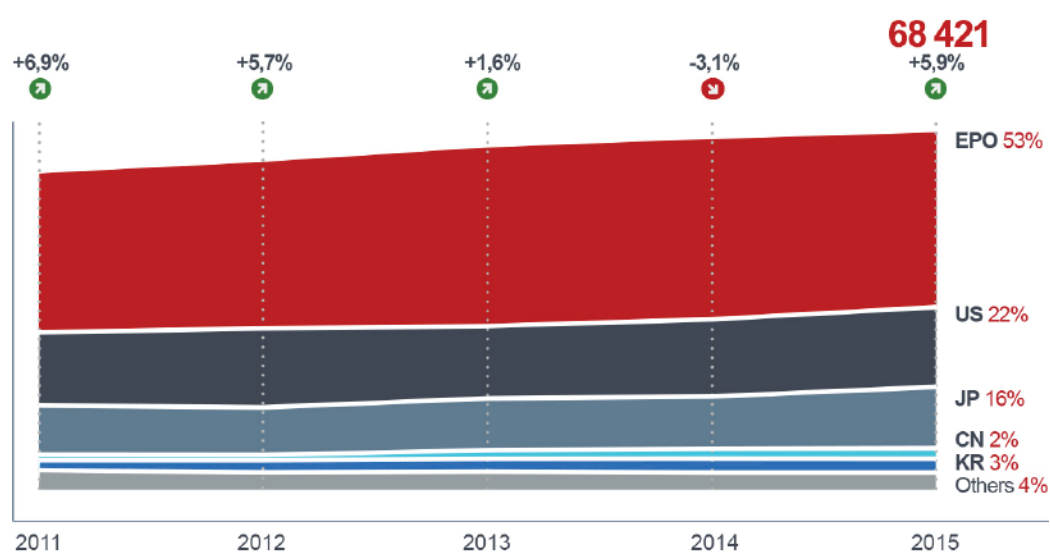


Granted Patents

Total Grants

The EPO granted approximately 68 400 patents in 2015, an increase of nearly 6% over 2014, and the highest ever number.

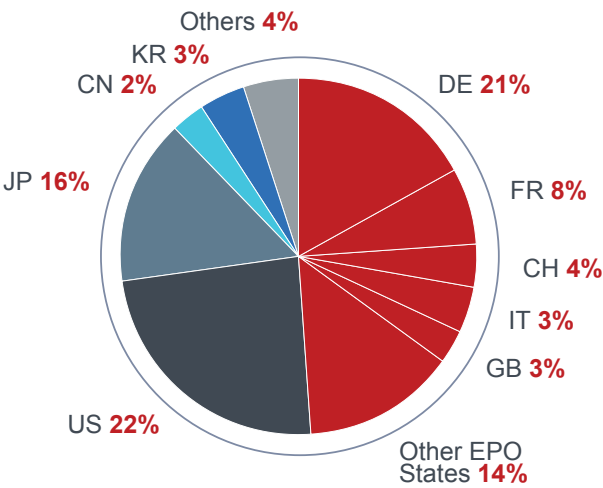
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Total Grants

Most patents were granted to European companies (53%), followed by applicants from the US and Japan. The number of patents granted to Chinese applicants is growing rapidly, albeit from a low number.



Country	2015	2014	Change
US	14 950	14 384	3,9%
DE	14 122	13 086	7,9%
JP	10 585	11 120	-4,8%
Other EPO states	9 395	8 088	16,2%
FR	5 433	4 728	14,9%
CH	3 037	2 794	8,7%
Others	2 932	2 990	-1,9%
IT	2 476	2 274	8,9%
GB	2 097	2 072	1,2%
KR	1 987	1 891	5,1%
CN	1 407	1 186	18,6%

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Breakdown by EPO member state

Country	2015	2014	Change
Germany	14 122	13 086	7,9% ↑
France	5 433	4 728	14,9% ↑
Switzerland	3 037	2 794	8,7% ↑
Italy	2 476	2 274	8,9% ↑
United Kingdom	2 097	2 072	1,2% ↑
Netherlands	1 998	1 703	17,3% ↑
Sweden	1 939	1 705	13,7% ↑
Austria	1 041	891	16,8% ↑
Belgium	866	723	19,8% ↑
Finland	744	633	17,5% ↑
Denmark	698	599	16,5% ↑
Spain	522	467	11,8% ↑
Ireland	270	254	6,3% ↑
Norway	259	192	34,9% ↑
Turkey	218	136	60,3% ↑
Luxembourg	210	222	-5,4% ↓
Poland	150	108	38,9% ↑
Liechtenstein	100	121	-17,4% ↓
Czech Republic	74	66	12,1% ↑
Slovenia	65	51	27,5% ↑
Portugal	46	22	109,1% ↑
Hungary	38	41	-7,3% ↓
Iceland	28	15	86,7% ↑
Greece	22	23	-4,3% ↓





