

Innovation is America's #1 Asset

Intellectual property (IP) – America's patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets – is what makes us competitive, drives innovation, and keeps our economy growing – and it must be protected at home and abroad.

More than 45 million Jobs. Endless Potential for Innovation.

- According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, IP supports **more than 45 million jobs** across **81 industries**. **That's almost one in every three jobs in the U.S.**
- A **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** study shows that IP-intensive jobs are found **in all 50 states** in fields ranging from **medical research** to **high-tech hardware and software** and **cutting-edge manufacturing** to **film, music, fashion, and entertainment**.
- Workers in IP-intensive industries earn higher wages – **by more than 30 percent in many states** – than their counterparts in non-IP-intensive industries.
- IP-intensive industries contribute **more than \$6 trillion** – or **38.2 percent** – of the total U.S. gross domestic product (GDP). And IP drives American exports: total merchandise exports from IP-intensive industries have **increased to \$842 billion per year**.

Protecting America's Workers and Families.

- **IP theft hurts America's workers**. Every year, the U.S. loses **750,000 jobs** due to the production of fake goods alone.
- **Counterfeiting also impacts America's health and safety**. Nearly 40 million U.S. prescriptions are filled with counterfeit pharmaceuticals every year and tens of thousands of fake electronics, auto parts and consumer goods enter the U.S. supply chain. These **fakes are untested, unreliable and unsafe**.
- The U.S. invests more in R&D than any other country in the world, with over **\$500 billion in 2016 alone**. We invest in innovation and the future. But without IP protection, we are losing those investments and the jobs they create.
- Enforcing the protections for IP enshrined in the U.S. Constitution **spurs innovation, drives our economy, and protects one out of every three American workers**.

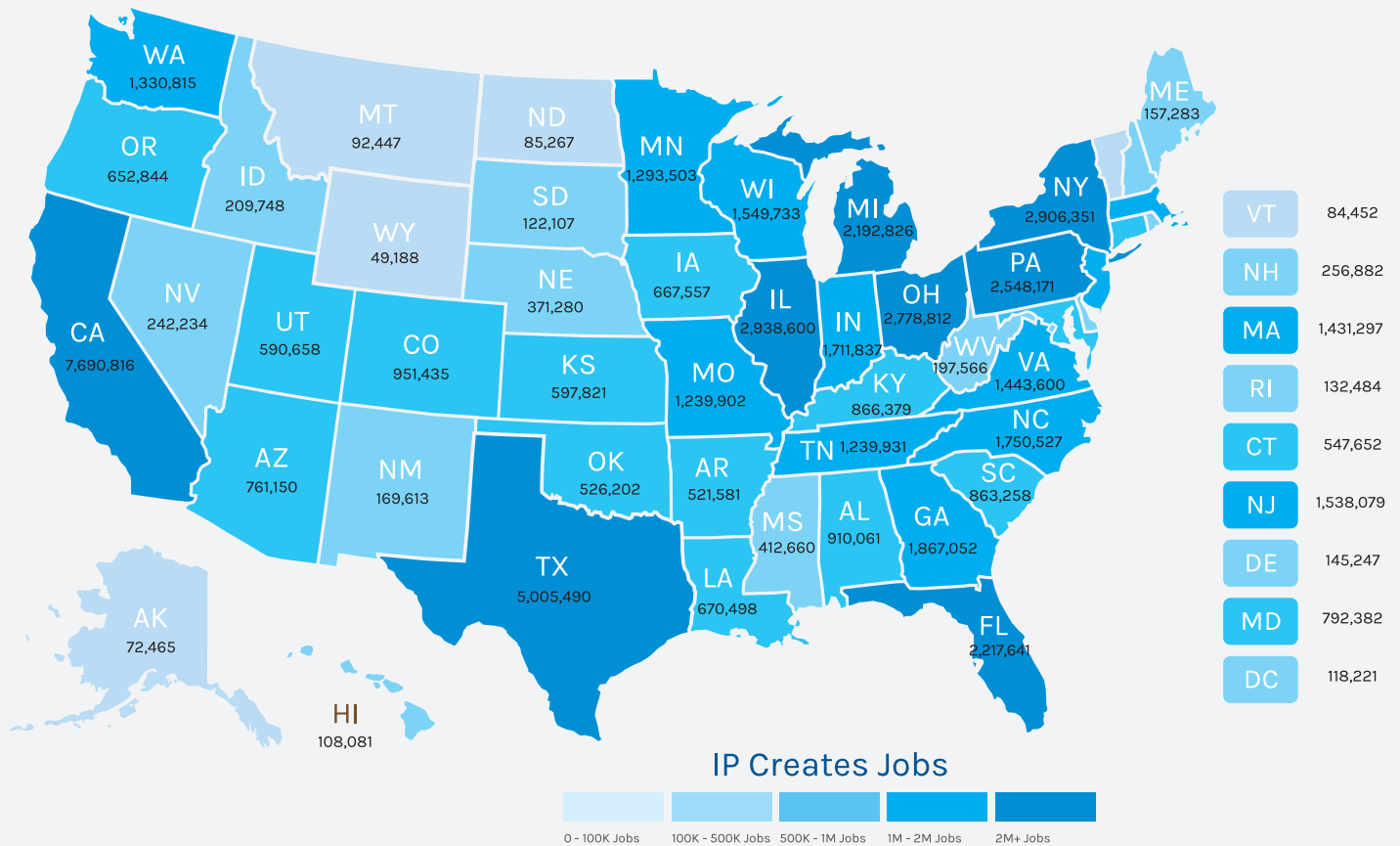


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