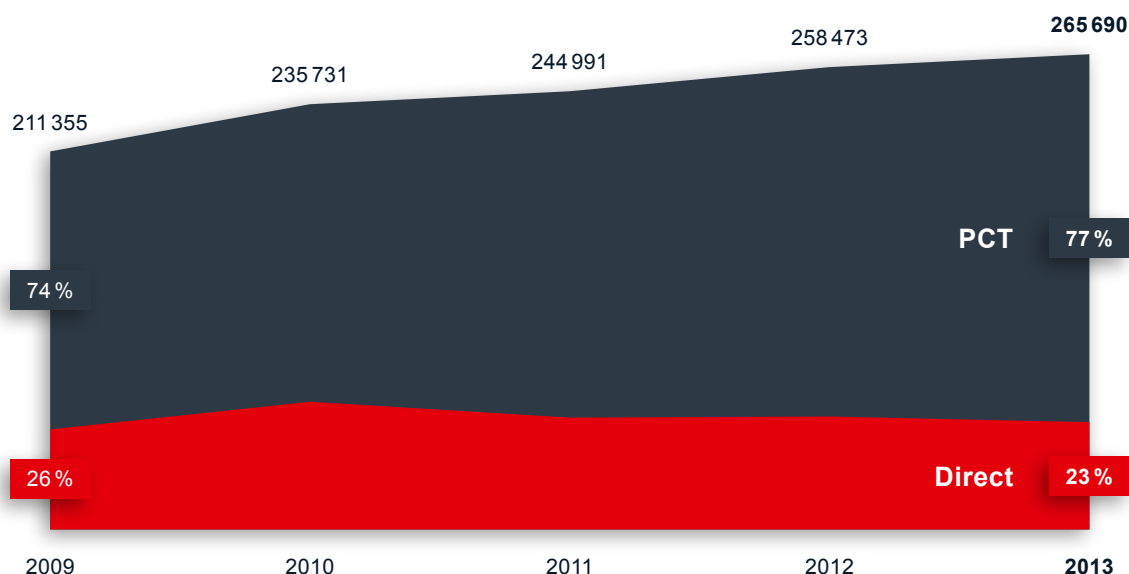


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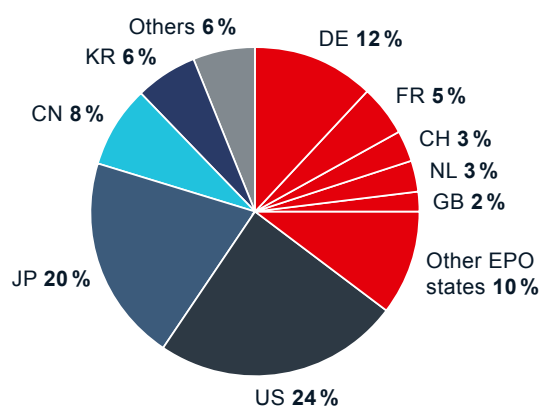
Filing routes



Analysis based on the total European patent filings (Direct European filings under the EPC and international filings under the PCT).
PCT: International filings under the PCT
Direct: Direct European filings under the EPC

