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Typical Charges: US Utility Patents by Location

Original non-provisional utility patent application on invention of minimal complexity, e.g., 10 page specification, 10 claims (Preparation and Filing) by Location (Q32a)

| | Location | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Total | Boston CMSA | NYC CMSA | Phila CMSA | Wash. DC CMSA | Other East | Metro South-east | Other South-east | Chicago CMSA | Minne.- St. Paul PMSA | Other Central | Texas | L.A. CMSA | S.F. CMSA | Other West |
| Number of Respondents | 536 | 34 | 33 | 11 | 75 | 31 | 21 | 20 | 36 | 30 | 102 | 28 | 9 | 24 | 82 |
| Mean (Average) | \$7,622 | \$8,995 | \$6,808 | \$6,609 | \$7,421 | \$7,529 | \$6,310 | \$7,865 | \$7,199 | \$6,933 | \$7,062 | \$6,989 | \$6,611 | \$9,388 | \$8,980 |
| 10th Percentile 10% | \$4,000 | \$5,000 | \$2,600 | \$3,300 | \$3,200 | \$4,560 | \$3,600 | \$606 | \$4,000 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$3,500 | ISD | \$6,750 | \$4,000 |
| First Quartile 25% | \$5,500 | \$6,125 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,500 | \$4,500 | \$5,000 | \$6,000 | \$5,875 | \$5,500 | \$6,000 | \$5,250 | \$8,000 | \$5,000 |
| Median (Midpoint) | \$7,000 | \$8,000 | \$6,000 | \$7,000 | \$7,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$6,750 | \$7,500 | \$7,000 | \$6,500 | \$7,000 | \$6,000 | \$8,750 | \$7,000 |
| Third Quartile 75% | \$8,500 | \$10,000 | \$8,250 | \$7,500 | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | \$8,000 | \$8,563 | \$8,438 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$8,375 | \$8,000 | \$10,750 | \$8,500 |
| 90th Percentile 90% | \$10,000 | \$16,500 | \$10,000 | \$11,200 | \$10,700 | \$11,900 | \$9,300 | \$16,600 | \$10,000 | \$9,950 | \$9,940 | \$10,000 | ISD | \$12,500 | \$12,000 |

Provisional Patent Application (Preparation and Filing) by Location (Q32b)

| | Location | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Total | Boston CMSA | NYC CMSA | Phila CMSA | Wash. DC CMSA | Other East | Metro South-east | Other South-east | Chicago CMSA | Minne.- St. Paul PMSA | Other Central | Texas | L.A. CMSA | S.F. CMSA | Other West |
| Number of Respondents | 510 | 31 | 31 | 14 | 68 | 32 | 21 | 19 | 36 | 29 | 92 | 24 | 12 | 21 | 80 |
| Mean (Average) | \$4,938 | \$5,265 | \$5,623 | \$6,121 | \$4,948 | \$4,670 | \$4,088 | \$3,992 | \$5,389 | \$5,386 | \$4,489 | \$4,663 | \$4,716 | \$6,220 | \$4,818 |
| 10th Percentile 10% | \$1,455 | \$1,000 | \$1,100 | \$2,250 | \$1,000 | \$1,290 | \$940 | \$340 | \$2,000 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,450 | \$1,003 | \$1,500 | \$1,000 |
| First Quartile 25% | \$2,500 | \$2,000 | \$2,500 | \$4,000 | \$2,500 | \$2,625 | \$2,000 | \$1,800 | \$3,125 | \$3,250 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$1,500 | \$3,250 | \$2,000 |
| Median (Midpoint) | \$4,000 | \$4,500 | \$4,000 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,250 | \$2,650 | \$5,370 | \$3,750 |
| Third Quartile 75% | \$6,000 | \$7,500 | \$6,000 | \$7,750 | \$6,000 | \$4,875 | \$6,250 | \$7,000 | \$7,625 | \$7,000 | \$5,875 | \$6,875 | \$4,625 | \$8,000 | \$6,000 |
| 90th Percentile 90% | \$9,000 | \$12,000 | \$9,600 | \$12,000 | \$9,100 | \$9,550 | \$8,000 | \$7,500 | \$10,000 | \$9,500 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$19,600 | \$11,600 | \$9,900 |

