

## 2. Statistics

### I. Patent Applications Filed & Disposed

#### A. General Statistics on Patent Cases (2016-2025)

Year \ Item	Application	Certificate Issued	Grant
2016	72,442	76,406	76,406
2017	73,791	71,878	71,877
2018	73,421	62,193	62,193
2019	74,652	57,887	57,886
2020	72,238	58,719	58,719
2021	72,613	59,478	59,476
2022	72,059	58,015	58,014
2023	72,607	59,698	59,698
2024	72,742	61,975	61,974
2025	71,965	62,362	62,361

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Note: "Application" refers to the numbers of applications filed each individual calendar year. "Certificate Issued" refers to the numbers of certificates being issued. "Grant" refers to the counts of approved cases published and issued at the same time.

#### B. Statistics on Patent from 2016 to 2025

##### 1. Patent Cases Filed & Disposed

Year \ Item	Application	Reexamination	Invalidation	Assignment	Licensing
2016	72,442	6,329	548	6,621	107
2017	73,791	5,448	525	6,176	137
2018	73,421	4,513	567	5,886	111
2019	74,652	5,220	431	5,241	98
2020	72,238	6,500	467	6,221	140
2021	72,613	6,655	438	5,665	79
2022	72,059	6,540	431	5,851	123
2023	72,607	6,664	360	4,287	66
2024	72,742	6,696	393	4,525	74
2025	71,965	6,760	344	5,683	66

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Note: 1. The numbers for "Application", "Reexamination", and "Invalidation" are the total counts of cases filed each year.

2. The numbers for "Assignment" and "Licensing" are the total counts of cases concluded each year.

## 2. Invention Patent Applications Filed & Disposed

Item Year	Application	Pre-grant Publication	Request for Examination	Reexamination	Rejection	Grant	Invalidation
2016	43,836	44,355	38,382	6,239	15,427	48,947	163
2017	46,122	43,676	40,124	5,343	10,383	45,710	163
2018	47,429	44,073	41,991	4,430	8,601	36,147	145
2019	48,268	48,020	42,987	5,076	9,640	34,926	123
2020	46,664	46,834	43,035	6,283	11,206	33,811	152
2021	49,116	47,951	43,576	6,496	10,628	36,576	161
2022	50,242	49,559	44,402	6,426	9,904	37,175	180
2023	50,854	50,024	44,206	6,538	9,984	39,253	142
2024	50,823	50,413	45,847	6,577	9,787	40,516	170
2025	51,230	49,597	46,720	6,623	9,822	42,037	130

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Note: 1. "Rejection" refers to the counts of rejections rendered after the examination and reexamination process. "Grant" refers to the counts of approved cases published and issued at the same time.

2. "Pre-Grant Publication" refers to the early publication for new applications.

3. "Requests for Substantive Examination" refers to the counts of substantive examination are requested each individual calendar year.

## 3. Utility Model Patent Applications Filed & Disposed

Item Year	Application	Rejection	Grant	Requests for Technical Evaluation Report	Issuance of Technical Evaluation Report	Invalidation
2016	20,161	191	19,793	1,607	2,049	329
2017	19,549	174	19,037	1,553	2,075	314
2018	17,910	160	18,559	1,397	1,515	368
2019	17,580	109	16,300	1,189	1,291	264
2020	17,555	105	17,489	1,075	850	274
2021	15,796	147	15,742	817	970	224
2022	14,662	146	14,212	758	831	219
2023	14,466	156	14,035	731	787	196
2024	14,559	186	15,037	636	705	206
2025	14,000	115	13,727	537	576	192

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2. "Requests for Technical Evaluation Report" refers to the counts of technical evaluation reports requested each individual calendar year. "Issuance of Technical Evaluation Report" refers to the counts of the technical evaluation reports issued after receiving the requests.

## 4. Design Patent Applications Filed &amp; Disposed

Year \ Item	Application	Reexamination	Rejection	Grant	Invalidation
2016	8,445	90	672	7,666	56
2017	8,120	104	521	7,130	48
2018	8,082	83	643	7,487	54
2019	8,804	144	753	6,660	44
2020	8,019	217	1,043	7,419	41
2021	7,701	159	853	7,158	53
2022	7,155	114	629	6,627	32
2023	7,287	125	697	6,410	22
2024	7,360	119	628	6,421	17
2025	6,735	137	679	6,597	22

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## 5. Patent Opposition and Invalidation

Year \ Item	Opposition		Invalidation										
	Sustained	Denied	Sustained				Partially Sustained			Denied			
			Invention	Utility Model	Design	Subtotal	Invention	Utility Model	Subtotal	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Subtotal
2016	0	0	—	—	—	277	—	—	100	—	—	—	300
2017	0	0	—	—	—	310	—	—	91	—	—	—	287
2018	0	0	—	—	—	266	—	—	86	—	—	—	233
2019	0	0	46	162	14	222	22	41	63	71	104	4	179
2020	0	0	43	132	29	204	16	54	70	37	68	21	126
2021	0	0	68	113	21	202	24	46	70	45	60	22	127
2022	0	0	45	99	24	168	18	28	46	99	85	34	218
2023	0	0	41	87	9	137	21	36	57	101	99	7	207
2024	0	0	48	86	14	148	12	32	44	88	88	8	184
2025	0	0	41	102	4	147	24	44	68	80	73	8	161

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Note: 1. The numbers above refer to the counts of completed cases for patent oppositions, invalidation sustained, invalidation denied or invalidation partially sustained; all patents that are withdrawn, dismissed or rejected are excluded from the counts in the data of the table.

2. In January 1, 2013, invalidation adopted the system of disposition by claims. Sustained invalidation refers to all claims being sustained in the invalidation request; partially sustained refers to parts of the claims in the invalidation request are sustained, while the remaining parts are either denied or rejected; denied invalidation refers to all the claims in the invalidation request are denied or parts of them are denied and the remaining parts are rejected.

3. The outcomes of design invalidation requests include sustained and denied invalidation but no partially sustained invalidation.

## 6. Patent Administrative Appeals

Year	Cases Filed	Administrative Appeals				
		Decisions of Administrative Appeals				
		Original Decisions Revoked	Others	Administrative Appeals Rejected	Other Disposals	Rate of Revocation
2016	313	14	2	296	6	5.0%
2017	288	11	3	284	2	4.7%
2018	274	13	1	254	1	5.2%
2019	211	7	1	242	2	3.2%
2020	201	5	0	205	0	2.4%
2021	238	6	0	219	1	2.7%
2022	198	4	1	190	3	2.5%
2023	216	3	0	232	6	1.2%
2024	207	6	0	153	5	3.7%
2025	166	9	0	186	0	4.6%

Note: 1. The above statistics are based on the numbers published by the Petitions and Appeals Committee, MOEA.

2. Rejection refers to not accepting and rejecting an appeal decision; others refer to partial rejection and partial cancellation cases; other disposals include withdrawal by the appellant, transfer of jurisdiction, and bundled proceeding.

