

USPTO patent applications for selected regions/countries/economies: 1996–2005

Region/country/economy	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All regions/countries/economies	195,187	215,257	243,062	270,187	295,926	326,508	334,445	342,441	356,943	390,733
United States	106,892	120,445	135,483	149,825	164,795	177,511	184,245	188,941	189,536	207,867
EU	29,424	31,768	36,161	42,723	45,503	50,224	50,377	47,479	49,905	51,420
Austria	543	552	710	823	881	961	1,115	933	1,022	1,044
Belgium	930	894	1,059	1,204	1,245	1,286	1,293	1,395	1,309	1,460
Bulgaria	5	4	3	11	18	13	8	10	105	58
Czech Republic	30	40	53	46	52	77	58	61	69	81
Denmark	496	634	748	863	859	1,113	1,065	1,002	923	997
Finland	836	891	970	1,376	1,530	1,840	1,811	1,935	2,096	2,032
France	4,486	4,759	5,249	6,216	6,623	6,852	6,825	6,603	6,813	6,972
Germany	11,550	12,333	13,885	16,978	17,715	19,900	20,418	18,890	19,824	20,664
Greece	23	30	45	50	44	49	58	50	62	68
Hungary	59	40	73	120	107	103	128	118	144	131
Ireland	114	138	228	252	362	366	440	368	403	516
Italy	2,062	2,119	2,313	2,577	2,704	2,967	2,980	3,011	2,997	2,993
Luxembourg	31	32	36	59	57	61	69	60	72	51
Netherlands	1,559	1,726	1,816	2,058	2,289	2,712	2,602	2,257	3,052	3,188
Poland	22	19	19	31	33	39	46	59	101	102
Portugal	16	12	17	28	17	28	27	20	30	33
Romania	5	12	11	8	12	14	8	11	16	18
Slovenia	19	24	29	21	27	20	36	38	50	43
Spain	359	370	409	464	549	601	564	606	696	701
Sweden	1,481	1,980	2,359	2,570	2,825	2,827	2,410	2,314	2,270	2,243
United Kingdom	4,791	5,147	6,110	6,948	7,523	8,362	8,391	7,700	7,792	7,962
All others	7	12	19	20	31	33	25	38	59	63
Asia	49,249	52,953	59,184	63,805	69,891	81,966	82,747	88,592	98,660	111,620
China	364	324	455	660	942	1,252	1,569	1,763	2,470	2,943
India	115	137	180	271	438	643	919	1,164	1,303	1,463
Japan	39,510	41,767	45,260	47,821	52,891	61,238	58,739	60,350	64,812	71,994
Malaysia	30	61	41	76	104	116	142	237	326	323
Philippines	9	15	13	20	32	51	58	42	82	65
Singapore	176	213	336	460	632	786	807	771	879	919
South Korea	4,248	4,920	5,452	5,033	5,705	6,719	7,937	10,411	13,646	17,217
Taiwan	4,766	5,492	7,412	9,411	9,046	11,086	12,488	13,786	15,057	16,617
Thailand	20	21	26	41	92	70	61	60	69	68
All others	11	3	9	12	9	5	27	8	16	11
All others	9,622	10,091	12,234	13,834	15,737	16,807	17,076	17,429	18,842	19,826
Argentina	78	77	119	96	137	137	95	125	103	94
Australia	1,057	1,006	1,420	1,462	1,800	1,995	2,160	2,310	3,000	2,919
Brazil	145	134	165	186	220	219	243	259	287	295
Canada	4,443	4,694	5,689	6,149	6,809	7,221	7,375	7,750	8,202	8,638
Chile	23	17	17	16	24	23	38	33	51	55
Iceland	13	8	25	31	30	51	41	56	51	53

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Israel	1,042	1,198	1,442	2,009	2,509	2,710	2,645	2,539	2,693	3,157
Mexico	97	110	141	147	190	196	157	185	179	180
New Zealand	174	174	187	240	279	318	375	387	346	352
Norway.....	227	303	337	415	447	475	531	449	525	541
Russian Federation.....	254	249	273	388	382	433	377	341	334	366
South Africa.....	189	174	211	179	209	231	241	224	246	197
Switzerland	1,609	1,637	1,875	2,144	2,233	2,337	2,338	2,275	2,316	2,447
Turkey	7	10	16	29	28	28	36	28	48	46
All others.....	264	300	317	343	440	433	424	468	461	486

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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