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U.S. Patent Statistics Chart
Calendar Years 1963 - 2020

The following table displays the calendar year along with counts of patent applications and grants, by document category (updated 5/2021):

Year of Application or Grant	Utility Patent Applications, U.S. Origin	Utility Patent Applications, Foreign Origin	Utility Patent Applications, Foreign Origin Percent Share	Utility Patent Applications, All Origin Total	Design Patent Applications	Plant Patent Applications	Total Patent Applications *		Utility Patent Grants, U.S. Origin	Utility Patent Grants, Foreign Origin	Utility Patent Grants, Foreign Origin Percent Share	Utility Patent Grants, All Origin Total	Design Patent Grants	Plant Patent Grants	Reissue Patent Grants	Total Patent Grants	Total Patent Grants, Foreign Origin Percent Share *	Year of Application or Grant
2020	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	597,175	47,838	1,171	646,244		164,575	187,474	53.2	352,049	34,877	1,398	576	388,900	53	2020
2019	285,113	321,449	55.4	621,453	46,847	1,134	669,434		167,115	187,315	52.8	354,430	34,794	1,275	604	391,103	52	2019
2018	285,095	312,046	52.3	597,141	45,083	1,079	643,303		144,413	163,346	53.1	307,759	30,497	1,208	528	339,992	52	2018
2017	293,904	313,052	51.6	606,956	43,340	1,059	651,355		150,952	167,876	52.7	318,828	30,870	1,311	394	351,403	52	2017
2016	295,327	310,244	51.2	605,571	42,571	1,177	649,319		143,725	159,324	52.6	303,049	28,873	1,235	426	333,583	52	2016
2015	288,335	301,075	51.1	589,410	39,097	1,140	629,647		140,969	157,439	52.8	298,408	25,986	1,074	512	325,980	52	2015
2014	285,096	293,706	50.7	578,802	35,378	1,063	615,243		144,621	156,057	51.9	300,677	23,657	1,072	626	326,032	51	2014
2013	287,831	283.781	49.6	571,612	36,034	1,406	609,052		133,593	144,242	51.9	277,835	23,468	847	798	302,948	51	2013
2012	268,782	274,033	50.5	542,815	32,799	1,149	576,763		121,026	132,129	52.2	253,155	21,951	860	822	276,788	52	2012
2011	247,750	255,832	50.8	503,582	30,467	1,139	535,188		108,622	115,883	51.6	224,505	21,356	823	1,029	247,713	51	2011
2010	241,977	248,249	50.6	490,226	29,059	992	520,277		107,791	111,823	50.9	219,614	22,799	981	947	244,341	50	2010
2009	224,912	231,194	50.7	456,106	25,806	959	482,871		82,382	84,967	50.8	167,349	23,116	1,009	453	191,927	50	2009
2008	231,588	224,733	49.2	456,321	27,782	1,209	485,312		77,502	80,270	50.9	157,772	25,565	1,240	647	185,224	50	2008
2007	241,347	214,807	47.1	456,154	27,752	1,049	484,955		79,526	77,756	49.4	157,282	24,062	1,047	508	182,899	49	2007
2006	221,784	204,183	47.9	425,967	25,515	1,151	452,633		89,823	83,949	48.3	173,772	20,965	1,149	519	196,405	48	2006
2005	207,867	182,866	46.8	390,733	25,553	1,222	417,508		74,637	69,169	48.1	143,806	12,951	716	245	157,718	48	2005
2004	189,536	167,407	46.9	356,943	23,975	1,221	382,139		84,270	80,020	48.7	164,290	15,695	1,016	298	181,299	48	2004
2003	188,941	153,500	44.8	342,441	22,602	1,000	366,043		87,893	81,130	48.0	169,023	16,574	994	421	187,012	47	2003
2002	184,245	150,200	44.9	334,445	20,904	1,144	356,493		86,971	80,360	48.0	167,331	15,451	1,133	460	184,375	47	2002
2001	177,511	148,997	45.6	326,508	18,280	944	345,732		87,600	78,435	47.2	166,035	16,871	584	480	183,970	46	2001
2000	164,795	131,131	44.3	295,926	18,292	797	315,015		85,068	72,426	46.0	157,494	17,413	548	524	175,979	45	2000
1999	149,825	120,362	44.5	270,187	17,761	863	288,811		83,906	69,579	45.3	153,485	14,732	420	448	169,085	44	1999
1998	135,483	107,579	44.3	243,062	17,107	720	260,889		80,289	67,228	45.6	147,517	14,766	561	298	163,142	44	1998
1997	120,445	94,812	44.0	215,257	16,546	621	232,424		61,708	50,276	44.9	111,984	11,414	394	277	124,069	44	1997
1996	106,892	88,295	45.2	195,187	15,161	665	211,013		61,104	48,541	44.3	109,645	11,410	362	279	121,696	43	1996
1995	123,958	88,419	41.6	212,377	15,409	452	228,238		55,739	45,680	45.0	101,419	11,712	387	316	113,834	43	1995
1994	107,233	82,624	43.5	189,857	15,774	459	206,090		56,066	45,610	44.9	101,676	11,095	499	317	113,587	43	1994
1993	99,955	74,788	42.8	174,743	13,635	361	188,739		53,231	45,111	45.9	98,342	10,630	442	332	109,746	44	1993
1992	92,425	80,650	46.6	173,075	13,078	354	186,507		52,253	45,191	46.4	97,444	9,269	321	360	107,394	45	1992
1991	87,955	76,351	46.5	164,306	13,061	463	177,830		51,177	45,334	47.0	96,511	9,569	353	263	106,696	46	1991
1990	90,643	73,915	44.9	164,558	11,288	418	176,264		47,391	42,974	47.6	90,365	8,024	318	370	99,077	47	1990
1989	82,370	70,380	46.1	152,750	12,615	383	165,748		50,185	45,352	47.5	95,537	6,092	587	317	102,533	47	1989
1988	75,192	64,633	46.2	139,825	11,289	377	151,491		40,497	37,427	48.0	77,924	5,679	425	244	84,272	47	1988
1987	68,315	59,602	46.6	127,917	11,153	385	139,455		43,520	39,432	47.5	82,952	5,959	229	245	89,385	47	1987
1986	65,487	56,946	46.5	122,433	9,912	320	132,665		38,126	32,734	46.2	70,860	5,518	224	260	76,862	45	1986
1985	63,874	53,132	45.4	117,006	9,551	231	126,788		39,555	32,106	44.8	71,661	5,066	242	276	77,245	44	1985
1984	61,841	49,443	44.4	111,284	8,739	253	120,276		38,367	28,833	42.9	67,200	4,938	212	300	72,650	42	1984
1983	59,390	44,313	42.7	103,703	8,082	255	112,040		32,871	23,989	42.2	56,860	4,563	197	362	61,982	41	1983
1982	63,316	46,309	42.2	109,625	8,174	188	117,987		33,896	23,992	41.4	57,888	4,944	173	271	63,276	40	1982