Breakdown by applicant residence

European patent filings per country of origin

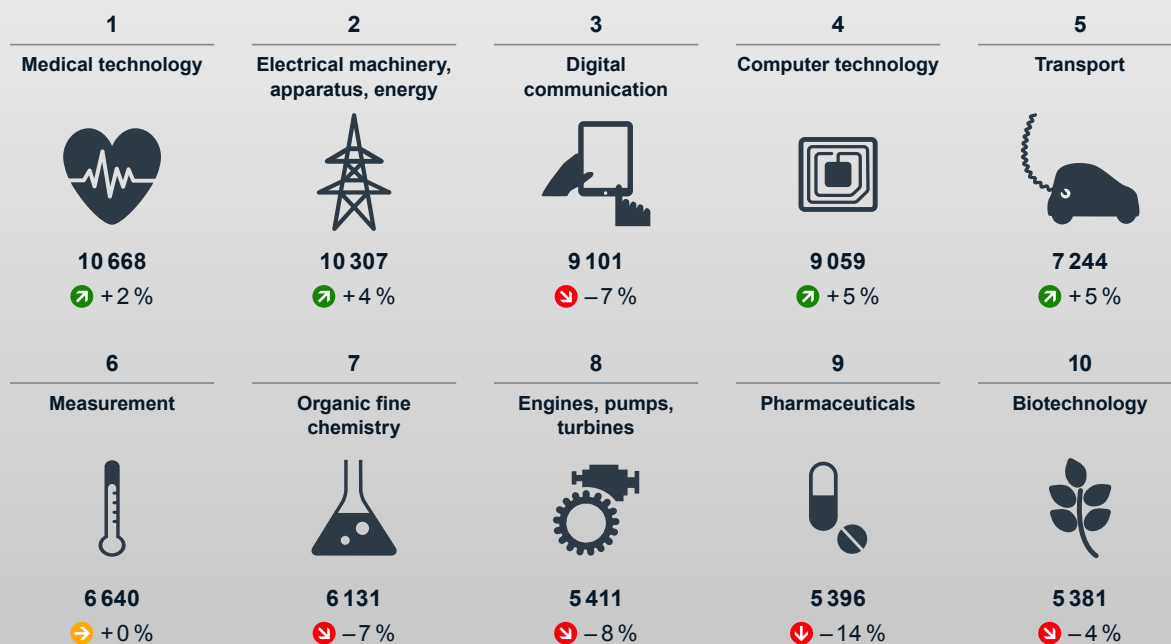


	2013	2012	Change
US	64 967	63 198	+ 2.8 %
JP	52 437	51 791	+ 1.2 %
DE	32 022	33 850	– 5.4 %
CN	22 292	19 182	+ 16.2 %
KR	16 857	14 791	+ 14.0 %
FR	12 417	12 285	+ 1.1 %
CH	7 966	8 129	– 2.0 %
NL	7 606	6 489	+ 17.2 %
GB	6 469	6 666	– 3.0 %
Other EPO states	27 425	26 563	+ 3.2 %
Others	15 232	15 529	– 1.9 %

Analysis based on the European patent filings 2013 (Direct European filings under the EPC and international filings under the PCT).
The filings have been allocated to the country of residence of the first-named applicant.
EPO: the 38 member states of the European Patent Organisation, including EU28

Breakdown by technical field

Top technical fields



Analysis based on the European patent applications filed with the EPO (Direct European applications and International (PCT) applications entering the European phase).

Ratio per million inhabitants

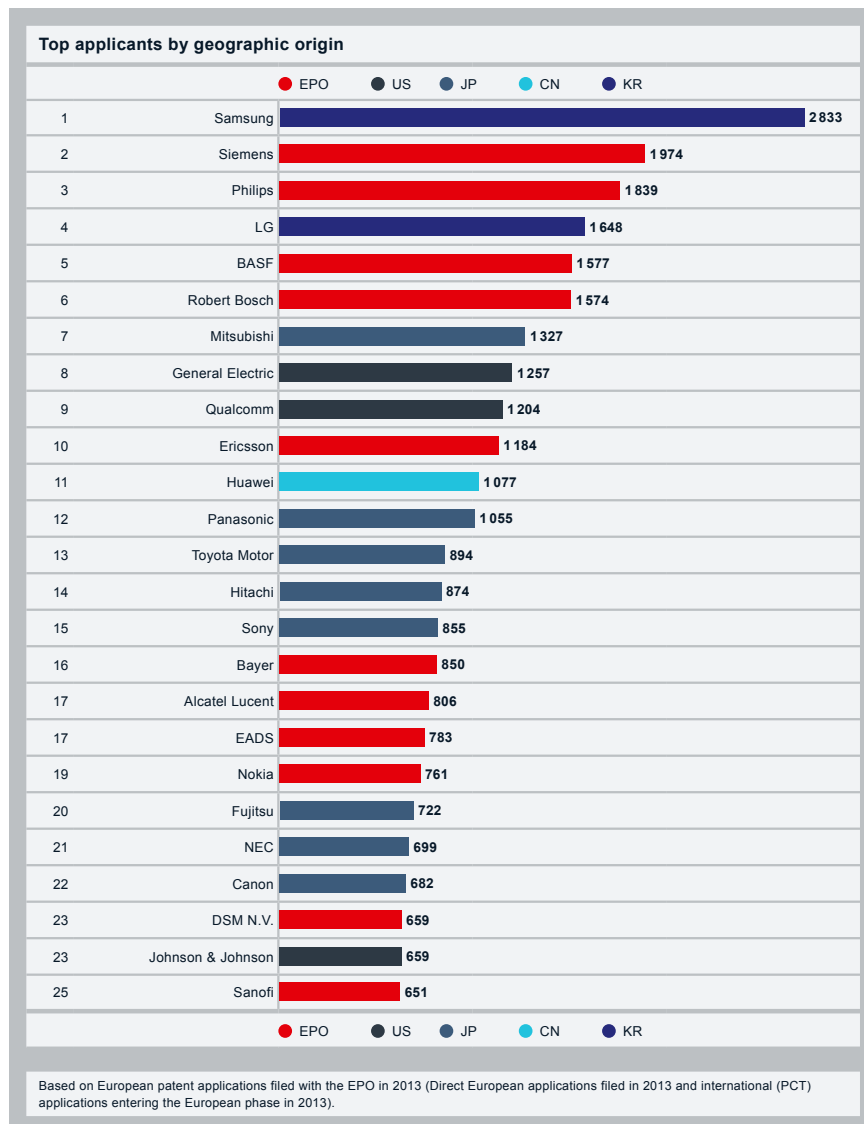
Rank	Country of origin	Applications per mio inhabitant	Population	Applications
1	Switzerland	832	7 996 026	6 651
2	Sweden	402	9 119 423	3 668
3	Finland	360	5 266 114	1 895
4	Denmark	347	5 556 452	1 929
4	Netherlands	347	16 805 037	5 826
6	Germany	328	81 147 265	26 645
7	Austria	243	8 221 646	1 995
8	Belgium	180	10 444 268	1 885
9	Japan	177	127 253 075	22 555
10	France	148	65 951 611	9 754
11	Israel	136	7 707 042	1 048
12	Republic of Korea	129	48 955 203	6 336
13	Ireland	115	4 775 982	548
14	Norway	108	4 722 701	508
15	United States of America	107	316 668 567	33 834
16	United Kingdom	72	63 395 574	4 567
17	Slovenia	68	1 992 690	135
18	Italy	60	61 482 297	3 704
19	Singapore	58	5 460 302	318
20	Canada	54	34 568 211	1 861