## 7. Patent Administrative Litigation Processed by the Intellectual Property and Commercial Court

Year	Cases Received	Cases Concluded							
		Withdrawn	Plaintiff Won	Plaintiff Lost	Partially Sustained	Dismissals	Settlements	Others	Total
2016	104	18	17	57	11	4	0	0	107
2017	103	7	16	62	11	2	0	0	98
2018	103	6	20	76	8	2	0	0	112
2019	95	3	22	77	3	2	0	0	107
2020	67	4	14	51	7	0	0	0	76
2021	70	1	5	52	5	0	0	0	63
2022	83	9	11	59	1	2	0	0	82
2023	74	3	10	52	4	1	0	0	70
2024	68	18	10	47	4	2	1	0	82
2025	65	2	8	51	6	1	0	0	68

Note: 1. The above statistics are provided by the Intellectual Property and Commercial Court.

2. "Plaintiff Won" and "Partially Sustained" include appeals filed against the Ministry of Economic Affairs whose appeal decisions were revoked.

## 8. Resident and Non-Resident Patent Applications

Year	Residents				Non-Residents			
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
2016	16,866	18,998	4,579	40,443	26,970	1,163	3,866	31,999
2017	18,199	18,343	4,293	40,835	27,923	1,206	3,827	32,956
2018	18,365	16,661	4,252	39,278	29,064	1,249	3,830	34,143
2019	18,984	16,412	4,208	39,604	29,284	1,168	4,596	35,048
2020	19,012	16,445	3,947	39,404	27,652	1,110	4,072	32,834
2021	19,547	14,543	3,534	37,624	29,569	1,253	4,167	34,989
2022	19,400	13,669	3,411	36,480	30,842	993	3,744	35,579
2023	19,634	13,309	3,437	36,380	31,220	1,157	3,850	36,227
2024	19,586	13,341	3,338	36,265	31,237	1,218	4,022	36,477
2025	19,511	12,574	3,192	35,277	31,719	1,426	3,543	36,688

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## 9. Resident and Non-Resident Patent Grants

Year	Residents				Non-Residents			
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
2016	21,178	18,608	4,185	43,971	27,769	1,185	3,481	32,435
2017	18,569	17,934	3,629	40,132	27,141	1,103	3,501	31,745
2018	14,651	17,270	3,903	35,824	21,496	1,289	3,584	26,369
2019	14,481	15,213	3,371	33,065	20,445	1,087	3,289	24,821
2020	13,986	16,345	3,351	33,682	19,825	1,144	4,068	25,037
2021	15,395	14,555	3,311	33,261	21,181	1,187	3,847	26,215
2022	15,899	13,114	2,916	31,929	21,276	1,098	3,711	26,085
2023	16,540	13,107	3,148	32,795	22,713	928	3,262	26,903
2024	16,485	13,711	2,894	33,090	24,031	1,326	3,527	28,884
2025	17,180	12,504	2,881	32,565	24,857	1,223	3,716	29,796

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Note: "Grants" refer to the counts of approved cases published and issued at the same time.

### C. Statistics on Patent by Class

#### 1. Statistics on Invention Patent Applications and Grants by Classification Covering the Last 3 Years

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
A01	373	408	363	395	326	312
A21	24	21	31	19	27	22
A22	6	9	5	2	9	4
A23	233	244	212	149	161	160
A24	86	157	152	61	82	60
A41	57	43	45	37	40	43
A42	20	17	15	12	19	14
A43	82	91	76	70	109	89
A44	46	39	40	40	41	41
A45	75	86	78	68	72	67
A46	19	17	9	12	22	20
A47	473	479	511	387	454	484
A61	3,271	3,236	3,321	2,149	2,227	2,120
A62	71	45	48	48	46	52
A63	304	301	365	297	300	288
A99	0	0	0	0	0	0
B01	518	543	555	368	355	465
B02	6	11	13	12	12	15
B03	10	10	11	13	8	10
B04	7	0	2	4	2	2
B05	161	155	139	163	125	129
B06	14	20	11	11	13	11
B07	19	17	16	22	12	16
B08	144	142	140	138	110	121
B09	40	43	63	35	38	56
B21	86	101	96	86	60	82
B22	83	106	108	51	62	66
B23	552	533	533	370	376	483
B24	328	305	242	195	299	251
B25	514	524	508	438	363	386
B26	43	53	39	51	35	39

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
B27	18	16	13	9	6	20
B28	24	45	22	29	37	25
B29	396	437	382	334	284	311
B30	15	11	11	6	16	10
B31	9	14	6	6	6	12
B32	691	630	573	443	472	524
B33	12	5	3	11	5	4
B41	94	136	105	89	58	124
B42	9	9	8	5	4	8
B43	26	21	15	20	6	15
B44	13	15	11	5	7	13
B60	502	526	571	413	433	474
B61	29	30	22	27	26	20
B62	492	552	515	424	398	460
B63	49	65	46	25	40	43
B64	31	57	50	26	20	54
B65	701	781	636	547	628	515
B66	49	75	63	52	40	65
B67	15	17	16	2	9	12
B68	1	0	1	0	0	1
B81	39	43	56	29	43	28
B82	30	26	10	20	17	20
C01	370	366	448	244	271	319
C02	140	154	165	78	110	126
C03	268	281	247	244	211	233
C04	138	155	146	99	93	108
C05	27	17	20	11	22	10
C06	0	0	0	0	0	1
C07	2,336	2,028	2,211	1,401	1,447	1,484
C08	2,340	2,233	2,193	1,687	1,893	1,995
C09	1,201	1,138	1,073	1,139	1,214	1,192
C10	69	75	98	34	56	53
C11	96	102	102	73	67	92

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
C12	683	630	632	305	409	411
C13	0	1	0	0	0	1
C14	1	2	3	3	0	5
C21	78	75	68	73	53	98
C22	219	247	255	166	178	248
C23	759	845	805	636	689	667
C25	220	265	262	169	167	214
C30	209	222	167	108	152	142
C40	0	0	0	1	0	0
D01	68	56	60	47	63	49
D02	18	26	22	22	15	23
D03	35	35	26	23	22	40
D04	51	46	57	69	59	50
D05	36	22	16	31	40	16
D06	95	121	110	107	114	93
D07	2	0	1	1	1	1
D21	18	37	33	27	29	15
D99	0	0	0	0	0	0
E01	17	23	19	18	17	18
E02	49	30	44	34	34	19
E03	25	47	66	35	40	32
E04	218	200	182	224	163	127
E05	120	109	111	102	113	100
E06	81	74	69	59	65	69
E21	19	5	12	18	6	4
F01	40	34	30	26	32	29
F02	31	36	31	19	30	15
F03	105	92	125	65	56	71
F04	192	207	247	173	153	186
F15	13	21	21	17	11	23
F16	563	611	613	478	457	554
F17	38	53	58	26	28	20
F21	123	123	81	133	85	77

