

## USPTO 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 .....	71,661	70,860	82,952	77,924	95,537	90,365	96,511	97,444	98,342	101,676	101,419
United States.....	39,556	38,126	43,520	40,497	50,185	47,391	51,177	52,253	53,231	56,066	55,739
EU .....	15,452	15,596	18,112	16,645	19,435	17,820	18,039	17,105	16,312	16,002	16,193
Austria .....	318	357	345	337	402	393	359	371	312	289	337
Belgium.....	240	243	295	302	359	313	324	325	350	352	397
Bulgaria.....	21	21	32	23	16	27	10	5	5	4	1
Czech Republic.....	54	35	46	33	34	39	27	17	13	20	16
Denmark.....	187	182	204	151	221	158	210	193	197	207	199
Finland.....	200	210	275	232	230	304	331	361	293	312	358
France.....	2,400	2,369	2,874	2,661	3,140	2,866	3,030	3,029	2,909	2,779	2,821
Germany.....	6,718	6,856	7,884	7,352	8,352	7,614	7,680	7,309	6,893	6,731	6,600
Greece.....	7	11	4	8	10	8	13	9	7	16	7
Hungary.....	108	131	127	94	129	93	85	88	61	46	50
Ireland.....	30	26	36	37	59	49	53	50	46	48	47
Italy.....	919	995	1,183	1,076	1,297	1,259	1,209	1,271	1,285	1,215	1,078
Luxembourg.....	37	31	22	29	29	17	27	26	28	22	24
Netherlands.....	766	722	922	806	1,061	960	992	855	800	852	799
Poland.....	11	14	13	8	14	17	8	5	8	8	8
Portugal.....	4	2	5	5	11	7	8	1	2	6	3
Romania.....	3	2	5	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	3
Slovenia.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	4
Spain.....	78	97	115	126	131	130	153	133	158	141	148
Sweden.....	857	883	948	777	837	768	716	626	636	706	806
United Kingdom.....	2,494	2,407	2,777	2,585	3,100	2,794	2,803	2,430	2,302	2,236	2,481
All others.....	0	2	0	2	3	3	0	1	2	5	6
Asia.....	13,016	13,535	17,072	16,830	21,067	20,628	22,494	23,642	24,468	24,978	24,806
China.....	26	40	57	88	100	99	100	101	113	105	148
India.....	10	18	12	14	14	23	22	24	30	27	37
Japan.....	12,746	13,209	16,557	16,158	20,168	19,525	21,025	21,925	22,293	22,384	21,764
Malaysia.....	3	4	2	2	2	3	12	5	13	10	7
Philippines.....	5	1	5	4	7	4	5	7	4	1	4
Singapore.....	9	3	11	6	18	12	15	32	38	51	53
South Korea.....	41	46	84	97	159	225	405	538	779	943	1,161
Taiwan.....	174	208	343	457	591	732	906	1,001	1,189	1,443	1,620
Thailand.....	1	3	1	2	4	2	2	1	5	5	8
All others.....	1	3	0	2	4	3	2	8	4	9	4
All others.....	3,637	3,603	4,248	3,952	4,850	4,526	4,801	4,444	4,331	4,630	4,681
Share of USPTO applications	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.....	55.20	53.80	52.46	51.97	52.53	52.44	53.03	53.62	54.13	55.14	54.96
EU.....	21.56	22.01	21.83	21.36	20.34	19.72	18.69	17.55	16.59	15.74	15.97

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Austria .....	0.44	0.50	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.43	0.37	0.38	0.32	0.28	0.33
Belgium .....	0.33	0.34	0.36	0.39	0.38	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.39
Bulgaria .....	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Czech Republic .....	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Denmark .....	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.19	0.23	0.17	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Finland .....	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.30	0.24	0.34	0.34	0.37	0.30	0.31	0.35
France .....	3.35	3.34	3.46	3.41	3.29	3.17	3.14	3.11	2.96	2.73	2.78
Germany .....	9.37	9.68	9.50	9.43	8.74	8.43	7.96	7.50	7.01	6.62	6.51
Greece .....	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Hungary .....	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.12	0.14	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.05
Ireland .....	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Italy .....	1.28	1.40	1.43	1.38	1.36	1.39	1.25	1.30	1.31	1.19	1.06
Luxembourg .....	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Netherlands .....	1.07	1.02	1.11	1.03	1.11	1.06	1.03	0.88	0.81	0.84	0.79
Poland .....	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portugal .....	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Romania .....	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.01	0.00
Spain .....	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.15
Sweden .....	1.20	1.25	1.14	1.00	0.88	0.85	0.74	0.64	0.65	0.69	0.79
United Kingdom .....	3.48	3.40	3.35	3.32	3.24	3.09	2.90	2.49	2.34	2.20	2.45
All others .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Asia .....	18.16	19.10	20.58	21.60	22.05	22.83	23.31	24.26	24.88	24.57	24.46
China .....	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.15
India .....	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04
Japan .....	17.79	18.64	19.96	20.74	21.11	21.61	21.79	22.50	22.67	22.02	21.46
Malaysia .....	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Philippines .....	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Singapore .....	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05
South Korea .....	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.17	0.25	0.42	0.55	0.79	0.93	1.14
Taiwan .....	0.24	0.29	0.41	0.59	0.62	0.81	0.94	1.03	1.21	1.42	1.60
Thailand .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
All others .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
All others .....	5.08	5.08	5.12	5.07	5.08	5.01	4.97	4.56	4.40	4.55	4.62

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

NOTES: USPTO patents are utility patents, which are patents of inventions. Design, plant, and reissue patents not included. Patents granted 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 that have <0.01% world share of U.S. patent applications in 2005 grouped in All others.

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