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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 2015. Counts of inventors and their patent grants are broken out by calendar year of grant.

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
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
AK	ALASKA	540	45	27	38	40	33	28	38	32	13	11	29	19	23	21	36	38	34	1045
AL	ALABAMA	2272	158	141	176	176	154	144	114	127	75	77	87	125	116	120	137	118	129	4446
AR	ARKANSAS	1264	85	85	82	79	81	62	59	54	38	39	38	68	42	71	57	63	56	2323
AS	U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AZ	ARIZONA	6502	415	432	419	414	407	361	305	347	293	304	259	353	367	395	416	452	468	12909
CA	CALIFORNIA	61443	4216	4043	4016	3674	3789	3438	2857	3564	2880	2581	2626	3881	3306	3738	3914	4237	4207	122410
CO	COLORADO	6425	452	439	431	452	382	340	270	344	297	232	225	367	315	386	412	436	418	12623
CT	CONNECTICUT	6539	432	375	390	326	345	248	224	386	236	206	212	260	242	272	287	260	300	11540
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	814	32	35	33	26	11	23	13	15	21	18	15	19	40	35	34	41	28	1253
DE	DELAWARE	749	46	50	60	59	56	49	54	45	30	17	33	33	45	38	28	33	25	1450
FL	FLORIDA	18099	1466	1370	1287	1204	1248	1169	1044	1044	925	846	822	1063	1110	1228	1316	1434	1363	38038
GA	GEORGIA	4938	409	431	462	366	354	285	295	328	276	239	239	376	431	397	459	404	416	11105
GU	GUAM	13	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	31
HI	HAWAII	973	53	58	71	43	41	45	35	55	38	37	27	53	38	50	58	56	56	1787
IA	IOWA	2703	178	148	163	113	116	117	85	112	66	79	77	129	143	89	125	128	130	4701
ID	IDAHO	1603	139	145	135	126	130	103	79	123	87	83	75	83	88	85	104	82	96	3366
IL	ILLINOIS	15640	883	917	785	769	683	616	525	615	551	432	457	556	491	533	616	670	596	26335
IN	INDIANA	4836	327	367	272	257	268	219	195	200	168	147	130	233	210	234	260	267	230	8820
KS	KANSAS	2576	176	158	128	140	146	114	101	97	84	75	70	132	104	98	132	137	126	4594
KY	KENTUCKY	2033	141	110	124	126	123	93	76	83	85	90	73	91	88	94	105	94	105	3734
LA	LOUISIANA	4454	302	329	311	278	217	198	165	173	133	139	138	150	150	179	181	176	152	7825
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	10112	689	708	643	591	648	472	390	549	426	394	418	582	643	601	627	594	591	19678
MD	MARYLAND	7012	489	431	425	366	327	305	256	316	274	220	294	347	298	346	371	397	398	12872
ME	MAINE	954	58	68	65	61	50	47	45	49	29	28	34	33	46	39	42	39	49	1736
MI	MICHIGAN	14292	874	834	766	698	641	571	501	549	448	458	403	507	493	536	558	571	648	24348
MN	MINNESOTA	6893	395	461	419	425	445	384	325	423	296	254	256	317	359	344	382	420	431	13229
MO	MISSOURI	4866	344	325	280	361	265	194	216	187	159	168	157	194	170	185	206	229	169	8675
MP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MS	MISSISSIPPI	1233	117	85	90	70	68	62	50	42	54	31	42	31	36	57	47	59	34	2208
MT	MONTANA	1423	85	81	73	79	49	46	42	44	49	43	34	43	44	47	67	46	68	2363
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	5254	414	410	462	389	388	359	277	279	259	195	205	326	349	308	345	341	360	10920
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	723	42	55	61	47	25	26	37	29	26	26	31	23	16	24	27	31	34	1283
NE	NEBRASKA	1806	73	92	88	64	74	71	76	64	75	68	53	67	73	106	85	90	86	3111
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1717	144	125	131	109	122	105	90	109	68	57	78	132	86	107	115	121	120	3536
NJ	NEW JERSEY	13347	846	767	728	624	606	641	495	547	463	422	399	710	533	583	727	652	626	23716
NM	NEW MEXICO	1821	122	113	124	107	95	95	63	88	70	76	59	111	98	108	117	85	90	3442
NV	NEVADA	2078	232	232	246	208	220	169	182	201	137	123	110	164	143	171	206	227	225	5274
NY	NEW YORK	26410	1482	1427	1255	1280	1106	1066	905	951	910	786	766	1057	974	1062	1178	1257	1259	45131
OH	OHIO	11690	763	589	605	637	563	523	431	502	402	424	343	532	424	449	498	573	579	20527
OK	OKLAHOMA	4198	162	178	166	150	160	130	113	145	124	92	100	109	120	122	157	160	135	6521
OR	OREGON	4989	292	261	317	279	286	268	232	269	270	384	296	320	253	229	280	304	299	9828
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	13247	930	869	783	722	684	594	495	621	453	390	397	586	523	560	560	576	523	23513
PR	PUERTO RICO	258	14	24	10	7	17	11	9	19	17	8	12	15	19	27	10	31	24	532
RI	RHODE ISLAND	1188	54	61	52	46	49	45	41	51	47	38	38	41	44	42	57	66	41	2001
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2681	195	197	189	190	168	164	127	139	97	107	119	116	130	144	151	159	150	5223
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	553	39	40	39	37	28	34	29	36	24	21	26	36	42	71	62	58	43	1218
TN	TENNESSEE	3563	302	259	233	230	222	205	145	193	152	132	159	169	219	218	219	251	217	7088
TX	TEXAS	18621	1338	1345	1295	1179	1094	958	866	1001	869	812	770	1131	1003	1036	1192	1277	1399	37186
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	23	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
UT	UTAH	3246	242	236	249	252	203	207	161	193	259	324	353	371	306	298	349	369	320	7938

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VA	VIRGINIA	5881	423	417	428	385	419	312	279	327	279	256	266	365	333	356	366	368	351	11811	
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	44	1	3	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	5	2	6	87	
VT	VERMONT	707	55	47	71	33	35	39	30	42	32	13	23	41	24	22	29	51	29	1323	
WA	WASHINGTON	7215	389	452	445	432	436	378	311	422	382	331	386	532	436	418	513	504	592	14574	
WI	WISCONSIN	5465	392	392	380	367	300	309	223	265	236	231	240	277	252	270	308	272	280	10459	
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	899	55	49	44	40	38	42	28	50	36	20	31	48	28	47	47	41	56	1599	
WY	WYOMING	614	39	42	38	30	43	31	29	26	16	20	30	32	21	34	33	29	26	1133	
U.S. TOTAL		329441		21336		19165		16517		16475		12614		17359		17031		19377		624456	
			22053		20588		18461		14039		13738		12562		15890		18614		19196		
ALL COUNTRIES		478612		30042		28139		24314		23395		18068		24448		24646		27889		902358	
			30742		29767		27472		20241		19895		18119		22462		26725		27382		