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**Share of USPTO patent applications for selected countries/economies: 1995, 2000, and 2005**

(Percent)

Rank	1995		2000		2005	
	Country/economy	Share	Country/economy	Share	Country/economy	Share
1	U.S.	58.37	U.S.	55.69	U.S.	53.20
2	Japan	18.77	Japan	17.87	Japan	18.43
3	Germany	5.58	Germany	5.99	Germany	5.29
4	UK	2.45	Taiwan	3.06	South Korea	4.41
5	France	2.35	UK	2.54	Taiwan	4.25
6	Canada	2.23	Canada	2.30	Canada	2.21
7	Taiwan	1.91	France	2.24	UK	2.04
8	South Korea	1.33	South Korea	1.93	France	1.78
9	Italy	1.00	Sweden	0.95	Netherlands	0.82
10	Switzerland	0.90	Italy	0.91	Israel	0.81
11	Netherlands	0.74	Israel	0.85	Italy	0.77
12	Sweden	0.71	Netherlands	0.77	China	0.75
13	Israel	0.50	Switzerland	0.75	Australia	0.75
14	Australia	0.47	Australia	0.61	Switzerland	0.63
15	Belgium	0.47	Finland	0.52	Sweden	0.57
16	Finland	0.35	Belgium	0.42	Finland	0.52
17	Austria	0.29	China	0.32	India	0.37
18	Denmark	0.29	Austria	0.30	Belgium	0.37
19	Spain	0.17	Denmark	0.29	Austria	0.27
20	China	0.14	Singapore	0.21	Denmark	0.26
21	Norway	0.11	Spain	0.19	Singapore	0.24
22	Russian Federation	0.10	Norway	0.15	Spain	0.18
23	South Africa	0.09	India	0.15	Norway	0.14
24	Singapore	0.07	Russian Federation	0.13	Ireland	0.13
25	New Zealand	0.06	Ireland	0.12	Russian Federation	0.09
26	Ireland	0.06	New Zealand	0.09	New Zealand	0.09
27	Brazil	0.05	Brazil	0.07	Malaysia	0.08
28	Mexico	0.05	South Africa	0.07	Brazil	0.08
29	India	0.04	Mexico	0.06	South Africa	0.05
30	Hungary	0.03	Argentina	0.05	Mexico	0.05

UK = United Kingdom; USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

NOTES: Patent applications and grants assigned to country/economy based on residence of first-named inventor. China includes Hong Kong.

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](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/appl_yr.htm), accessed December 2006; Historic Patents by Country, State, and Year, Utility Patents, [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst\\_utlh.htm](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst_utlh.htm), accessed 15 December 2006; and National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, special tabulations.