

APPENDIX TABLE 3-22 
**R&D personnel in selected regions or countries: 2000–15**

(Thousands)

Year	EU	Japan	South Korea	China	Russia
2000	2,000	897	138	922	1,007
2001	2,033	869	166	956	1,008
2002	2,082	834	172	1,035	987
2003	2,101	859	186	1,095	973
2004	2,144	873	194	1,153	952
2005	2,202	897	215	1,365	920
2006	2,294	910	238	1,502	917
2007	2,370	912	269	1,736	912
2008	2,462	883	294	1,965	870
2009	2,486	878	309	2,291	846
2010	2,540	878	335	2,554	840
2011	2,613	870	361	2,883	839
2012	2,671	851	396	3,247	828
2013	2,711	866	401	3,533	827
2014	2,779	895	431	3,711	829
2015	2,869	875	442	3,759	834

EU = European Union.

**Note(s)**

Personnel are full-time equivalents. R&D personnel includes researchers, technicians, and other support staff. Counts for China before 2009 were not consistent with Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) standards. Counts for South Korea before 2007 exclude social sciences and humanities researchers.

**Source(s)**

OECD, Main Science and Technology Indicators (2017/1), <https://www.oecd.org/sti/msti.htm>.

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