

USPTO patent applications for selected regions/countries/economies: 1985–95

Region/country/economy	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
All regions/countries/economies	117,006	122,433	127,917	139,825	152,750	164,558	164,306	173,075	174,743	189,857	212,377
United States	63,874	65,487	68,315	75,192	82,370	90,643	87,955	92,425	99,955	107,233	123,958
EU	24,348	25,995	26,316	27,099	28,081	28,584	27,444	28,839	26,517	28,885	30,947
Austria	498	557	504	485	511	560	516	566	526	599	619
Belgium	450	523	518	545	572	592	614	692	685	862	1,001
Bulgaria	40	41	32	42	30	31	11	7	3	4	6
Czech Republic	68	63	50	72	71	39	32	41	27	28	36
Denmark	282	302	316	337	284	370	358	378	376	445	618
Finland	399	350	430	417	513	595	592	576	568	707	745
France	3,605	3,884	3,837	4,301	4,268	4,771	4,723	4,828	4,320	4,528	5,001
Germany	10,532	10,725	10,830	11,018	11,437	11,292	10,874	11,652	10,500	11,324	11,853
Greece	15	21	21	29	33	27	20	28	19	27	29
Hungary	208	209	174	172	174	138	103	76	69	76	70
Ireland	75	83	91	103	99	130	116	103	104	149	131
Italy	1,628	1,799	1,822	1,943	1,964	2,093	2,123	2,288	1,906	1,998	2,128
Luxembourg	29	40	31	39	35	32	36	39	35	39	20
Netherlands	1,221	1,269	1,334	1,512	1,570	1,588	1,397	1,547	1,472	1,455	1,570
Poland	13	19	23	26	24	13	21	16	27	20	19
Portugal	9	13	15	7	9	6	3	11	9	14	10
Romania	4	2	3		2	1	1	2	5	4	7
Slovenia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	19	11	13
Spain	207	225	228	231	302	289	258	313	269	315	357
Sweden	1,239	1,229	1,155	1,028	1,114	1,057	1,086	1,072	1,157	1,405	1,500
United Kingdom	3,825	4,641	4,898	4,788	5,066	4,959	4,557	4,587	4,414	4,856	5,202
All others	1	0	4	4	3	1	3	9	7	19	12
Asia	22,475	24,274	26,169	30,194	34,245	37,246	40,838	43,251	39,813	44,273	47,355
China	80	178	165	208	220	197	258	279	290	319	307
India	25	36	26	41	50	58	51	64	54	70	91
Japan	21,431	22,895	24,516	28,357	31,791	34,113	36,846	38,633	34,816	37,768	39,872
Malaysia	8	4	6	6	14	11	22	16	20	37	30
Philippines	15	10	11	14	13	9	10	10	9	7	12
Singapore	19	17	17	17	37	36	63	89	104	134	144
South Korea	129	162	235	295	607	775	1,321	1,471	1,624	2,354	2,820
Taiwan	760	959	1,182	1,246	1,507	2,035	2,252	2,667	2,874	3,560	4,054
Thailand	5	7	8	4	3	8	4	11	15	19	21
All others	3	6	3	6	3	4	11	11	7	5	4
All others	6,309	6,677	7,117	7,340	8,054	8,085	8,069	8,560	8,458	9,466	10,117
Argentina	39	56	42	32	32	56	59	59	56	75	65
Australia	739	809	842	750	800	811	783	863	781	921	1,007
Brazil	78	68	62	71	111	88	124	112	105	156	115
Canada	2,270	2,438	2,791	3,046	3,425	3,511	3,641	3,761	3,910	4,255	4,745
Chile	7	16	2	4	11	13	12	12	11	11	10
Iceland	1	5	6	2	3	3	10	16	3	6	6

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Israel	377	427	503	490	624	608	633	780	803	1,040	1,072
Mexico	81	69	70	74	77	76	106	105	82	105	99
New Zealand	121	135	132	110	121	105	91	107	85	130	137
Norway.....	160	177	185	159	141	164	169	212	190	203	243
Russian Federation.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	183	153	206	221
South Africa.....	227	204	239	192	215	185	186	207	246	238	187
Switzerland	1,894	1,929	1,857	1,993	2,019	1,931	1,902	1,922	1,759	1,852	1,917
Turkey	11	4	5	7	3	6	3	2	3	5	6
All others.....	304	340	381	410	472	528	350	219	271	263	287

NA = not available

EU = European Union; USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

NOTES: Patent applications assigned to region/country/economy based on residence of first-named inventor. Asia includes China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. China includes Hong Kong. Countries having <0.01% world share of U.S. patent applications in 2005 grouped in All others.

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 (September 2006); and National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, special tabulations.

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