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	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
F22	7	7	9	10	8	1
F23	82	72	78	65	56	54
F24	216	187	196	158	140	146
F25	94	101	100	56	38	60
F26	23	30	21	27	21	25
F27	28	34	37	21	22	25
F28	201	161	208	198	134	132
F41	64	64	51	50	47	50
F42	4	3	9	2	4	6
G01	2,145	2,091	2,108	1,903	1,775	1,907
G02	1,593	1,790	1,754	1,259	1,504	1,441
G03	982	1,066	1,021	939	931	757
G04	5	10	14	10	8	12
G05	432	402	426	289	326	348
G06	4,610	4,525	4,944	4,044	3,792	3,939
G07	32	55	58	36	43	50
G08	141	141	115	119	128	100
G09	697	685	746	610	633	615
G10	178	170	169	156	173	173
G11	799	642	616	500	588	633
G12	0	2	0	0	2	3
G16	274	271	285	225	205	212
G21	28	29	25	36	35	31
G99	0	0	0	0	0	0
H01	9,162	8,118	7,363	7,560	7,612	6,497
H02	1,020	962	999	776	800	898
H03	521	470	472	434	388	392
H04	2,461	2,731	2,406	2,363	2,116	2,128
H05	1,208	1,100	1,148	951	1,020	1,024
H10	740	2,405	3,176	6	942	2,682
H99	0	0	0	0	0	0
X	474	419	458	0	0	0

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Note: The counts of patent applications of the year are excluded from the annual report owing to the statistical time lag of the classification process; thus, numbers from the last three years are counted as the basis of the statistics.

## 2. Statistics on Utility Model Patent Applications and Grants by Classification Covering the Last 3 Years

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
A01	412	406	332	408	353	297
A21	41	29	34	29	33	31
A22	2	3	6	3	7	1
A23	130	133	106	120	121	100
A24	7	8	4	3	9	4
A41	161	127	110	122	129	109
A42	52	41	35	47	43	30
A43	90	119	114	93	130	81
A44	41	48	56	43	50	56
A45	235	215	246	206	249	207
A46	18	11	30	21	18	21
A47	921	857	908	895	920	806
A61	833	767	854	804	810	747
A62	112	73	64	84	65	79
A63	360	330	326	330	320	281
A99	0	1	0	1	0	0
B01	202	176	222	174	217	200
B02	20	17	17	17	15	11
B03	2	10	10	8	10	7
B04	3	2	1	6	1	3
B05	85	82	70	81	88	66
B06	1	1	2	0	2	1
B07	12	22	10	15	16	9
B08	50	69	58	59	62	68
B09	32	21	23	22	25	38
B21	48	50	42	46	48	48
B22	14	9	11	9	9	10
B23	274	252	272	278	272	237
B24	67	63	58	55	73	51
B25	235	221	254	217	238	230
B26	54	37	60	43	45	61
B27	16	20	19	19	20	10

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
B28	6	5	11	6	9	5
B29	141	82	106	113	103	95
B30	9	15	12	12	15	13
B31	9	6	12	12	10	6
B32	78	90	93	93	86	96
B33	1	1	3	2	2	4
B41	31	51	36	42	48	37
B42	20	24	18	12	24	19
B43	30	14	21	17	21	17
B44	22	22	33	22	29	25
B60	371	370	388	371	420	357
B61	8	12	9	11	12	7
B62	376	404	445	369	451	391
B63	31	36	35	33	43	27
B64	23	38	33	23	41	34
B65	713	713	643	650	727	680
B66	69	62	71	59	74	66
B67	22	23	12	16	20	9
B68	3	1	1	3	2	0
B81	0	2	0	2	0	0
B82	0	3	0	1	2	1
C01	8	20	12	12	11	37
C02	79	74	80	70	94	69
C03	7	12	6	8	12	9
C04	6	3	6	5	3	11
C05	7	9	9	9	8	5
C06	0	0	0	0	0	0
C07	4	2	3	2	0	4
C08	11	9	11	11	11	8
C09	20	14	13	16	11	13
C10	4	8	5	2	6	14
C11	6	15	7	13	6	7
C12	30	41	25	30	31	26

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
C13	0	0	0	0	0	0
C14	0	1	3	1	0	2
C21	14	7	10	8	11	7
C22	1	4	5	1	5	6
C23	38	32	35	33	40	28
C25	30	36	25	38	26	28
C30	4	15	6	1	16	8
C40	0	0	0	0	0	0
D01	11	15	10	9	14	10
D02	9	4	4	4	4	7
D03	21	16	15	21	17	12
D04	26	23	10	23	17	10
D05	23	34	14	32	18	18
D06	34	67	50	37	72	44
D07	0	0	3	0	2	1
D21	4	6	6	4	4	6
D99	0	0	0	0	0	0
E01	24	29	24	26	24	34
E02	37	27	26	33	25	24
E03	62	69	58	57	67	67
E04	318	338	271	314	306	281
E05	118	108	133	130	120	125
E06	130	148	96	161	106	111
E21	6	8	9	8	7	9
F01	27	27	39	30	30	29
F02	31	26	23	27	19	26
F03	80	47	59	52	57	69
F04	133	130	160	123	158	157
F15	16	8	7	12	5	12
F16	491	573	535	533	577	523
F17	20	20	22	23	21	13
F21	151	148	112	152	124	105
F22	0	3	2	1	4	0

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
F23	36	37	35	38	35	28
F24	198	195	178	198	179	184
F25	35	51	51	45	52	55
F26	22	26	19	23	24	16
F27	7	10	15	6	20	8
F28	104	86	103	86	107	103
F41	50	65	41	52	59	65
F42	4	3	2	6	3	3
G01	349	356	374	349	397	373
G02	299	286	278	286	308	247
G03	85	70	62	87	65	53
G04	11	7	13	6	10	13
G05	48	45	50	41	52	58
G06	1,897	1,915	1,999	1,935	2,097	1,734
G07	62	58	64	58	71	52
G08	133	111	125	109	117	145
G09	194	192	196	188	212	208
G10	33	42	42	34	50	42
G11	25	23	14	28	19	18
G12	1	1	0	1	0	0
G16	86	65	83	61	76	88
G21	0	1	2	0	3	1
G99	0	0	0	0	0	0
H01	1,190	1,189	1,259	1,123	1,303	1,271
H02	330	334	360	330	342	366
H03	30	30	24	33	26	30
H04	275	250	278	240	298	276
H05	473	489	449	473	477	464
H10	1	8	39	0	9	62
H99	0	0	0	0	0	0
X	149	151	119	0	0	0

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Note: The counts of patent applications of the year are excluded from the annual report owing to the statistical time lag of the classification process; thus, numbers from the last three years are counted as the basis of the statistics.