Original utility application, relatively complex biotechnology/chemical (Preparation and Filing) by Location (Q32c)

| | Location | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Total | Boston CMSA | NYC CMSA | Phila CMSA | Wash. DC CMSA | Other East | Metro South-east | Other South-east | Chicago CMSA | Minne.- St. Paul PMSA | Other Central | Texas | L.A. CMSA | S.F. CMSA | Other West |
| Number of Respondents | 242 | 16 | 16 | 8 | 28 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 41 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 33 |
| Mean (Average) | \$11,844 | \$14,813 | \$10,541 | \$11,463 | \$14,214 | \$12,250 | \$9,458 | \$5,568 | \$15,789 | \$9,725 | \$11,539 | \$10,225 | \$11,000 | \$16,167 | \$11,258 |
| 10th Percentile 10% | \$6,360 | \$7,200 | \$3,345 | ISD | \$7,680 | \$7,050 | \$6,000 | ISD | \$7,870 | \$7,050 | \$6,920 | \$6,050 | ISD | ISD | \$6,000 |
| First Quartile 25% | \$8,000 | \$9,250 | \$8,875 | \$8,750 | \$9,125 | \$8,250 | \$7,125 | \$320 | \$11,875 | \$8,000 | \$7,500 | \$8,000 | ISD | \$11,750 | \$7,500 |
| Median (Midpoint) | \$10,250 | \$15,000 | \$12,000 | \$10,850 | \$13,000 | \$10,500 | \$8,750 | \$7,000 | \$15,500 | \$9,750 | \$10,000 | \$9,250 | \$12,000 | \$17,000 | \$10,000 |
| Third Quartile 75% | \$15,000 | \$19,500 | \$13,750 | \$12,750 | \$17,250 | \$15,000 | \$12,000 | \$10,100 | \$20,000 | \$10,875 | \$12,500 | \$12,375 | ISD | \$20,000 | \$12,000 |
| 90th Percentile 90% | \$20,000 | \$22,900 | \$15,000 | ISD | \$25,500 | \$21,500 | \$13,850 | ISD | \$23,250 | \$14,750 | \$15,000 | \$15,900 | ISD | ISD | \$20,000 |

Typical Charges: US Utility Patents by Location

Original utility application, relatively complex electrical/computer (Preparation and Filing) by Location (Q32d)

| | Location | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Number of Respondents | 380 | 26 | 29 | 5 | 59 | 20 | 14 | 13 | 26 | 17 | 61 | 22 | 8 | 18 | 62 |
| Mean (Average) | \$11,810 | \$17,023 | \$10,948 | \$11,300 | \$13,420 | \$12,980 | \$10,107 | \$8,165 | \$11,683 | \$10,088 | \$10,933 | \$10,795 | \$15,688 | \$12,878 | \$10,243 |
| 10th Percentile 10% | \$7,000 | \$7,000 | \$5,500 | ISD | \$7,500 | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$316 | \$6,550 | \$7,500 | \$6,500 | \$8,000 | ISD | \$8,900 | \$6,000 |
| First Quartile 25% | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$7,500 | \$9,250 | \$8,000 | \$6,375 | \$7,875 | \$7,250 | \$6,875 | \$8,500 | \$7,750 | \$8,500 | \$8,875 | \$11,500 | \$8,000 |
| Median (Midpoint) | \$10,000 | \$11,300 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,500 | \$9,250 | \$8,000 | \$12,000 | \$10,000 | \$9,000 | \$10,500 | \$10,500 | \$12,500 | \$10,000 |
| Third Quartile 75% | \$12,000 | \$14,250 | \$12,500 | \$14,000 | \$13,000 | \$15,375 | \$12,500 | \$11,500 | \$13,400 | \$11,750 | \$11,750 | \$12,875 | \$14,500 | \$15,000 | \$11,125 |
| 90th Percentile 90% | \$15,000 | \$35,100 | \$18,000 | ISD | \$22,000 | \$20,000 | \$15,500 | \$13,000 | \$17,300 | \$12,100 | \$15,800 | \$15,000 | ISD | \$16,020 | \$13,550 |