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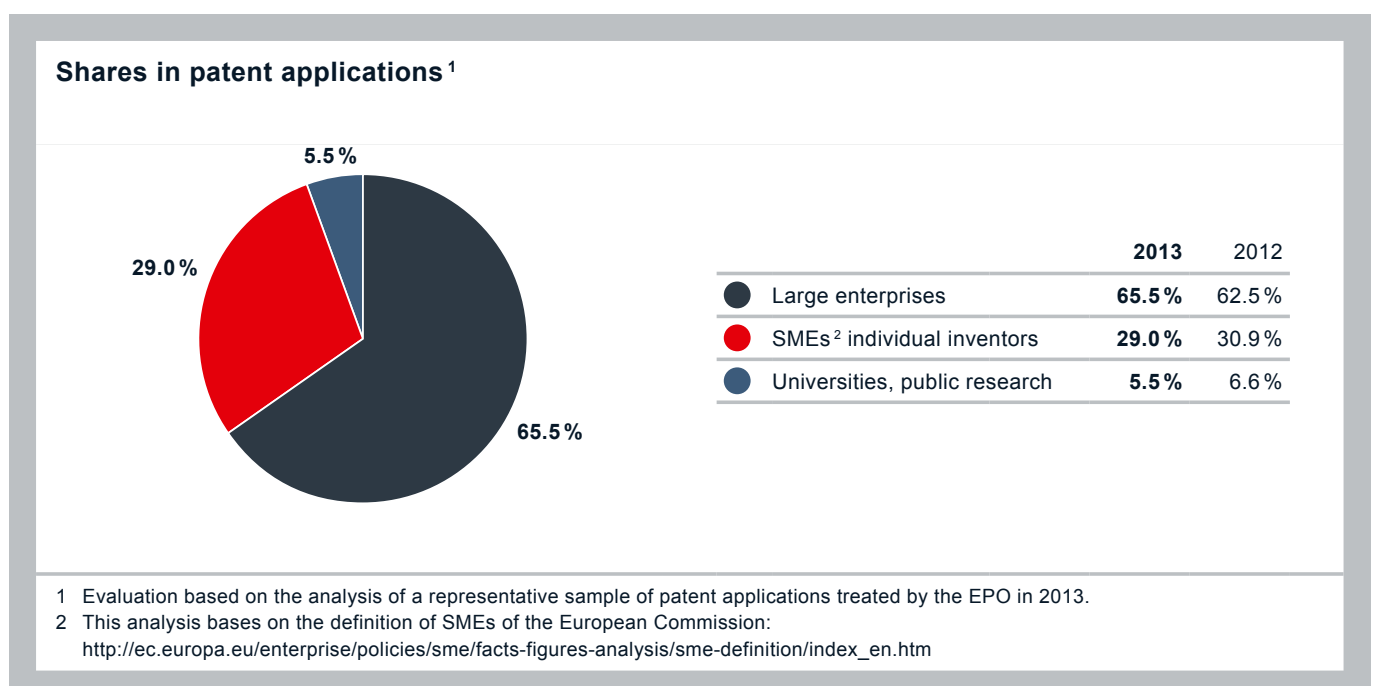
For countries with at least 1 million inhabitants in 2013.

