

## US Utility Patents Granted

Metropolitan Regions	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Atlanta, GA	461	468	471	522	597	641	761	744	1,034	1,045	
Austin-San Marcos, TX	354	402	457	536	599	683	831	888	1,440	1,571	
Baltimore, MD	369	397	439	445	495	425	470	535	647	664	
Boston, MA-NH NECMA	2,051	2,092	2,310	2,343	2,476	2,318	2,588	2,747	3,688	3,806	
Denver-Boulder, CO	543	506	592	639	726	775	787	826	1,113	1,143	
Houston, TX	1,009	1,126	1,165	1,110	1,234	1,190	1,123	1,152	1,445	1,567	
Miami-Ft Lauderdale, FL	412	426	492	463	506	554	534	509	580	601	
Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN	1,154	1,167	1,223	1,358	1,513	1,445	1,539	1,578	2,051	2,181	
Norfolk-Va Beach VA	114	122	144	156	129	113	126	108	143	132	
Orange, CA	891	965	1,032	1,017	1,113	1,055	1,084	1,134	1,484	1,473	
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	493	625	632	626	701	753	831	799	1,182	1,152	
Pittsburgh, PA	741	715	658	655	698	573	634	567	736	809	
Portland-Salem, OR-WA	406	407	365	445	414	554	598	659	985	964	
Raleigh-Durham, NC	233	294	303	344	399	399	493	527	828	939	
Sacramento, CA	121	140	146	163	191	207	238	231	289	295	
San Diego, CA	761	870	860	875	937	908	1,115	1,236	1,673	1,749	
San Francisco, CA	557	651	658	670	682	801	921	1,145	1,707	1,700	
San Jose, CA	1,295	1,468	1,603	1,850	2,099	2,416	3,036	3,255	4,931	5,664	
Seattle-Tacoma, WA	587	641	642	611	637	694	847	1,001	1,327	1,354	
Tampa-St. Pete., FL	243	278	270	217	262	274	260	286	382	386	
Washington, DC	755	770	815	839	883	913	974	958	1,292	1,299	
California	6,948	7,718	7,888	8,171	8,956	9,264	10,477	11,290	15,794	16,776	
United States	47,497	51,308	52,376	53,340	56,160	55,836	61,200	61,813	80,417	84,029	
<b>Source:</b>	Office for Patent and Trademark Information										

## Ratio of Patents Per Million Population

Metropolitan Regions	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Atlanta, GA	154.8	153.3	150.4	161.8	179.3	186.9	215.5	204.8	276.2	270.9	
Austin-San Marcos, TX	416.2	459.7	507.2	575.3	620.9	682.3	801.9	831.5	1,303.6	1,370.8	
Baltimore, MD	154.4	164.7	180.9	182.4	201.8	172.6	190.4	216.2	260.8	266.5	
Boston, MA-NH NECMA	375.8	385.0	424.9	429.1	451.4	419.7	465.8	491.0	655.0	671.6	
Denver-Boulder, CO	273.4	249.6	283.9	298.3	332.4	348.1	346.8	356.3	471.0	472.7	
Houston, TX	301.9	328.3	331.4	310.0	338.9	321.7	298.1	299.8	368.0	390.7	
Miami-Ft Lauderdale, FL	128.6	130.4	148.4	138.1	148.1	159.1	150.4	141.0	158.5	161.9	
Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN	452.9	452.1	467.5	511.5	562.4	530.1	557.4	564.6	724.6	759.4	
Norfolk-Va Beach VA	78.6	83.4	96.2	102.9	84.4	73.6	81.8	69.7	92.2	84.5	
Orange, CA	368.6	394.7	415.6	404.6	438.0	410.1	415.9	425.4	544.8	533.5	
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	219.5	271.5	267.0	256.1	275.0	282.9	301.8	281.2	403.3	382.3	
Pittsburgh, PA	309.4	298.1	273.8	272.4	291.2	240.1	267.1	240.3	313.8	347.0	
Portland-Salem, OR-WA	224.8	219.3	192.2	228.8	208.7	273.5	288.5	311.5	458.1	442.0	
Raleigh-Durham, NC	269.6	332.0	333.5	367.5	414.1	401.9	482.5	501.6	767.2	849.4	
Sacramento, CA	79.6	89.6	92.2	102.0	118.7	127.0	143.8	137.6	169.3	169.4	
San Diego, CA	302.8	340.6	330.6	335.3	356.7	343.7	417.0	454.1	604.8	620.0	
San Francisco, CA	347.5	403.9	405.6	410.5	416.6	487.7	557.1	685.1	1,014.1	1,008.5	
San Jose, CA	864.7	973.5	1,051.9	1,201.7	1,354.1	1,542.0	1,905.1	2,007.2	3,003.3	3,438.1	
Seattle-Tacoma, WA	196.1	209.9	205.4	192.3	198.2	212.7	256.2	297.2	387.7	390.7	
Tampa-St. Pete., FL	117.1	132.5	127.7	101.7	121.6	126.0	118.4	128.5	169.4	169.4	
Washington, DC	178.2	179.5	187.6	190.9	198.5	203.2	214.3	208.2	277.2	274.1	
California	232.0	253.8	255.5	262.3	286.0	294.2	329.7	350.4	483.3	506.1	
United States	190.4	203.5	205.4	206.9	215.7	212.5	230.7	230.8	297.6	308.1	