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USPTO patents granted in information processing technology, 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	3,806	6,808	7,092	7,533	8,365	8,141	12,626	11,672	13,268	15,075	22,032	22,701	27,880
North America	2,510	4,830	5,217	5,538	6,046	5,850	8,489	7,795	8,707	10,163	14,877	14,988	17,711
Bermuda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Canada	50	98	121	127	158	149	256	251	324	382	567	633	712
Mexico	0	1	1	0	1	2	4	2	1	2	6	5	11
United States	2,459	4,731	5,095	5,410	5,887	5,699	8,228	7,542	8,382	9,779	14,305	14,348	16,988
Central and South America	4	2	4	3	8	5	9	8	11	12	18	22	25
Argentina	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	3
Brazil	0	1	1	0	3	1	7	5	7	8	13	14	12
All others	3	1	3	2	3	4	1	2	4	2	5	4	10
Europe	286	485	530	607	719	729	1,328	1,260	1,460	1,657	2,452	2,463	3,160
EU	276	449	505	566	680	692	1,251	1,189	1,381	1,543	2,301	2,276	2,922
Austria	1	6	1	9	8	10	18	8	11	20	34	29	33
Belgium	7	8	15	11	18	7	22	28	22	26	38	40	50
Denmark	1	8	10	9	8	9	16	16	10	15	31	30	37
Finland	6	13	18	28	37	36	64	73	62	82	80	85	87
France	69	76	81	98	130	130	198	183	223	222	359	324	460
Germany	51	98	109	134	170	172	393	394	497	548	891	841	1,045
Hungary	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	4	3	3	2	13	7
Ireland	4	6	14	8	12	17	17	15	22	32	43	54	64
Italy	9	15	17	22	18	19	45	39	57	43	63	93	142
Netherlands	23	23	36	38	36	23	76	62	63	80	97	105	113
Spain	1	3	0	1	4	4	14	7	17	15	20	36	53
Sweden	19	32	47	38	32	32	69	60	57	62	99	104	174
United Kingdom	83	160	151	167	201	219	311	294	312	359	500	463	572
All others	1	2	4	4	6	11	8	6	23	33	45	61	84
Other Europe	10	36	25	41	39	37	77	71	79	114	151	187	238
Norway	0	4	2	4	5	1	9	15	15	16	18	27	31
Russia	0	0	12	17	11	13	24	14	22	33	48	56	77
Former Soviet Union	5	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	4	13	9	20	21	22	39	38	38	62	77	96	118
All others	1	0	2	0	2	1	5	4	4	3	8	8	12
Asia	959	1,392	1,218	1,208	1,402	1,389	2,550	2,342	2,824	2,930	4,236	4,703	6,276
China	7	6	17	20	27	41	82	100	162	184	274	347	518
India	1	4	12	28	43	50	73	76	113	164	283	358	478
Japan	868	1,209	1,043	979	1,125	1,076	1,956	1,733	1,983	2,026	2,854	3,049	3,837
Malaysia	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	10	6	11	11	7	10
Singapore	4	8	9	15	21	13	24	20	41	32	39	51	54
South Korea	42	103	87	84	87	94	206	212	291	285	500	524	831
Taiwan	35	62	49	82	99	111	199	188	224	223	270	358	536
All others	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	3	4	5	5	9	12
Middle East	38	72	85	118	126	104	163	140	169	201	257	309	482

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Israel	37	72	83	116	125	104	160	138	163	194	242	296	442
All others	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	6	7	14	13	40
Africa	0	1	3	2	5	3	6	3	8	5	9	12	25
South Africa	0	0	2	1	4	3	4	1	5	5	6	7	14
All others	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	3	0	3	5	11
Australia/Oceania	11	25	35	58	60	60	85	124	90	106	183	204	201
Australia	10	21	33	51	58	53	79	115	81	96	169	191	179
New Zealand	1	3	2	7	2	7	6	9	9	10	15	13	22
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

NOTES: Technologies are classified by The Patent Board™. Patents are fractionally allocated among regions/countries/economies based on the 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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