### 3. Statistics on Design Patent Applications and Grants by Classification Covering the Last 3 Years

Classification	Application			Grant		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2025
01	43	42	35	24	25	31
02	201	270	263	204	262	196
03	126	231	313	146	203	248
04	44	23	32	45	29	25
05	32	42	28	21	34	26
06	332	294	352	316	214	281
07	310	309	279	299	235	217
08	303	296	351	249	243	277
09	406	338	355	406	300	316
10	259	279	215	232	255	198
11	314	294	283	285	264	273
12	788	762	756	608	801	702
13	557	603	767	493	573	714
14	872	1,015	810	788	787	856
15	327	370	441	305	330	439
16	186	222	212	153	202	190
17	7	4	9	5	4	8
18	3	5	2	3	1	5
19	102	90	73	95	68	83
20	22	22	41	19	25	34
21	223	257	224	186	225	223
22	49	55	66	40	53	64
23	478	342	365	438	283	320
24	241	208	180	233	166	172
25	125	127	123	116	102	114
26	356	327	298	356	363	205
27	23	8	10	13	9	0
28	239	212	229	198	231	247
29	60	63	66	68	49	70
30	43	52	56	30	46	32
31	33	34	37	35	34	26
32	4	2	7	1	5	5
X	48	89	82	0	0	0

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Note: The counts of patent applications of the year are excluded from the annual report owing to the statistical time lag of the classification process; thus, numbers from the last three years are counted as the basis of the statistics.

#### 4. Counts of Invention Patent Applications Ranked by International Patent Classification (IPC) in 2024 (TOP 20)

Rank	IPC	IPC Subject	Total
1	H01L	Semiconductor devices; electric solid state devices not otherwise provided for	4,771
2	G06F	Electric digital data processing	2,556
3	A61K	Preparations for medical, dental, or toilet purposes	2,100
4	G06Q	Electronic commerce	1,441
5	H10D	Inorganic electric semiconductor devices	1,290
6	G02B	Optical elements, systems, or apparatus	1,212
7	H05K	Printed circuits; casings or constructional details of electric apparatus; manufacture of assemblages of electrical components	947
8	G03F	Photomechanical production of textured or patterned surfaces; materials therefor; originals therefor; apparatus specially adapted therefor	889
9	C07D	Heterocyclic compounds	808
10	C23C	Coating metallic material; coating material with metallic material	774
11	H10B	Electronic memory devices	760
12	C07K	Peptides	743
13	C08G	Macromolecular compounds obtained otherwise than by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds	734
14	H04W	Wireless communication networks	707
15	G01N	Investigating or analyzing materials by determining their chemical or physical properties	686
16	H04N	Pictorial communication	659
17	G01R	Measuring electric variables; measuring magnetic variables	649
18	H01J	Electric discharge tubes or discharge lamps	636
19	G11C	Static stores	606
20	G09G	Arrangements or circuits for control of indicating devices using static means to present variable information	596

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Note: 1. The table displays in descending order, which is based on counts of patent applications.

2. For detailed classification descriptions, please refer to International Patent Classification version 2025.01.

3. The counts of patent applications of the year are excluded from the annual report owing to the statistical time lag of classification process; thus, numbers from the last year are counted as the basis of the statistics.

### 5. Counts of Utility Model Patent Applications Ranked by International Patent Classification (IPC) in 2024 (TOP 20)

Rank	IPC	IPC Subject	Total
1	G06Q	Electronic commerce	1,409
2	H01R	Electrically-conductive connections	508
3	G06F	Electric digital data processing	477
4	H05K	Printed circuits; casings or constructional details of electric apparatus; manufacture of assemblages of electrical components	405
5	B65D	Containers for storage or transport of articles or materials	371
6	H01L	Semiconductor devices; electric solid state devices not otherwise provided for	364
7	A47J	Kitchen equipment; coffee mills; spice mills; apparatus for making beverages	210
8	A47G	Household or table equipment	204
9	A63B	Apparatus for physical training, gymnastics, swimming, climbing, or fencing; ball games; training equipment	190
10	B01D	Separation	180
11	B62J	Cycle saddles or seats	166
12	A61B	Diagnosis; surgery; identification	152
13	A01K	Animal husbandry; care of birds, fishes, insects; fishing; rearing or breeding animals, not otherwise provided for; new breeds of animals	146
14	B65G	Transport or storage devices	144
15	G09B	Educational or demonstration appliances; appliances for teaching, or communicating with, the blind, deaf or mute; models	135
16	A47B	Tables; desks; office furniture; cabinets; drawers; general details of furniture	134
16	B25B	Tools or bench devices not otherwise provided for, for fastening, connecting, disengaging, or holding	134
18	G02B	Optical elements, systems, or apparatus	129
19	A47C	Chairs; sofas; beds	128
20	A61F	Filters implantable into blood vessels; prostheses; devices providing patency to, or preventing collapsing of, tubular structures of the body	123

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2. For detailed classification descriptions, please refer to International Patent Classification version 2025.01.

3. The counts of patent applications of the year are excluded from the annual report owing to the statistical time lag of the classification process; thus, numbers from the last year are counted as the basis of the statistics.

6. Counts of Design Patent Applications Ranked by International Classification for Industrial Designs (LOC) in 2024 (TOP 20)

Rank	LOC	LOC Subject	Total
1	13-03	Equipment for distribution or control of electric power	434
2	12-16	Parts, equipment and accessories for vehicles, not included in other classes or subclasses	370
3	14-04	Screen displays and icons	286
4	03-01	Trunks, suitcases, briefcases, handbags, keyholders, cases specially designed for their contents, wallets and similar articles	247
5	14-02	Data processing equipment as well as peripheral apparatus and devices	233
6	26-06	Luminous devices for vehicles	207
7	28-03	Toilet articles and beauty parlor equipment	193
8	11-01	Jewellery	182
9	21-01	Games and toys	165
10	13-99	Miscellaneous	159
11	06-01	Seats	156
12	13-02	Power transformers, rectifiers, batteries and accumulators	155
13	15-05	Washing, cleaning and drying machines	147
14	12-11	Cycles and motorcycles	132
15	23-01	Fluid distribution equipment	129
16	16-06	Optical articles	124
17	14-03	Telecommunications equipment, wireless remote controls and radio amplifiers	121
18	07-02	Cooking appliances, utensils and containers	119
18	09-01	Bottles, flasks, pots, carboys, demijohns, and containers with dynamic dispensing means	119
20	08-05	Other tools and implements	112

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Note: 1. The table displays in descending order, which is based on counts of patent applications.

2. The counts of patent applications of the year are excluded from the annual report owing to the statistical time lag of the classification process; thus, numbers from the last year are counted as the basis of the statistics.

3. For detailed LOC classification descriptions, please refer to International Classification for Industrial Designs 15th edition.

7. Counts of Invention Patent Grants Ranked by International Patent Classification (IPC) in 2025 (TOP 20)

Rank	IPC	IPC Subject	Total
1	H01L	Semiconductor devices; electric solid state devices not otherwise provided for	4,385
2	G06F	Electric digital data processing	2,228
3	A61K	Preparations for medical, dental, or toilet purposes	1,039
4	G06Q	Electronic commerce	1,032
5	H10D	Inorganic electric semiconductor devices	1,018
6	G02B	Optical elements, systems, or apparatus	921
7	H05K	Printed circuits; casings or constructional details of electric apparatus; manufacture of assemblages of electrical components	779
8	H04N	Pictorial communication	661
9	C08G	Macromolecular compounds obtained otherwise than by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds	642
10	G03F	Photomechanical production of textured or patterned surfaces; materials therefor; originals therefor; apparatus specially adapted therefor	640
11	C23C	Coating metallic material; coating material with metallic material	638
11	H04W	Wireless communication networks	638
13	G11C	Static stores	614
14	H10B	Electronic memory devices	606
15	G01R	Measuring electric variables; measuring magnetic variables	590
16	C07D	Heterocyclic compounds	557
17	G01N	Investigating or analyzing materials by determining their chemical or physical properties	529
18	B32B	Layered products	524
19	C08F	Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds	522
20	H01J	Electric discharge tubes or discharge lamps	501

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Note: 1. The table displays in descending order, which is based on counts of patent grants.

