

EPO 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	39,376	43,084	45,815	52,184	57,721	63,901	59,254	60,582	60,026	61,918	65,129
United States	10,757	11,695	12,110	13,463	15,018	17,143	16,876	17,604	17,720	18,383	19,518
EU	19,326	21,630	22,837	25,539	27,726	29,430	25,846	27,147	27,046	27,964	29,792
Austria	511	588	533	603	649	671	643	655	615	647	688
Belgium	414	394	461	499	534	627	492	638	729	765	820
Bulgaria	23	18	11	23	14	11	3	2	8	5	6
Czech Republic	13	9	17	49	64	39	24	27	30	21	24
Denmark	216	228	228	240	306	324	336	362	392	432	478
Finland	168	174	215	275	319	402	424	419	519	596	689
France	3,242	3,727	3,823	4,350	4,773	5,102	4,851	4,973	4,673	4,779	4,977
Germany	8,287	9,348	9,851	11,210	12,133	12,756	10,531	11,253	11,366	11,690	12,544
Greece	10	6	18	15	21	25	24	30	27	23	27
Hungary	118	109	103	109	91	91	66	59	50	47	46
Ireland	37	41	48	58	50	67	61	65	75	70	89
Italy	1,211	1,455	1,655	1,968	2,043	2,404	2,133	2,434	2,250	2,300	2,372
Luxembourg	20	28	26	16	30	25	33	32	21	33	25
Netherlands	1,095	1,164	1,276	1,463	1,577	1,699	1,466	1,464	1,472	1,484	1,523
Poland	17	19	30	26	23	18	16	19	13	18	20
Portugal	6	4	9	11	9	5	8	13	11	18	15
Romania	2	1	0	0	0	2	3	4	3	4	8
Slovenia	0	0	0	1	2	5	3	3	16	24	18
Spain	88	121	162	183	206	252	280	292	300	380	386
Sweden	919	958	866	908	887	962	906	958	1,037	1,127	1,347
United Kingdom	2,930	3,236	3,506	3,533	3,996	3,943	3,539	3,437	3,421	3,490	3,681
Asia	6,448	6,762	7,769	9,777	11,463	13,510	13,207	12,229	11,461	11,733	11,749
China	15	67	49	46	69	45	58	61	68	77	67
India	14	18	12	13	27	25	20	23	24	22	26
Japan	6,358	6,606	7,622	9,610	11,233	13,220	12,868	11,800	10,961	11,138	11,121
Malaysia	5	3	4	5	4	7	4	6	9	5	9
Philippines	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	3	0	5	1
Singapore	9	4	6	6	8	24	7	34	45	40	36
South Korea	18	17	13	20	34	64	126	170	220	327	386
Taiwan	24	43	56	74	86	118	120	124	126	114	94
Thailand	3	2	1	2	0	1	1	5	2	4	7
All others	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	2	6	3	2
All others	2,846	2,997	3,099	3,406	3,514	3,818	3,325	3,602	3,798	3,839	4,070
Argentina	427	463	388	367	341	364	358	409	386	428	457
Australia	383	403	452	552	553	637	516	585	578	650	735
Brazil	3	3	3	1	3	5	7	10	5	7	11
Canada	3	2	11	7	11	14	14	14	9	15	12
Chile	34	44	39	31	42	40	20	50	66	53	72
Iceland	122	121	120	114	152	174	133	183	195	161	192
Israel	1,459	1,452	1,497	1,668	1,732	1,874	1,651	1,665	1,757	1,673	1,719

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

Region/country/economy	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Mexico	4	2	2	1	3	5	4	3	1	4	3
New Zealand	5	6	8	7	7	12	18	14	17	16	15
Norway.....	19	31	8	21	19	20	42	30	47	52	42
Russian Federation.....	5	1	1	4	NA	4	6	3	0	1	3
South Africa.....	108	104	152	148	173	229	208	246	276	304	367
Switzerland	21	97	113	200	177	87	70	91	133	130	132
Turkey	76	70	96	71	84	92	58	64	118	103	66
All others.....	179	197	208	215	216	263	220	235	211	241	243

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.

SOURCE: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Patent database, http://stats.oecd.org/wbos/default.aspx?DatasetCode=PATS_IPC, accessed 15 February 2007.

Science and Engineering Indicators 2008