

China No. (1) in Patent Filings, U.S. No (5), per WIPO Statistics

When patents are considered from the standpoint of *original* applications (excluding RCE's and § 120 continuing applications) and when "patents" are defined as including both utility model and design registrations, the United States comes in as No. (5) with a total of 272,000 new applications, slightly ahead of the U.K. and Korea, but trailing No. (1) China (2,051,000) as well as Japan, Germany and France.

The chart below provides the data and the methodology based upon the WIPO data taken from *2013 World Intellectual Property Indicators* (WIPO 2013).

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Intellectual Property Patent Protection Applications Patents of Invention, Utility Models and Designs (2012)^a (countries with more than 250,000 filings)		
(1) China	2,051,000	
(2) Japan	384,000	
(3) Germany^b	379,000	
(4) France^b	280,000	
(5) U.S.A.^c	272,000	
(6) U.K.^b	270,000	
(7) Korea	266,000	

^a Statistics are taken from the *2013 World Intellectual Property Indicators* (WIPO 2013). Statistics represent the total off regular patents for inventions, utility models and design registrations.
^b Figure includes, *for regular patents*, both any national filings plus 148,560 EPO filings, and *for designs* includes any national filings plus 97,681 OHIM applications.
^c Figure given by WIPO *for regular patents* is 542,815 which includes RCE's and continuing applications under 35 USC § 120. The figure is multiplied by 0.54 to eliminate such refilings to reach a total of 293,000.
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