2. For detailed classification descriptions, please refer to International Patent Classification version 2025.01.

## 8. Counts of Utility Model Patent Grants Ranked by International Patent Classification (IPC) in 2025 (TOP 20)

Rank	IPC	IPC Subject	Total
1	G06Q	Electronic commerce	1,165
2	H01R	Electrically-conductive connections	507
3	G06F	Electric digital data processing	466
4	H05K	Printed circuits; casings or constructional details of electric apparatus; manufacture of assemblages of electrical components	424
5	B65D	Containers for storage or transport of articles or materials	411
6	H01L	Semiconductor devices; electric solid state devices not otherwise provided for	378
7	A47G	Household or table equipment	187
8	A47J	Kitchen equipment; coffee mills; spice mills; apparatus for making beverages	180
9	A63B	Apparatus for physical training, gymnastics, swimming, climbing, or fencing; ball games; training equipment	175
10	B62J	Cycle saddles or seats	163
11	B01D	Separation	159
12	G09B	Educational or demonstration appliances; appliances for teaching, or communicating with, the blind, deaf or mute; models	156
13	B65G	Transport or storage devices	153
14	G02B	Optical elements, systems, or apparatus	144
15	A01K	Animal husbandry; care of birds, fishes, insects; fishing; rearing or breeding animals, not otherwise provided for; new breeds of animals	135
16	A47L	Domestic washing or cleaning; suction cleaners in general	127
16	A61B	Diagnosis; surgery; identification	127
18	A61H	Physical therapy apparatus	124
19	B25B	Tools or bench devices not otherwise provided for, for fastening, connecting, disengaging, or holding	120
20	F04D	Non-positive-displacement pumps	116
20	G01N	Investigating or analyzing materials by determining their chemical or physical properties	116

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Note: 1. The table displays in descending order, which is based on counts of patent grants.

2. Please refer to International Patent Classification version 2025.01 for detailed classification descriptions.

### 9. Counts of Design Patent Grants Ranked by International Classification for Industrial Designs (LOC) in 2025 (TOP 20)

Rank	LOC	LOC Subject	Total
1	13-03	Equipment for distribution or control of electric power	393
2	12-16	Parts, equipment and accessories for vehicles, not included in other classes or subclasses	316
3	14-04	Screen displays and icons	294
4	14-02	Data processing equipment as well as peripheral apparatus and devices	286
5	28-03	Toilet articles and beauty parlor equipment	220
6	03-01	Trunks, suitcases, briefcases, handbags, keyholders, cases specially designed for their contents, wallets and similar articles	216
7	15-05	Washing, cleaning and drying machines	180
8	11-01	Jewellery	172
9	13-99	Miscellaneous	153
10	21-01	Games and toys	151
11	26-06	Luminous devices for vehicles	148
12	12-11	Cycles and motorcycles	144
13	13-02	Power transformers, rectifiers, batteries and accumulators	143
14	16-06	Optical articles	138
15	23-01	Fluid distribution equipment	115
16	14-03	Communications equipment, wireless remote controls and radio amplifiers	114
17	09-01	Bottles, flasks, pots, carboys, demijohns, and containers with dynamic dispensing means	109
18	06-01	Seats	108
19	07-02	Cooking appliances, utensils and containers	100
20	11-02	Trinkets, table, mantel and wall ornaments, flower vases and pots	99

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Note: 1. The table displays in descending order, which is based on counts of patent grants.

2. For detailed LOC classification descriptions, please refer to International Classification for Industrial Designs 15th edition.

## 10. Statistics on Patent Applications by Nationality (2025)

Nationality	Application				
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Percentage
TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA	19,511	12,574	3,192	35,277	49.02%
JAPAN	12,524	59	852	13,435	18.67%
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	6,954	88	621	7,663	10.65%
MAINLAND CHINA	3,703	1,012	605	5,320	7.39%
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,346	52	169	3,567	4.96%
GERMANY	1,051	5	145	1,201	1.67%
SWITZERLAND	635	6	456	1,097	1.52%
NETHERLANDS	577	5	44	626	0.87%
SINGAPORE	479	22	81	582	0.81%
FRANCE	309	0	160	469	0.65%
UNITED KINGDOM	348	2	35	385	0.53%
HONG KONG	164	109	60	333	0.46%
CANADA	196	1	7	204	0.28%
SWEDEN	167	0	30	197	0.27%
ITALY	117	4	76	197	0.27%
ISRAEL	163	9	5	177	0.25%
AUSTRALIA	148	5	19	172	0.24%
CAYMAN ISLANDS	106	25	15	146	0.20%
DENMARK	75	0	43	118	0.16%
FINLAND	111	1	4	116	0.16%
AUSTRIA	77	1	7	85	0.12%
BELGIUM	75	0	8	83	0.12%
SPAIN	71	0	1	72	0.10%
NEW ZEALAND	21	0	30	51	0.07%
NORWAY	19	1	15	35	0.05%
INDIA	30	0	2	32	0.04%

Nationality	Application				
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Percentage
MALAYSIA	27	1	1	29	0.04%
THAILAND	20	5	4	29	0.04%
SAMOA	19	6	4	29	0.04%
IRELAND	24	0	1	25	0.03%
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	20	2	1	23	0.03%
LUXEMBOURG	16	0	0	16	0.02%
INDONESIA	1	0	14	15	0.02%
LIECHTENSTEIN	12	0	1	13	0.02%
POLAND	11	1	1	13	0.02%
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	10	1	0	11	0.02%
ARMENIA	3	1	6	10	0.01%
SLOVENIA	0	0	10	10	0.01%
CZECH REPUBLIC	6	0	0	6	0.01%
BRAZIL	5	0	0	5	0.01%
HUNGARY	5	0	0	5	0.01%
LATVIA	5	0	0	5	0.01%
ESTONIA	4	0	1	5	0.01%
OTHERS	65	2	9	76	0.12%
TOTAL	51,230	14,000	6,735	71,965	100.00%

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Note: Counts which are fewer than 5 applications are listed as "OTHERS".

