

## EPO patents granted for selected regions/countries/economies: 1985–95

Region/country/economy	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
	Number										
All regions/countries/economies .....	15,129	18,490	17,154	19,760	22,581	24,774	26,664	30,433	36,698	42,025	41,635
United States.....	3,313	4,453	3,912	4,323	5,086	5,596	5,850	6,822	8,302	9,439	10,016
EU .....	8,729	10,197	9,487	11,021	12,343	13,293	14,193	16,008	18,671	20,475	19,289
Austria .....	175	241	219	273	291	384	358	403	486	585	480
Belgium.....	141	188	152	189	224	244	277	312	325	365	359
Bulgaria.....	6	5	10	10	16	15	3	4	1	NA	1
Czech Republic.....	0	5	5	1	6	4	4	8	11	19	17
Denmark.....	67	88	84	90	109	102	112	162	227	299	203
Finland.....	41	61	55	65	81	125	122	122	165	241	297
France.....	1,918	2,057	2,005	2,332	2,344	2,529	2,632	3,051	3,440	3,566	3,590
Germany.....	4,005	4,604	4,202	5,073	5,736	6,054	6,582	7,391	8,784	9,654	8,878
Greece.....	3	1	5	4	NA	6	5	2	6	13	7
Hungary.....	43	66	55	68	59	62	32	49	43	48	47
Ireland.....	8	10	14	7	12	21	27	28	28	31	39
Italy.....	345	430	435	526	688	775	931	1,112	1,317	1,445	1,354
Luxembourg.....	16	23	18	32	18	14	15	23	17	10	23
Netherlands.....	503	613	550	602	755	815	829	884	1,015	1,125	1,098
Poland.....	7	6	14	8	12	4	9	10	8	15	7
Portugal.....	2	NA	3	1	2	3	3	4	4	3	3
Romania.....	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Slovenia.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	1
Spain.....	21	43	35	30	55	61	63	68	96	123	140
Sweden.....	342	443	447	435	515	547	527	575	639	665	648
United Kingdom.....	1,083	1,309	1,178	1,276	1,419	1,529	1,662	1,799	2,056	2,261	2,095
All others.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
Asia.....	2,010	2,638	2,585	3,065	3,717	4,306	4,907	5,717	7,668	9,777	10,073
China.....	0	6	2	8	13	12	9	19	33	34	32
India.....	9	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	12	6	11
Japan.....	1,989	2,615	2,574	3,036	3,682	4,262	4,870	5,658	7,577	9,666	9,926
Malaysia.....	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	4	4
Philippines.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Singapore.....	2	3	0	3	2	4	3	4	5	6	9
South Korea.....	1	3	1	3	3	6	3	11	11	27	42
Taiwan.....	9	6	5	8	11	17	17	19	30	35	46
Thailand.....	0	0	NA	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
All others.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
All others.....	1,078	1,202	1,170	1,351	1,436	1,579	1,713	1,885	2,056	2,334	2,257
	Percent distribution										
All regions/countries/economies .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
United States.....	21.90	24.08	22.80	21.88	22.52	22.59	21.94	22.42	22.62	22.46	24.06
EU .....	57.70	55.15	55.31	55.77	54.66	53.66	53.23	52.60	50.88	48.72	46.33

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Austria .....	1.16	1.30	1.27	1.38	1.29	1.55	1.34	1.33	1.32	1.39	1.15
Belgium .....	0.93	1.02	0.89	0.96	0.99	0.99	1.04	1.03	0.89	0.87	0.86
Bulgaria .....	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.00	NA	0.00
Czech Republic .....	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04
Denmark .....	0.44	0.48	0.49	0.46	0.48	0.41	0.42	0.53	0.62	0.71	0.49
Finland .....	0.27	0.33	0.32	0.33	0.36	0.50	0.46	0.40	0.45	0.57	0.71
France.....	12.68	11.13	11.69	11.80	10.38	10.21	9.87	10.03	9.38	8.48	8.62
Germany .....	26.47	24.90	24.50	25.67	25.40	24.44	24.68	24.29	23.94	22.97	21.32
Greece .....	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	NA	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02
Hungary .....	0.28	0.35	0.32	0.34	0.26	0.25	0.12	0.16	0.12	0.12	0.11
Ireland.....	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.09
Italy.....	2.28	2.32	2.54	2.66	3.05	3.13	3.49	3.65	3.59	3.44	3.25
Luxembourg.....	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.16	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.06
Netherlands.....	3.32	3.32	3.20	3.05	3.34	3.29	3.11	2.91	2.77	2.68	2.64
Poland.....	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.02
Portugal .....	0.01	NA	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Romania.....	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slovenia.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Spain .....	0.14	0.23	0.21	0.15	0.24	0.25	0.23	0.22	0.26	0.29	0.34
Sweden.....	2.26	2.39	2.61	2.20	2.28	2.21	1.98	1.89	1.74	1.58	1.56
United Kingdom.....	7.16	7.08	6.87	6.46	6.28	6.17	6.23	5.91	5.60	5.38	5.03
All others.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asia.....	13.29	14.27	15.07	15.51	16.46	17.38	18.40	18.79	20.90	23.26	24.19
China .....	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.08
India.....	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.03
Japan.....	13.15	14.14	15.00	15.37	16.30	17.20	18.26	18.59	20.65	23.00	23.84
Malaysia .....	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Philippines .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Singapore.....	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
South Korea .....	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.10
Taiwan .....	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.11
Thailand.....	0.00	0.00	NA	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
All others.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
All others.....	7.12	6.50	6.82	6.84	6.36	6.37	6.43	6.19	5.60	5.55	5.42

NA = not available

EPO = European Patent Office; EU = European Union

NOTES: Patent applications assigned to year based on application date to EPO. Patent applications on fractional-count basis. For patent applications with multiple inventors from different countries, each country receives fractional credit based on proportion of its participating inventors. Asia includes China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. China includes Hong Kong. Countries that have <0.01% world share of U.S. patent applications in 2005 grouped in All others.

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