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Country	2015	2014	Change
Malta	19	21	-9,5% 
Cyprus	14	26	-46,2% 
Lithuania	11	10	10% 
Slovakia	11	11	0% 
Estonia	10	8	25% 
Romania	9	4	125% 
Latvia	8	13	-38,5% 
Bulgaria	7	7	0% 
Monaco	7	5	40% 
Croatia	6	7	-14,3% 
San Marino	5	2	150% 
Albania	0	0	0% 
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	0	0	0% 
Serbia	0	2	-100% 

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More information on 2015 statistics at www.epo.org/statistics-indicators2015

Breakdown by EPO non-member state

Country	2015	2014	Change
United States	14 950	14 384	3,9% 
Japan	10 585	11 120	-4,8% 
Korea, Republic of	1 987	1 891	5,1% 
China, People's Republic of	1 407	1 186	18,6% 
Canada	756	855	-11,6% 
Chinese Taipei	440	437	0,7% 
Israel	397	399	-0,5% 
Australia	330	308	7,1% 
India	186	143	30,1% 
Singapore	125	127	-1,6% 
Russian Federation	77	79	-2,5% 
Brazil	73	75	-2,7% 
South Africa	59	50	18% 
Bermuda	57	88	-35,2% 
New Zealand	51	51	0% 
Saudi Arabia	49	36	36,1% 
Barbados	43	25	72% 
Mexico	42	36	16,7% 
Virgin Islands, British	39	62	-37,1% 
Hong Kong	27	24	12,5% 
Cyprus Islands	24	27	-11,1% 
Malaysia	22	32	-31,3% 
Bahamas	19	20	-5% 
Chile	16	9	77,8% 

Analysis based on granted patents published.

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Country	2015	2014	Change
Argentina	13	7	85,7% 
Curaçao	12	8	50% 
Cuba	8	3	166,7% 
Mauritius	8	5	60% 
Gibraltar	5	13	-61,5% 
Thailand	5	6	-16,7% 
Colombia	4	2	100% 
Kazakhstan	4	1	300% 
Philippines	4	1	300% 
Viet Nam	4	0	
Kuwait	3	1	200% 
Tunisia	3	1	200% 
United Arab Emirates	3	4	-25% 
Egypt	2	4	-50% 
Panama	2	5	-60% 
Peru	2	1	100% 
Puerto Rico	2	12	-83,3% 
Qatar	2	0	
Ukraine	2	5	-60% 
Uruguay	2	0	
Venezuela	2	1	100% 
Andorra	1	0	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	
Indonesia	1	2	-50% 

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Designations as contracting states

Country		Patents	Rate
AL	Albania	34 923	51%
AT	Austria	62 961	92%
BE	Belgium	62 997	92,1%
BG	Bulgaria	61 808	90,3%
CH	Switzerland	63 184	92,3%
CY	Cyprus	62 752	91,7%
CZ	Czech Republic	61 847	90,4%
DE	Germany	68 124	99,6%
DK	Denmark	62 939	92%
EE	Estonia	61 807	90,3%
ES	Spain	63 617	93%
FI	Finland	63 011	92,1%
FR	France	67 352	98,4%
GB	United Kingdom	67 069	98%
GR	Greece	62 850	91,9%
HR	Croatia	50 526	73,8%
HU	Hungary	61 534	89,9%
IE	Ireland	62 961	92%
IS	Iceland	59 487	86,9%
IT	Italy	64 862	94,8%
LI	Lichtenstein	63 184	92,3%
LT	Lithuania	59 353	86,7%
LU	Luxembourg	62 832	91,8%

Analysis based on granted patents published.

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Country		Patents	Rate
LV	Latvia	58 262	85,2%
MC	Monaco	62 813	91,8%
MK	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	45 179	66%
MT	Malta	53 907	78,8%
NL	Netherlands	63 557	92,9%
NO	Norway	50 540	73,9%
PL	Poland	60 520	88,5%
PT	Portugal	62 860	91,9%
RO	Romania	61 365	89,7%
RS	Serbia	31 090	45,4%
SE	Sweden	63 205	92,4%
SI	Slovenia	61 563	90%
SK	Slovakia	61 811	90,3%
SM	San Marino	41 761	61%
TR	Turkey	62 538	91,4%
Total		2 252 951	

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