## 11. Statistics on Pre-Grant Publications by Nationality (2025)

Nationality	Pre-Grant Publication	Percentage	Nationality	Pre-Grant Publication	Percentage
TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA	19,093	38.50%	DENMARK	96	0.19%
JAPAN	11,768	23.73%	BELGIUM	76	0.15%
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	6,713	13.54%	CAYMAN ISLANDS	70	0.14%
MAINLAND CHINA	3,542	7.14%	IRELAND	46	0.09%
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,316	6.69%	AUSTRALIA	43	0.09%
GERMANY	990	2.00%	SPAIN	35	0.07%
NETHERLANDS	694	1.40%	INDIA	33	0.07%
SWITZERLAND	631	1.27%	NORWAY	26	0.05%
SINGAPORE	466	0.94%	NEW ZEALAND	22	0.04%
UNITED KINGDOM	385	0.78%	LUXEMBOURG	20	0.04%
FRANCE	326	0.66%	SAMOA	20	0.04%
ISRAEL	193	0.39%	MALAYSIA	18	0.04%
SWEDEN	159	0.32%	SLOVENIA	15	0.03%
HONG KONG	155	0.31%	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	14	0.03%
CANADA	148	0.30%	THAILAND	11	0.02%
FINLAND	120	0.24%	POLAND	6	0.01%
ITALY	108	0.22%	OTHERS	139	0.27%
AUSTRIA	100	0.20%	TOTAL	49,597	100.00%

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Note: Counts which are fewer than 5 pre-grant publications are listed as "OTHERS".

## 12. Statistics on Patent Grants by Nationality (2025)

Nationality	Number of Granted Patents				
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Percentage
TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA	17,180	12,504	2,881	32,565	52.22%
JAPAN	10,455	57	831	11,343	18.19%
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	5,171	76	820	6,067	9.73%
MAINLAND CHINA	2,857	840	599	4,296	6.89%
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,683	48	238	2,969	4.76%
GERMANY	770	5	216	991	1.59%
SWITZERLAND	510	10	330	850	1.36%
SINGAPORE	438	31	60	529	0.85%
NETHERLANDS	450	5	30	485	0.78%
FRANCE	167	0	108	275	0.44%
UNITED KINGDOM	210	1	39	250	0.40%
HONG KONG	99	80	48	227	0.36%
ITALY	81	4	119	204	0.33%
SWEDEN	113	0	55	168	0.27%
ISRAEL	119	1	8	128	0.21%
AUSTRIA	112	1	10	123	0.20%
CANADA	100	2	21	123	0.20%
CAYMAN ISLANDS	60	37	10	107	0.17%
NEW ZEALAND	25	1	63	89	0.14%
BELGIUM	60	0	5	65	0.10%
DENMARK	56	0	5	61	0.10%
AUSTRALIA	32	4	23	59	0.09%
FINLAND	54	1	2	57	0.09%
SAMOA	24	8	4	36	0.06%
IRELAND	32	0	2	34	0.05%
INDIA	19	0	3	22	0.04%

Nationality	Number of Granted Patents				
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Percentage
INDONESIA	1	0	20	21	0.03%
NORWAY	6	1	13	20	0.03%
MALAYSIA	13	1	5	19	0.03%
SPAIN	17	0	1	18	0.03%
THAILAND	10	3	5	18	0.03%
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	15	2	0	17	0.03%
SLOVENIA	10	0	6	16	0.03%
LUXEMBOURG	15	0	0	15	0.02%
POLAND	11	1	0	12	0.02%
LIECHTENSTEIN	9	0	2	11	0.02%
BRAZIL	8	0	0	8	0.01%
ARMENIA	1	0	7	8	0.01%
HUNGARY	6	0	0	6	0.01%
OTHERS	38	3	8	49	0.08%
TOTAL	42,037	13,727	6,597	62,361	100.00%

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Note: Counts which are fewer than 5 granted patents are listed as "OTHERS".

### 13. Resident Patent Applicants Ranked by Counts of Patent Applications Filed in 2025 (Top 20)

Rank	Applicant	Number of Applications			
		Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
1	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.	1,485	0	0	1,485
2	HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY CO., LTD.	340	218	9	567
3	AU OPTRONICS CORPORATION	397	7	10	414
4	DELTA ELECTRONICS, INC.	280	49	44	373
5	INVENTEC CORPORATION	316	26	0	342
6	INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE	328	8	1	337
7	NANYA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	328	0	0	328
8	CHINA STEEL CORPORATION	143	144	0	287
9	REALTEK SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION	286	0	0	286
10	MEDIATEK INC.	269	0	0	269
11	INNOLUX CORPORATION	235	1	2	238
12	ACER INCORPORATED	171	1	56	228
13	ASUSTEK COMPUTER INC.	132	75	1	208
14	BANK OF TAIWAN	27	149	4	180
15	UNITED MICROELECTRONICS CORP.	179	0	0	179
16	L&F PLASTICS, CO., LTD.	5	11	149	165
17	LITE-ON TECHNOLOGY CORP.	127	26	3	156
18	NATIONAL CHENG KUNG UNIVERSITY	134	18	2	154
19	CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO., LTD.	151	0	0	151
20	WISTRON CORPORATION	141	1	2	144

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Note: Applicants with the same counts of applications are regarded as the same ranking, whereas the order is based on the counts of invention patent applications filed.

## 14. Resident Patent Applicants Ranked by Counts of Grants in 2025 (Top 20)

Rank	Applicant	Number of Grants			
		Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
1	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.	1,543	0	0	1,543
2	NANYA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	450	0	0	450
3	AU OPTRONICS CORPORATION	409	7	13	429
4	HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY CO., LTD.	142	233	14	389
5	INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE	344	11	0	355
6	ACER INCORPORATED	275	3	52	330
7	DELTA ELECTRONICS, INC.	232	55	38	325
8	INVENTEC CORPORATION	278	29	0	307
9	REALTEK SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION	284	0	0	284
10	CHINA STEEL CORPORATION	128	134	0	262
11	ASUSTEK COMPUTER INC.	96	80	2	178
12	UNITED MICROELECTRONICS CORP.	176	0	0	176
13	COMPAL ELECTRONICS, INC.	116	23	31	170
14	BANK OF TAIWAN	7	155	5	167
15	MEDIATEK INC.	161	0	0	161
16	TAIWAN COOPERATIVE BANK CO., LTD.	23	133	0	156
17	TAIPEI CHENGSHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	9	145	0	154
18	CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO., LTD.	147	0	1	148
19	WINBOND ELECTRONICS CORP.	147	0	0	147
20	MACRONIX INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD.	136	0	0	136

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Note: Applicants with the same counts of grants are regarded as the same ranking, whereas the order is based on the counts of invention patents.

