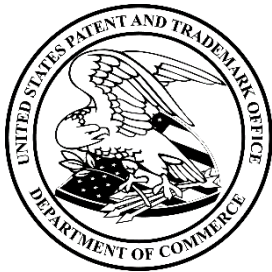


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The counts in this report represent the number of times inventors from particular states are named on unassigned patents or on patents assigned to individuals. If a patent has more than one inventor, each inventor is counted according to his or her 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 2015: 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 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	1977-																		TOTAL
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
AK	ALASKA	630	60	42	48	47	41	37	39	41	20	21	44	23	29	40	44	40	40	1286
AL	ALABAMA	2725	237	209	246	207	213	171	148	168	109	132	156	202	159	169	191	149	164	5755
AR	ARKANSAS	1506	112	102	110	96	100	80	81	93	73	75	75	113	70	93	94	104	104	3081
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	7241	491	526	500	472	463	425	357	418	409	405	356	462	450	487	560	533	577	15132
CA	CALIFORNIA	71131	5262	5215	5062	4828	4819	4306	3556	4636	4069	3883	3696	5104	4282	4799	5125	5363	5389	150525
CO	COLORADO	7345	541	540	487	517	449	418	325	424	393	337	336	464	408	528	517	558	567	15154
CT	CONNECTICUT	7007	523	438	444	372	397	298	253	422	275	244	266	313	285	305	361	326	371	12900
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	819	43	37	38	29	12	26	16	17	27	18	20	24	41	46	41	50	44	1348
DE	DELAWARE	812	53	53	65	67	59	63	60	54	36	25	43	42	52	47	33	38	26	1628
FL	FLORIDA	20652	1748	1725	1590	1466	1575	1452	1233	1379	1314	1294	1263	1516	1575	1713	1846	1952	1913	47206
GA	GEORGIA	5843	507	522	548	473	424	359	366	440	383	360	363	497	570	565	568	533	601	13922
GU	GUAM	19	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	45
HI	HAWAII	1130	70	76	87	51	54	52	45	69	55	58	48	72	59	68	76	74	83	2227
IA	IOWA	3069	197	173	191	124	134	128	112	141	83	105	110	146	162	126	143	141	150	5435
ID	IDAHO	1800	162	173	163	149	159	122	87	151	106	96	95	129	116	108	130	100	115	3961
IL	ILLINOIS	16949	1083	1110	978	896	859	767	670	785	741	607	593	745	663	675	826	860	758	30565
IN	INDIANA	5476	384	430	353	336	346	282	234	279	247	197	195	299	270	294	320	336	292	10570
KS	KANSAS	2837	210	201	155	171	175	145	118	115	108	101	95	158	142	113	149	160	155	5308
KY	KENTUCKY	2211	161	133	151	141	141	114	85	101	113	109	94	128	109	127	141	131	128	4318
LA	LOUISIANA	4681	334	381	344	317	252	229	196	201	167	183	191	196	195	256	216	221	189	8749
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	10752	793	833	733	691	748	561	467	634	529	499	534	690	756	712	744	682	701	22059
MD	MARYLAND	7535	550	482	468	416	363	351	280	365	326	274	335	424	341	397	428	464	445	14244
ME	MAINE	1108	74	82	70	70	53	50	48	56	38	33	39	42	57	44	46	46	59	2015
MI	MICHIGAN	15285	1038	974	882	868	802	717	611	699	611	616	557	639	629	665	693	750	826	27862
MN	MINNESOTA	7867	474	592	538	514	569	468	382	536	413	338	340	392	461	426	478	488	495	15771
MO	MISSOURI	5444	416	403	344	420	325	239	262	226	223	230	254	267	230	245	260	301	238	10327
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	1380	141	107	102	84	88	77	57	48	82	41	54	40	54	73	64	79	47	2618
MT	MONTANA	1559	94	105	87	88	53	54	58	55	61	55	45	52	61	55	73	61	78	2694
NC	NORTH CAROLINA	6151	520	547	583	526	498	451	330	358	343	280	321	420	440	385	430	432	439	13454
ND	NORTH DAKOTA	787	47	57	61	49	25	33	39	39	36	31	36	25	22	25	29	33	39	1413
NE	NEBRASKA	1950	92	113	97	82	106	80	85	81	90	86	63	91	89	142	109	103	100	3559
NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1913	165	150	147	121	135	123	108	117	90	68	100	148	114	121	136	144	137	4037
NJ	NEW JERSEY	14406	1024	943	868	730	734	740	602	679	619	557	550	865	690	728	920	816	791	27262
NM	NEW MEXICO	1937	139	135	135	120	103	105	69	97	85	86	76	128	116	119	136	97	120	3803
NV	NEVADA	2434	279	307	293	252	275	200	215	225	172	166	147	221	186	228	261	284	260	6405
NY	NEW YORK	28738	1802	1773	1585	1555	1358	1349	1116	1251	1267	1107	1067	1408	1282	1359	1490	1540	1637	52684
OH	OHIO	13004	936	814	791	791	772	667	545	673	537	550	432	673	557	587	633	717	724	24403
OK	OKLAHOMA	4699	196	225	195	193	203	152	125	171	157	123	135	143	139	180	193	200	170	7599
OR	OREGON	5730	384	366	421	392	336	332	280	326	353	467	374	408	355	318	393	383	377	11995
PA	PENNSYLVANIA	14315	1091	1011	900	840	804	708	581	718	586	515	503	733	654	678	668	698	646	26649
PR	PUERTO RICO	300	25	29	11	11	18	11	16	20	18	11	12	20	20	31	11	34	30	628
RI	RHODE ISLAND	1463	81	82	65	62	81	63	65	80	72	72	70	72	54	72	82	103	62	2701
SC	SOUTH CAROLINA	2997	236	246	236	237	198	195	169	196	158	158	179	157	174	210	201	192	194	6333
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	610	47	50	47	43	33	38	31	39	27	26	35	42	50	82	67	67	55	1389
TN	TENNESSEE	4164	373	327	292	296	281	257	181	253	236	210	208	226	300	328	280	307	286	8805
TX	TEXAS	20664	1572	1608	1490	1314	1239	1144	1050	1168	1084	1010	984	1408	1214	1338	1465	1576	1684	43012
US	U.S. UNSPECIFIED REGION	35	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	55
UT	UTAH	3684	287	286	287	292	233	237	195	229	309	366	392	423	379	357	419	434	395	9204

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VA	VIRGINIA	6455	485	496	519	449	470	354	329	401	344	321	328	429	397	427	425	418	433	13480
VI	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	43	1	3	3	1	4	2	4	1	2	4	4	3	3	1	5	3	6	93
VT	VERMONT	903	69	63	76	38	38	43	36	58	37	18	26	49	33	28	35	58	31	1639
WA	WASHINGTON	7988	485	553	538	503	530	456	363	499	482	457	527	651	539	535	604	605	717	17032
WI	WISCONSIN	5919	484	501	470	405	362	378	274	323	314	314	324	365	329	364	394	360	385	12265
WV	WEST VIRGINIA	977	63	56	49	48	41	51	33	58	40	35	41	61	42	50	53	42	59	1799
WY	WYOMING	687	44	48	43	32	49	33	29	33	23	25	33	38	29	40	43	35	29	1293
U.S. TOTAL		367768		26456		23294		20193		20648		17406		22387		21909		24223		739699
		26695		24993		22599		17018		18496		17165		20434		23650		24365		
ALL COUNTRIES		517026		36861		34060		29370		29297		24817		31287		31020		34367		1045341
		36706		35866		33456		24282		26404		24358		28524		33421		34219		