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Share of USPTO patent grants for selected countries/economies: 1995, 2000, and 2005

(Percent)

Rank	1995		2000		2005	
	Country/economy	Share	Country/economy	Share	Country/economy	Share
1	U.S.	54.96	U.S.	54.01	U.S.	51.90
2	Japan	21.46	Japan	19.87	Japan	21.10
3	Germany	6.51	Germany	6.50	Germany	6.27
4	France	2.78	Taiwan	2.96	Taiwan	3.56
5	UK	2.45	France	2.42	South Korea	3.03
6	Canada	2.07	UK	2.33	UK	2.19
7	Taiwan	1.60	Canada	2.17	Canada	2.01
8	South Korea	1.14	South Korea	2.10	France	1.99
9	Italy	1.06	Italy	1.09	Italy	0.90
10	Switzerland	1.04	Sweden	1.00	Sweden	0.78
11	Sweden	0.79	Switzerland	0.84	Switzerland	0.69
12	Netherlands	0.79	Netherlands	0.79	Netherlands	0.69
13	Australia	0.45	Israel	0.50	Israel	0.64
14	Belgium	0.39	Australia	0.45	Australia	0.63
15	Israel	0.38	Belgium	0.44	Finland	0.50
16	Finland	0.35	Finland	0.39	China	0.48
17	Austria	0.33	Austria	0.32	Belgium	0.36
18	Denmark	0.20	Denmark	0.28	Austria	0.32
19	China	0.15	China	0.19	India	0.27
20	Spain	0.15	Spain	0.17	Denmark	0.25
21	Norway	0.13	Norway	0.16	Singapore	0.24
22	South Africa	0.12	Singapore	0.14	Spain	0.19
23	Russia	0.10	Russia	0.12	Norway	0.15
24	Brazil	0.06	India	0.08	Ireland	0.11
25	Singapore	0.05	Ireland	0.08	Russia	0.10

UK = United Kingdom; USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

NOTES: Patent applications and grants assigned to country/economy based on residence of first-named inventor. China includes Hong Kong.

SOURCES: USPTO, Number of Utility Patent Applications Filed in the United States by Country of Origin, Calendar Years 1965 to Present (1), http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/appl_yr.htm, accessed December 2006; Historic Patents by Country, State, and Year, Utility Patents, http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst_utilh.htm, accessed 15 December 2006; and National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, special tabulations.