## 15. Non-Resident Patent Applicants Ranked by Counts of Patent Applications Filed in 2025 (Top 20)

Rank	Applicant	Number of Applications			
		Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
1	APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.	1,088	1	28	1,117
2	TOKYO ELECTRON LIMITED	773	1	10	784
3	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.	741	0	5	746
4	COUPANG CORP.	675	0	2	677
5	QUALCOMM INCORPORATED	570	0	0	570
6	KIOXIA CORPORATION	454	0	0	454
7	NITTO DENKO CORPORATION	406	0	0	406
8	BEIJING ROBOROCK TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.	125	121	141	387
9	SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD.	359	2	1	362
10	WONDERLAND SWITZERLAND AG	198	5	125	328
11	SCREEN HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	263	0	23	286
12	LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION	276	0	9	285
12	RESONAC CORPORATION	270	0	15	285
14	FUJIFILM CORPORATION	256	0	4	260
15	PANASONIC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO., LTD.	203	0	21	224
16	ASML NETHERLANDS B.V.	219	0	0	219
17	SUMITOMO CHEMICAL CO., LTD.	204	0	0	204
18	ASM IP HOLDING B.V.	161	1	10	172
19	APPLE INC.	68	0	103	171
20	SAMSUNG ELECTRO-MECHANICS CO., LTD.	124	42	0	166

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Note: Applicants with the same counts of applications are regarded as the same ranking, whereas the order is based on the counts of invention patent applications filed.

## 16. Non-Resident Applicants Ranked by Counts of Grants in 2025 (Top 20)

Rank	Applicant	Number of Grants			
		Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
1	APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.	684	2	21	707
2	COUPANG CORP.	672	0	1	673
3	QUALCOMM INCORPORATED	616	0	0	616
4	TOKYO ELECTRON LIMITED	503	0	7	510
5	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.	474	0	7	481
6	SCREEN HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	289	0	42	331
7	NITTO DENKO CORPORATION	329	0	0	329
8	KIOXIA CORPORATION	257	0	0	257
9	DISCO CORPORATION	239	0	0	239
10	SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD.	218	2	17	237
11	LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION	218	0	11	229
12	WONDERLAND SWITZERLAND AG	150	4	60	214
13	APPLE INC.	39	0	162	201
14	BEIJING ROBOROCK TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.	33	70	96	199
15	FUJIFILM CORPORATION	190	0	5	195
16	RESONAC CORPORATION	184	0	4	188
17	ASML NETHERLANDS B.V.	185	0	0	185
17	SUMITOMO CHEMICAL CO., LTD.	185	0	0	185
19	SEMICONDUCTOR ENERGY LABORATORY CO., LTD.	184	0	0	184
20	LG DISPLAY CO., LTD.	161	0	9	170

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Note: Applicants with the same counts of grants are regarded as the same ranking, whereas the order is based on the counts of invention patents.

## 17. Counts of Patent Grants Ranked by Type of Industry in 2025

Type of Industry	Corresponding International Patent Classification	Residents		Non-Residents		Total	
		Invention	Utility Model	Invention	Utility Model	No. of Certificates Issued	Percentage
Agriculture, Forest, Fishery & Animal Husbandry	A01 (exclude A01H,A01K67,A01N,A01P)	140	281	102	14	537	0.96%
Foods & Tobacco	A21-A24	87	133	159	3	382	0.69%
Domestic Articles	A41-A47	390	1,141	368	169	2,068	3.71%
Pharmaceutical & Entertainment	A61-A63 (exclude A61K&A61P,A61Q)	863	970	555	47	2,435	4.37%
Biotech	A01H,A01K67,A01N,A61K35/66-35/76,38,39,47/42,48,49/14,49/16,51/08,51/10,A61P,C07K,C12,G01N33,A01P	309	40	875	1	1,225	2.20%
Preparation for Medical, Dental or Toilet Purposes	A61K (exclude 35/66-35/76,38,39,47/42,48,49/14,49/16,51/08,51/10), A61Q	246	88	622	0	956	1.71%
Separation & Mixing	B01-B09	313	354	512	49	1,228	2.20%
Working of Metal	B21-B32 (exclude B31)	801	820	1,396	36	3,053	5.47%
Printing	B41-B44	76	94	84	4	258	0.46%
Transporting	B60-B68	806	1,460	838	111	3,215	5.77%
Micro-structural Technology; Nano-technology	B81-B82	22	1	26	0	49	0.09%
Inorganic Chemistry, Treatment of Waste Water	C01-C05,C30	230	124	708	15	1,077	1.93%
Organic Chemistry	C07 (exclude C07K \ C07M)	73	2	964	0	1,039	1.86%
Organic Macromolecular Compound	C08	273	8	1,722	0	2,003	3.59%
Dyes, Petroleum, Animal or Vegetable Oils	C09-C11	141	33	1,196	1	1,371	2.46%
Sugar Industries & Pelts/Leather	C13-C14	6	2	0	0	8	0.01%
Metallurgy, Coating Metallic Material & Alloys	C21-C23,C25 (exclude C22K)	239	63	988	6	1,296	2.32%
Textiles & Flexible Materials	D01-D07	89	85	183	17	374	0.67%
Paper Making & Making Paper Articles	D21,B31	10	8	17	4	39	0.07%

Type of Industry	Corresponding International Patent Classification	Residents		Non-Residents		Total	
		Invention	Utility Model	Invention	Utility Model	No. of Certificates Issued	Percentage
Fixed Constructions	E01-E06	250	624	115	18	1,007	1.81%
Mining or Quarrying	E21	2	8	2	1	13	0.02%
Engines and Pumps	F01-F04	189	242	112	39	582	1.04%
Hydraulics or Pneumatics in General	F15-F17	307	517	290	31	1,145	2.05%
Lighting; Heating	F21-F28	291	440	229	59	1,019	1.83%
Weapons; Explosive Charges	F41-F42,C06	35	68	22	0	125	0.22%
Optics	G01-G03 (exclude G01N33)	1,712	576	2,310	88	4,686	8.40%
Measuring	G04-G08 (exclude G06F,G06Q)	673	348	504	10	1,535	2.75%
Semiconductor Applications	G09-G12	897	261	527	7	1,692	3.03%
Nuclear Engineering	G21	3	1	28	0	32	0.06%
Electric Power; Generation, Distribution or Conversion of Electric Power, Electric Heating	H02,H05	1,087	737	835	93	2,752	4.94%
Basic Electronic Elements	H01 (exclude H01L)	777	661	1,335	232	3,005	5.39%
Semiconductor Devices	H01L	1,541	329	2,844	49	4,763	8.54%
Basic Electronic Circuitry; Electric Communication Technique	H03,H04	1,028	232	1,492	74	2,826	5.07%
Electric Digital Data Processing	G06F (exclude 17/60)	1,251	435	977	31	2,694	4.83%
E-business	G06F17/60,G06Q	383	1,159	649	6	2,197	3.94%
Others		1,640	159	1,271	8	3,078	5.52%
Total		17,180	12,504	24,857	1,223	55,764	100.00%

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## 18. Statistics on Valid Patents

### Invention & Utility Model

Classification	Invention	Utility Model
A01	2,551	1,870
A21	166	218
A22	34	20
A23	1,699	671
A24	403	48
A41	343	739
A42	119	185
A43	751	613
A44	778	287
A45	449	1,094
A46	109	86
A47	3,309	4,491
A61	16,528	4,459
A62	387	429
A63	2,229	1,661
A99	0	2
B01	3,720	1,163
B02	110	88
B03	89	45
B04	49	19
B05	1,511	441
B06	53	11
B07	145	79
B08	881	271
B09	238	118
B21	959	277
B22	552	79
B23	4,081	1,622
B24	2,169	399
B25	3,509	1,313
B26	406	284
B27	121	113
B28	215	46
B29	3,078	587