Original utility application, relatively complex mechanical (Preparation and Filing) by Location (Q32e)

| | Location | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Total | Boston CMSA | NYC CMSA | Phila CMSA | Wash, DC CMSA | Other East | Metro South-east | Other South-east | Chicago CMSA | Minne.- St. Paul PMSA | Other Central | Texas | L.A. CMSA | S.F. CMSA | Other West |
| Number of Respondents | 417 | 26 | 28 | 7 | 51 | 23 | 19 | 17 | 31 | 25 | 85 | 21 | 11 | 14 | 59 |
| Mean (Average) | \$10,657 | \$10,712 | \$9,409 | \$9,000 | \$11,731 | \$14,233 | \$8,974 | \$7,820 | \$10,068 | \$8,900 | \$10,151 | \$11,214 | \$13,591 | \$12,486 | \$11,061 |
| 10th Percentile 10% | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$4,230 | ISD | \$6,040 | \$5,400 | \$6,000 | \$332 | \$5,700 | \$7,500 | \$6,000 | \$6,400 | \$8,000 | \$9,000 | \$5,500 |
| First Quartile 25% | \$7,500 | \$7,875 | \$5,875 | \$7,500 | \$7,000 | \$6,500 | \$7,000 | \$5,900 | \$7,500 | \$8,000 | \$7,000 | \$8,250 | \$8,000 | \$10,000 | \$7,500 |
| Median (Midpoint) | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | \$8,500 | \$8,000 | \$8,500 | \$9,000 | \$9,500 | \$7,500 | \$10,000 | \$8,500 | \$8,500 | \$10,000 | \$9,500 | \$13,000 | \$9,000 |
| Third Quartile 75% | \$11,000 | \$13,125 | \$11,000 | \$10,000 | \$12,000 | \$15,500 | \$11,000 | \$10,000 | \$11,300 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$14,500 | \$12,000 | \$15,000 | \$10,000 |
| 90th Percentile 90% | \$15,000 | \$18,000 | \$15,100 | ISD | \$24,000 | \$20,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,800 | \$15,800 | \$11,000 | \$12,800 | \$15,800 | \$43,000 | \$15,400 | \$15,000 |

Patent application amendment/argument of minimal complexity (Preparation and Filing) by Location (Q32f)

| Number of Respondents | Location | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Total | Boston CMSA | NYC CMSA | Phila CMSA | Wash. DC CMSA | Other East | Metro South-east | Other South-east | Chicago CMSA | Minne.- St. Paul PMSA | Other Central | Texas | L.A. CMSA | S.F. CMSA | Other West |
| Mean (Average) | 527 | 32 | 31 | 14 | 75 | 31 | 22 | 20 | 37 | 30 | 93 | 29 | 10 | 24 | 79 |
| 10th Percentile 10% | \$2,479 | \$2,870 | \$2,951 | \$2,179 | \$2,219 | \$1,932 | \$1,716 | \$3,831 | \$2,144 | \$2,900 | \$2,517 | \$3,636 | \$1,720 | \$2,802 | \$2,046 |
| First Quartile 25% | \$1,500 | \$1,150 | \$900 | \$1,100 | \$800 | \$800 | \$1,060 | \$341 | \$1,160 | \$1,110 | \$1,000 | \$500 | \$440 | \$2,000 | \$1,000 |
| Median (Midpoint) | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,450 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,388 | \$625 | \$1,625 | \$1,475 | \$1,500 | \$1,000 | \$1,438 | \$2,000 | \$1,500 |
| Third Quartile 75% | \$2,000 | \$2,500 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$1,800 | \$1,625 | \$1,950 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$1,650 | \$2,500 | \$2,000 |
| 90th Percentile 90% | \$3,500 | \$4,700 | \$4,300 | \$3,500 | \$3,800 | \$3,000 | \$2,500 | \$13,764 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$4,000 | \$2,500 | \$2,788 | \$2,500 |