	22	1214	
WA	WASHINGTON	6003	377	373	465	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	331	386	532	436	418	12968	
WI	WISCONSIN	4482	328	287	368	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	237	231	240	277	252	270	9600	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	765	36	44	54	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	20	31	48	28	47	1455	
WY	WYOMING	530	22	27	35	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	20	30	32	21	34	1045	
U.S. TOTAL		272646	16989		22053		20588		18462		14039		13747		12562		15890		567363		
		18003	21885		21336		19165		16517		16478		12614		17359		17030				
ALL COUNTRIES		400773	23480		30742		29767		27473		20241		19910		18119		22462		820593		
		24174	30390		30042		28139		24314		23405		18068		24448		24646				