Source of population figures: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base

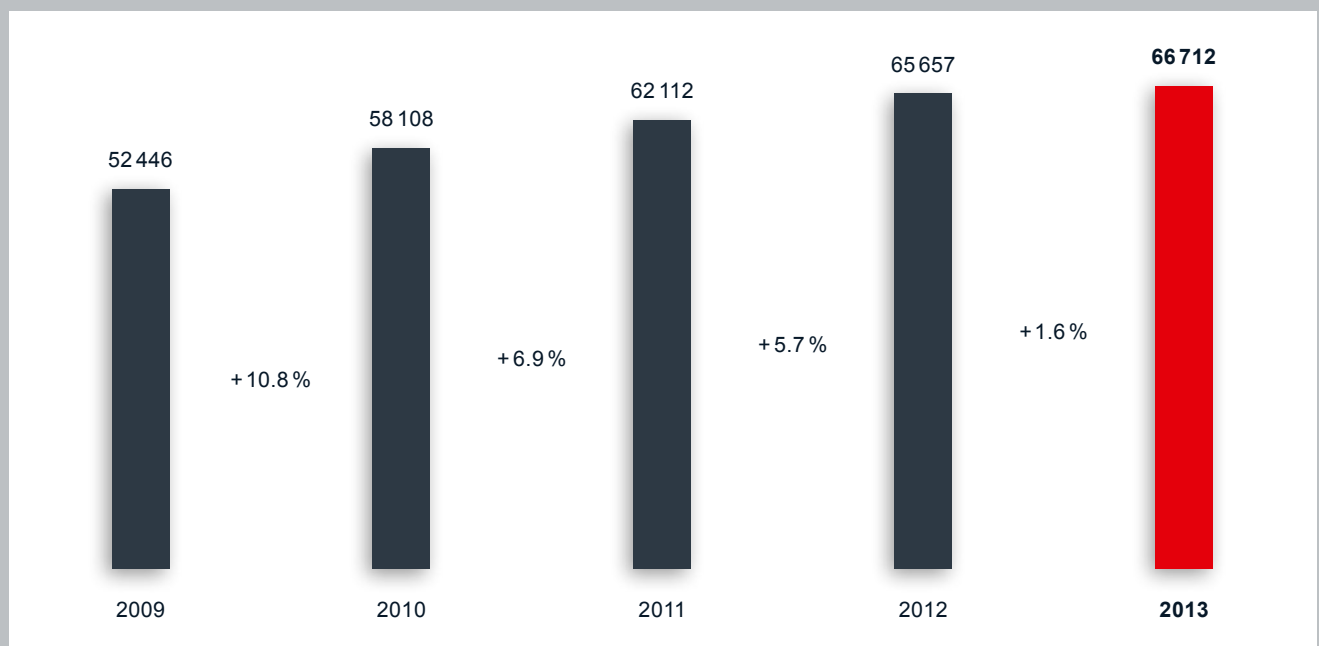
Top 25 applicants with indication of origin



Share of SMEs



Granted patents over 5 years



Analysis based on granted patents published in 2013. Patents have been allocated to the country of residence of the first-named patentee.

Searches carried out

European searches	2013	105 432	+ 1.8 %
	2012	103 601	
International searches	2013	82 220	+ 7.0 %
	2012	76 825	
Searches on behalf of national offices and third parties	2013	25 624	+ 7.2 %
	2012	23 899	
Total searches completed by the EPO	2013	213 276	+ 4.4 %
	2012	204 325	

Examinations and oppositions completed

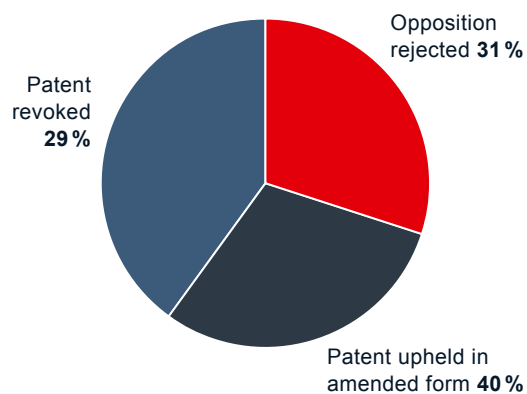
European examinations	2013	116 820	+ 4.4 %
	2012	111 860	
International preliminary examinations	2013	7 863	- 1.7 %
	2012	7 995	

Decisions in opposition

Decisions in opposition cases	2013	2 176	+ 7.7 %
	2012	2 021	

Opposition rate ¹	2013	4.5 %
	2012	4.7 %

Outcome of decision



¹ Number of opposition decisions in 2013 / number of granted patents for which the time limit for filing an opposition expired in 2013.

Technical appeals

Technical appeals received	2013	2 515	- 3.3 %
	2012	2 602	
Technical appeals settled	2013	2 137	+ 5.4 %
	2012	2 027	