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**USPTO patent grants, by region/country/economy: Selected years, 1997–2012**

Region/country/economy	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
World	111,982	153,481	166,033	169,020	164,290	143,805	173,771	157,282	157,772	167,349	219,609	224,500	253,138
North America	63,913	86,869	91,020	91,114	87,396	77,239	93,020	82,543	80,593	85,644	112,099	113,116	126,195
Bermuda	2	1	2	4	0	2	0	3	2	1	2	5	2
Canada	2,382	3,215	3,590	3,447	3,395	2,917	3,601	3,342	3,375	3,668	4,853	5,046	5,754
Mexico	50	80	90	91	91	82	72	59	64	64	101	103	135
United States	61,479	83,574	87,339	87,572	83,911	74,238	89,346	79,138	77,152	81,912	107,142	107,962	120,304
Central and South America	186	263	258	317	249	197	249	203	209	244	321	394	419
Argentina	36	48	50	61	47	27	42	41	35	47	47	60	68
Brazil	62	98	113	132	106	75	130	92	101	111	181	222	201
All others	87	117	95	124	96	94	77	70	74	86	93	112	150
Europe	19,127	25,562	29,328	28,830	26,831	22,734	26,323	23,698	23,703	24,115	33,072	33,386	38,981
EU	17,707	23,762	27,292	26,923	25,043	21,280	24,571	22,135	22,012	22,355	30,701	30,868	36,153
Austria	372	488	584	594	546	452	559	452	456	509	738	763	870
Belgium	518	656	736	635	630	530	621	532	517	601	828	809	882
Denmark	336	487	487	536	426	372	443	396	397	393	610	736	852
Finland	455	653	742	867	922	726	955	858	825	866	1,143	960	1,058
France	2,968	3,825	4,062	3,874	3,402	2,903	3,461	3,151	3,184	3,162	4,478	4,556	5,388
Germany	7,015	9,363	11,264	11,456	10,781	9,038	10,053	9,080	8,952	9,017	12,378	11,916	13,873
Hungary	29	42	59	74	51	48	54	48	66	50	93	104	110
Ireland	74	96	140	162	185	158	186	151	174	193	277	328	355
Italy	1,258	1,503	1,727	1,722	1,603	1,315	1,496	1,318	1,369	1,377	1,840	1,922	2,164
Netherlands	826	1,265	1,328	1,330	1,286	1,004	1,339	1,274	1,324	1,317	1,659	1,764	1,953
Spain	184	239	275	325	273	274	313	282	317	339	436	492	674
Sweden	863	1,405	1,744	1,511	1,286	1,131	1,249	1,067	1,064	1,009	1,433	1,712	2,090
United Kingdom	2,704	3,600	3,976	3,641	3,471	3,153	3,621	3,303	3,117	3,230	4,383	4,352	5,311
All others	105	140	170	195	181	177	221	223	250	292	404	454	575
Other Europe	1,420	1,800	2,036	1,907	1,788	1,454	1,752	1,563	1,691	1,760	2,371	2,518	2,828
Norway	141	227	264	258	247	223	239	243	263	267	390	369	445
Russia	0	0	253	224	188	167	199	201	200	217	308	331	365
Former Soviet Union	132	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	1,104	1,283	1,423	1,333	1,267	991	1,211	1,032	1,126	1,192	1,583	1,712	1,879
All others	43	82	96	92	86	73	103	87	102	84	90	106	139
Asia	27,517	39,045	43,246	46,324	47,501	41,487	51,294	48,182	50,495	54,369	70,062	73,173	82,815
China	154	266	460	613	740	744	1,057	1,192	1,607	2,041	3,211	3,717	5,351
India	52	118	187	354	369	401	511	566	651	709	1,143	1,277	1,756
Japan	23,207	31,139	33,257	35,545	35,403	30,361	36,852	33,401	33,720	35,523	44,897	46,206	50,708
Malaysia	16	31	34	48	85	94	123	171	159	156	200	177	213
Singapore	97	149	307	438	457	345	412	391	406	434	615	650	805
South Korea	1,903	3,568	3,547	3,952	4,428	4,364	5,899	6,299	7,540	8,769	11,650	12,234	13,210
Taiwan	2,065	3,718	5,397	5,299	5,950	5,114	6,350	6,104	6,345	6,663	8,233	8,787	10,633
All others	23	55	57	75	69	64	90	58	67	74	113	125	139

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Middle East	566	792	1,031	1,251	1,095	982	1,284	1,175	1,263	1,491	1,959	2,149	2,788
Israel	539	755	983	1,188	1,052	934	1,217	1,112	1,183	1,411	1,838	1,972	2,479
All others	27	37	48	63	42	48	67	64	80	80	121	177	309
Africa	105	125	137	136	124	114	129	100	109	112	152	155	189
South Africa	99	110	119	111	102	90	109	79	90	90	121	120	140
All others	6	15	18	25	22	24	21	21	19	22	30	35	48
Australia/Oceania	568	825	1,013	1,049	1,094	1,053	1,472	1,381	1,402	1,374	1,944	2,127	1,752
Australia	480	708	882	908	957	929	1,333	1,270	1,295	1,242	1,769	1,942	1,528
New Zealand	85	116	129	137	135	122	137	111	104	132	171	185	223
All others	3	1	3	5	2	2	2	0	2	0	4	1	1

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

NOTES: Patents are fractionally allocated among regions/countries/economies based on proportion of residences of all named inventors. The EU includes 27 member countries. China includes Hong Kong. Detail may not add to total because of rounding or minor discrepancies. See appendix table 6-41 for a full list of countries by region/country/economy.

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