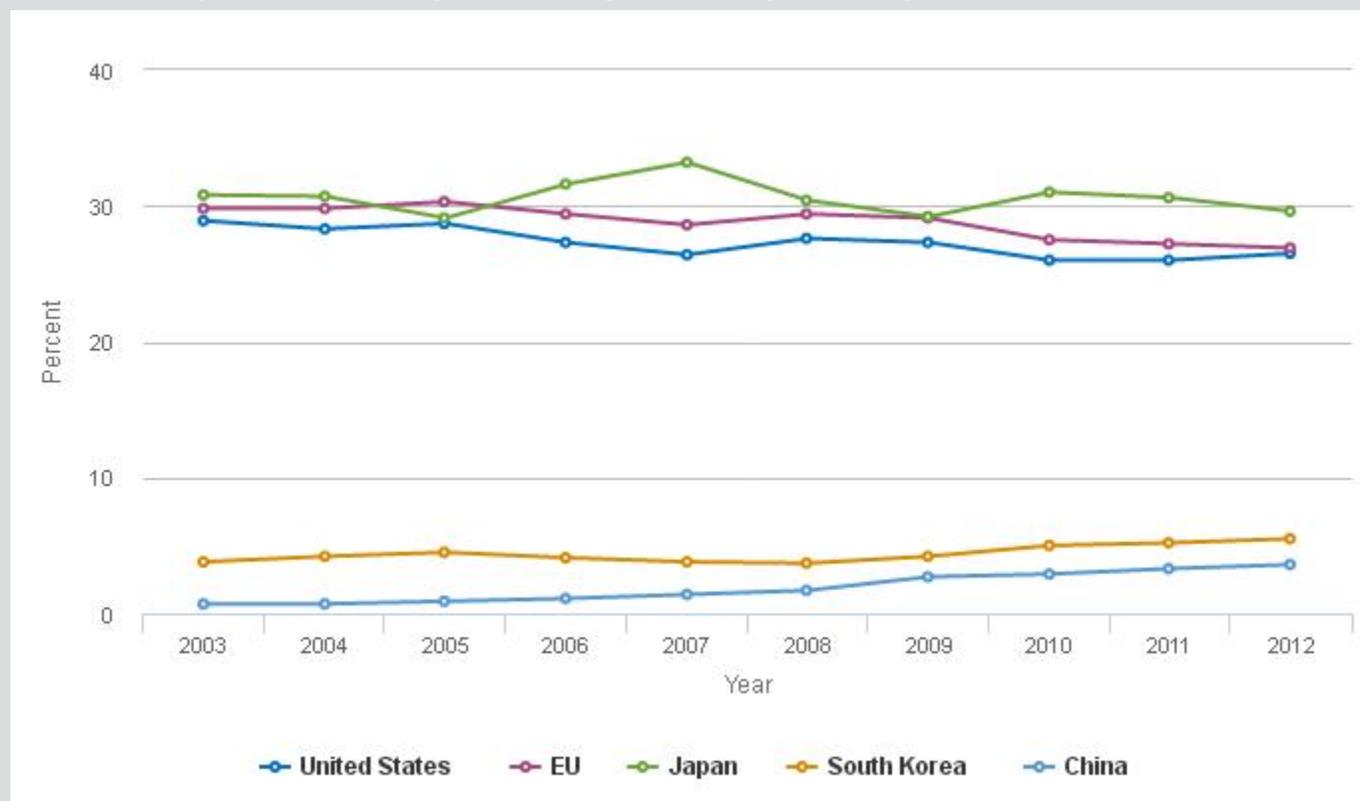


Figure 6-30

Global triadic patent families, by selected region/country/economy: 2003–12



EU = European Union.

NOTES: Triadic patent families include patents all filed together at the European Patent Office and Japan Patent Office and granted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, protecting the same set of inventions. Patent families are fractionally allocated among regions/countries/economies based on the proportion of residences of all named inventors. China includes Hong Kong.

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