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1981	62,404	44,009	41.4	106,413	7,375	178	113,966		39,223	26,548	40.4	65,771	4,745	183	365	71,064	39	1981
1980	62,098	42,231	40.5	104,329	7,830	220	112,379		37,355	24,464	39.6	61,819	3,949	117	285	66,170	38	1980
1979	60,535	39,959	39.8	100,494	7,519	196	108,209		30,078	18,776	38.4	48,854	3,119	131	309	52,413	37	1979
1978	61,441	39,475	39.1	100,916	7,538	194	108,648		41,255	24,847	37.6	66,102	3,862	186	364	70,514	37	1978
1977	62,863	38,068	37.7	100,931	7,258	188	108,377		41,484	23,785	36.4	65,269	3,929	173	410	69,781	36	1977
1976	65,050	37,294	36.4	102,344	7,061	175	109,580		44,280	25,946	36.9	70,226	4,564	176	422	75,388		1976
1975	64,445	36,569	36.2	101,014	6,292	150	107,456		46,715	25,285	35.1	72,000	4,282	150	378	76,810		1975
1974	64,093	38,445	37.5	102,538	5,318	155	108,011		50,645	25,633	33.6	76,278	4,304	261	435	81,278	33	1974
1973	66,935	37,144	35.7	104,079	5,425	118	109,622		51,500	22,643	30.5	74,143	4,033	132	314	78,622	30	1973
1972	65,943	33,355	33.6	99,298	5,867	135	105,300		51,518	23,292	31.1	74,810	2,901	199	275	78,185	30	1972
1971	71,089	33,640	32.1	104,729	6,211	155	111,095		55,976	22,341	28.5	78,317	3,156	71	246	81,790	28	1971
1970	72,343	30,832	29.9	103,175	5,996	188	109,359		47,072	17,357	26.9	64,429	3,214	52	269	67,964	26	1970
1969	68,243	30,507	30.9	98,750	5,496	111	104,357		50,394	17,165	25.4	67,559	3,335	103	233	71,230	25 *	1969
1968	67,180	26,291	28.1	93,471	5,171	95	98,737		45,781	13,323	22.5	59,104	3,352	72	186	62,714	22 *	1968
1967	61,651	24,046	28.0	85,697	4,744	103	90,544		51,273	14,379	21.9	65,652	3,165	85	196	69,098	21 *	1967
1966	66,855	21,670	24.5	88,525	4,853	104	93,482		54,634	13,771	20.1	68,405	3,188	114	179	71,886	20 *	1966
1965	72,317	22,312	23.6	94,629	5,413	108	100,150		50,331	12,526	19.9	62,857	3,424	120	246	66,647	19 *	1965
1964	67,013	20,579	23.5	87,592	5,259	120	92,971		38,410	8,965	18.9	47,375	2,686	128	200	50,389	18 *	1964
1963	66,715	19,154	23.3	85,869	4,968	145	90,982		37,174	8,505	18.6	45,679	2,965	129	198	48,971	18 *	1963

NOTES:

(*) Reissue patents are excluded from counts in the "Total Patent Grants, Foreign Origin Percent Share" data column for the years 1963 to 1969; counts of applications exclude reissue patent applications.
(**) Not available

DATA SOURCES:

Data sources for counts of patent applications:

1963 - present, utility patent applications : U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) submissions to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); provisional applications are excluded
1963 - present, design patent applications : USPTO submissions to WIPO
1963 - 1964, plant patent applications : *Statistical Abstracts* (publication)
1965 - present, plant patent applications : USPTO submissions to WIPO

Data sources for counts of patent grants:

1963 - present, utility patents : TAF database
1963 - 1976, design patents : USPTO submissions to World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
1963 - 1964, plant patents : *Statistical Abstracts* (publication)
1965 - 1976, plant patents : USPTO submissions to WIPO
1963 - 1976, reissue patents : *Annual Index Patents* (publication)
1977 - present, all patent types : TAF database

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