Classification	Invention	Utility Model
B30	87	66
B31	51	50
B32	4,535	558
B33	35	9
B41	1,105	284
B42	54	132
B43	144	95
B44	100	135
B60	3,186	2,144
B61	225	56
B62	4,001	2,364
B63	263	160
B64	229	136
B65	5,132	3,759
B66	427	398
B67	120	96
B68	6	7
B81	437	8
B82	307	4
C01	2,487	101
C02	944	439
C03	2,259	69
C04	1,075	34
C05	112	43
C06	6	0
C07	11,277	12
C08	15,505	61
C09	10,815	84
C10	517	40
C11	662	40
C12	2,856	172
C13	12	0
C14	17	3
C21	559	34

Classification	Invention	Utility Model
C22	2,265	28
C23	6,275	197
C25	1,792	198
C30	1,147	42
C40	14	0
D01	592	81
D02	127	54
D03	237	139
D04	506	150
D05	356	135
D06	902	291
D07	14	8
D21	264	35
D99	1	0
E01	146	157
E02	247	169
E03	363	310
E04	1,295	1,551
E05	1,014	776
E06	647	786
E21	85	41
F01	305	174
F02	349	194
F03	485	257
F04	1,990	834
F15	185	54
F16	5,520	3,321
F17	200	101
F21	1,263	771
F22	56	12
F23	546	271

Classification	Invention	Utility Model
F24	1,449	1,185
F25	480	239
F26	175	112
F27	256	74
F28	1,163	444
F41	339	341
F42	27	19
G01	16,481	2,116
G02	15,558	1,849
G03	10,513	438
G04	193	66
G05	3,026	279
G06	36,437	10,535
G07	415	299
G08	1,125	663
G09	6,608	840
G10	1,564	263
G11	7,474	184
G12	31	4
G16	935	377
G21	291	7
G99	1	0
H01	76,428	7,956
H02	8,753	1,815
H03	5,340	159
H04	24,005	1,571
H05	10,225	2,812
H10	3,677	68
H99	1	0
Total	383,446	81,273

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Note: Counts of valid patents are calculated based on existing patents as of December 31, 2025.

### Design

Classification	Design
01	207
02	1,605
03	1,239
04	266
05	265
06	2,047
07	2,012
08	2,607
09	3,229
10	2,011
11	1,992
12	6,725
13	4,698
14	6,556
15	3,243
16	1,445
17	57
18	92
19	576
20	193

Classification	Design
21	1,569
22	375
23	2,964
24	1,580
25	876
26	2,888
27	114
28	1,429
29	335
30	214
31	291
32	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,714</b>

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### 19. Statistics on Pending Patent Applications for Examination (2016~2025)

Item Year	Application			Reexamination		Opposition			Invalidation			Technical Evaluation Report for Utility Model	Total
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Invention	Design	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Invention	Utility Model	Design		
2016	50,293	3,953	4,848	8,390	72	-	-	-	235	408	49	1,125	69,373
2017	44,002	4,859	5,056	6,256	55	-	-	-	202	271	23	620	61,344
2018	46,443	3,287	4,748	4,436	45	-	-	-	162	266	24	492	59,903
2019	48,316	3,728	5,556	4,857	140	-	-	-	152	225	50	384	63,408
2020	49,297	3,855	5,084	6,478	180	-	-	-	205	250	38	604	65,991
2021	50,285	3,626	4,365	7,337	89	-	-	-	228	251	46	451	66,678
2022	52,007	3,669	4,118	7,182	99	-	-	-	238	248	18	369	67,948
2023	52,326	3,814	4,241	6,526	106	-	-	-	205	223	19	314	67,774
2024	52,712	2,431	4,092	5,966	107	-	-	-	213	210	15	245	65,991
2025	53,124	2,840	3,309	5,291	115	-	-	-	194	183	26	202	65,284

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Note: The above statistics exclude the number of applications not requesting substantial examination. (2016: 10,142; 2017: 9,707; 2018: 7,716; 2019: 9,261; 2020: 8,007; 2021: 8,945; 2022: 8,871; 2023: 9,148; 2024: 8,515; 2025:10,372).

## D. Trend of Invention Requests for Examination

### Number and Percentage of Requests for Examination

Filing Year	Invention Applications (Total Applications In This Year)	In the First Year Since the Filing Date		In the Second Year Since the Filing Date		In the Third Year Since the Filing Date		After the Third Year Since the Filing Date		Sum of the Number/ Percentage of Applications Requested for Examination	
		Applications	Percentage	Applications	Percentage	Applications	Percentage	Applications	Percentage	Applications	Percentage
2016	43,836	23,321	53.20%	1,462	3.34%	12,788	29.17%	1,724	3.93%	39,295	89.64%
2017	46,122	24,967	54.13%	1,517	3.29%	13,173	28.56%	1,727	3.74%	41,384	89.72%
2018	47,429	27,177	57.30%	1,251	2.64%	12,994	27.40%	1,273	2.68%	42,695	90.02%
2019	48,268	27,736	57.46%	1,284	2.66%	13,335	27.63%	1,121	2.32%	43,476	90.07%
2020	46,664	27,067	58.00%	1,345	2.88%	12,981	27.82%	1,275	2.73%	42,668	91.43%
2021	49,116	27,839	56.68%	1,495	3.04%	13,998	28.50%	1,343	2.73%	44,675	90.95%
2022	50,242	28,008	55.75%	1,619	3.22%	14,672	29.20%	1,530	3.05%	45,829	91.22%
2023	50,854	27,923	54.91%	1,957	3.85%	2,795	5.50%	1,538	3.02%	34,213	67.28%
2024	50,823	27,532	54.17%	1,539	3.03%	433	0.85%	1,772	3.49%	31,276	61.54%
2025	51,230	27,557	53.79%	724	1.41%	282	0.55%	1,770	3.46%	30,333	59.21%

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Note: 1. The number of requests for examination (including new applications, divisional applications, and conversion applications) refers to the number of requests for examination according to Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 38 of the Patent Act.

2. Except for divisional applications and conversion applications conforming to Article 34 or 108 of the Patent Act, invention applications failing to request an examination within three years from the filing date are deemed to have been withdrawn.

3. The percentage of requests for examination refers to the percentage of total number of requests for examination each year within three years from the filing dates, applications divided or converted within 30 days from the filing date according to Articles 34 and 108 of the Patent Act, and to the total number of new applications for invention.

4. The total number of invention applications in each year, in addition to the new applications filed in the year, includes the number of applications divided or converted in the year but originally filed before the year.

## E. Statistics on IC Layout Applications and Certificates Issued

Year	Application	Certificate Issued
2016	114	133
2017	58	68
2018	95	96
2019	118	86
2020	75	101
2021	69	51
2022	86	112
2023	67	68
2024	92	93
2025	28	26

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