

China Leads Top Five Patent Filing Countries

The Top Five patent filing countries for 2014, including patent, utility model and design patents as to original filings (i.e., excluding § 120 refilings and RCE's) are:

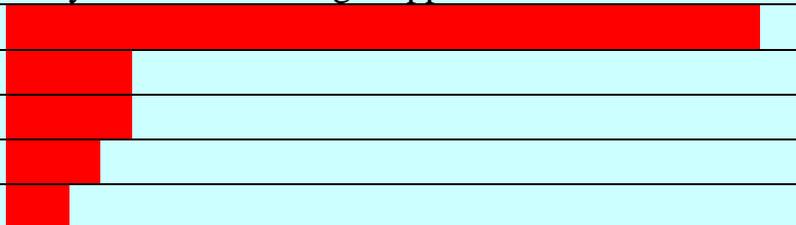
- No. (1) China 2,350,000
- No. (2) United States 430,000
- No. (3) Japan (373,000)
- No. (4) Germany (314,000)
- No. (5) Korea (291,000)

Tables are attached with footnotes explaining the statistics.

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Top Five Patent Filing Countries (2014)

Original Patent, Utility Model and Design Applications^[a]

China	2,350,000	
USA	430,000	
Japan	373,000	
Germany	314,000	
Korea	219,000	

^[a] Statistics are taken from *Top Five Patent Filing Countries of the World (2014) Based on Patent Application Filings* (March 14, 2016), rounded to three significant figures. The underlying statistics are based upon the World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPO 2015)WIPO Statistics Database, Oct. 2015), with adjustments for German national filings and an estimate that only about 55 % of all U.S. patent filings are original filings (i.e., neither a § 120 or RCE refiling).

Top Five Patent Filing Countries of the World (2014)

Based on Patent Application Filings^[a]

Country	Patents ^[b]	Utility ^[c]	Design ^[d]	Total
China	928,177	868,511	556,601	2,353,289
United States	381,341 ^[e]	0	48,670	430,011
Japan	325,989	7,095	40,055	373,139
Germany	218,631 ^[f]	14,741	81,138	314,510
Korea	210,292	9,184	71,980	291,456

[a] *Source:* World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPO 2015)WIPO Statistics Database, Oct. 2015)(“WIPO Indicators”).

[b] WIPO Indicators, A8 Patent Applications for the top 20 offices, 2014, p.37 (at least 50,000 applications)

[c] WIPO Indicators, A45 Utility model applications for the top 20 offices, 2014, p. 59 (more than 5000 filings)(excluded from table Russian Fed. 13,952, Ukraine 9,384)

[d] WIPO Indicators, C17 Application design counts for the top 20 origins , 2014, p. 126 (more than 40,000 filings)(excluded from table Italy 49,717, Turkey 42,876)

[e] United States was counted as 318,341, based upon the fact of the 578,802 applications reported in the WIPO statistics, only about 55 % are original applications (as opposed to continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals and Requests for Continued Examination).

[f] WIPO Indicators, Germany, here, was counted as 218,631, as the *combined total* of EPO (152,662) and German national patents (65,965).

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