

**Table 6.4**  
**ANNUAL PATENTS**  
**WA and US**

	TOTAL WA PATENTS	TOTAL US PATENTS	WA PATENTS: PERCENT of US	WA PATENTS PER CAPITA: PERCENT of US
Pre-1978	6,924	717,197	0.97%	
1978	503	41,254	1.22%	70.7%
1979	399	30,078	1.33%	75.0%
1980	510	37,354	1.37%	75.1%
1981	509	39,223	1.30%	70.4%
1982	471	33,896	1.39%	75.3%
1983	455	32,871	1.38%	75.1%
1984	500	38,367	1.30%	70.6%
1985	592	39,556	1.50%	80.6%
1986	577	38,126	1.51%	81.4%
1987	699	43,520	1.61%	86.0%
1988	656	40,496	1.62%	85.8%
1989	924	50,186	1.84%	96.1%
1990	872	47,390	1.84%	94.3%
1991	956	51,178	1.87%	94.2%
1992	934	52,253	1.79%	89.1%
1993	899	53,231	1.69%	83.1%
1994	963	56,066	1.72%	83.8%
1995	1,036	55,739	1.86%	90.0%
1996	1,147	61,104	1.88%	90.2%
1997	1,352	61,707	2.19%	104.6%
1998	1,777	80,290	2.21%	105.2%
AVERAGE 1990-19'	925	52,024	1.78%	88.9%
AVERAGE 1995-19'	1,328	64,710	2.05%	97.5%