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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

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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

Data sources for the column labeled "Total Patent Grants, Foreign Origin Percent Share":

1963 - 1974 : *Statistical Abstracts* (publication)
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1977 - present : TAF database

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