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Introduction

This report contains annual PCT statistics for the period 1978 (filing of the first PCT application) to the end of 2004, based on data available to the International Bureau as at April 2005. Where appropriate, statistics are reported from 1990 to 2004.

The statistics are accurate as at the time of publication of the report. However, corrections continue to be made throughout the year as data is added and corrected in the International Bureau's systems, therefore the next edition of this report in 2006 will incorporate those corrections.

Additional information, including monthly PCT statistics can be found on the WIPO PCT internet site at the address www.wipo.int/pct and on the WIPO Industrial Property Statistics internet site at the address www.wipo.int/ipstats.

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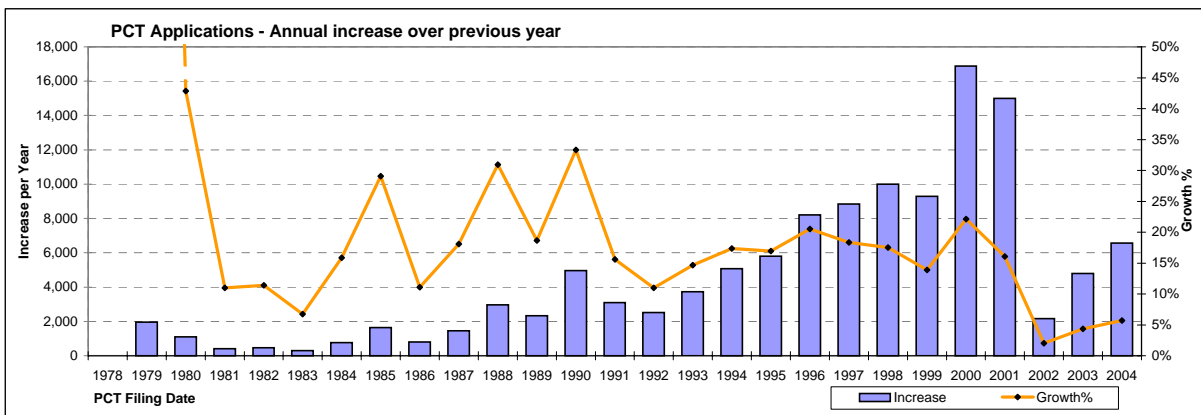
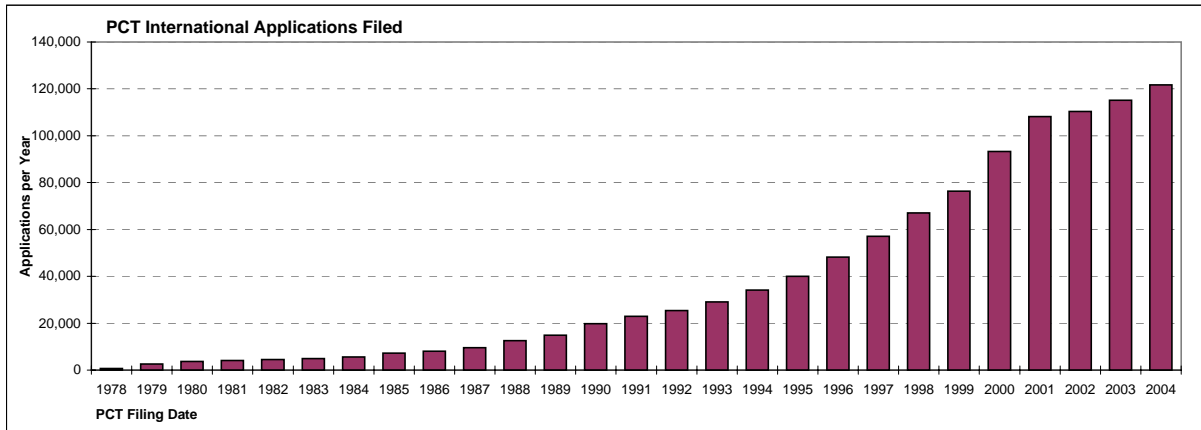
Overall PCT Filing Trends

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The first chart shows the number of applications filed in each year with PCT receiving Offices.

The second chart shows the annual increase in real terms and in percentage terms.

Growth rates for the decade of the 1990s averaged 17% but the growth rate has slowed significantly since 2001.



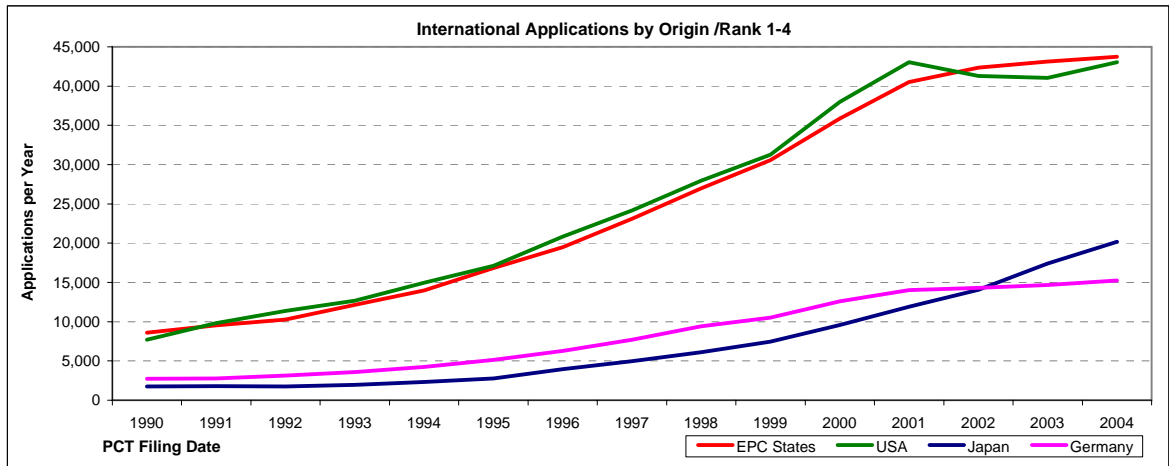
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Applications	636	2,586	3,694	4,100	4,568	4,875	5,648	7,290	8,100	9,563	12,523	14,856	19,809	22,900
Increase		1,950	1,108	406	468	307	773	1,642	810	1,463	2,960	2,333	4,953	3,091
Cumulative		3,222	6,916	11,016	15,584	20,459	26,107	33,397	41,497	51,060	63,583	78,439	98,248	121,148
Growth		306.6%	42.8%	11.0%	11.4%	6.7%	15.9%	29.1%	11.1%	18.1%	31.0%	18.6%	33.3%	15.6%

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Applications	25,419	29,143	34,209	40,008	48,218	57,064	67,062	76,358	93,240	108,229	110,388	115,176	121,746
Increase		2,519	3,724	5,066	5,799	8,210	8,846	9,998	16,882	14,989	2,159	4,788	6,570
Cumulative		146,567	175,710	209,919	249,927	298,145	355,209	422,271	498,629	591,869	700,098	810,486	925,662
Growth		11.0%	14.7%	17.4%	17.0%	20.5%	18.3%	17.5%	13.9%	22.1%	16.1%	2.0%	4.3%

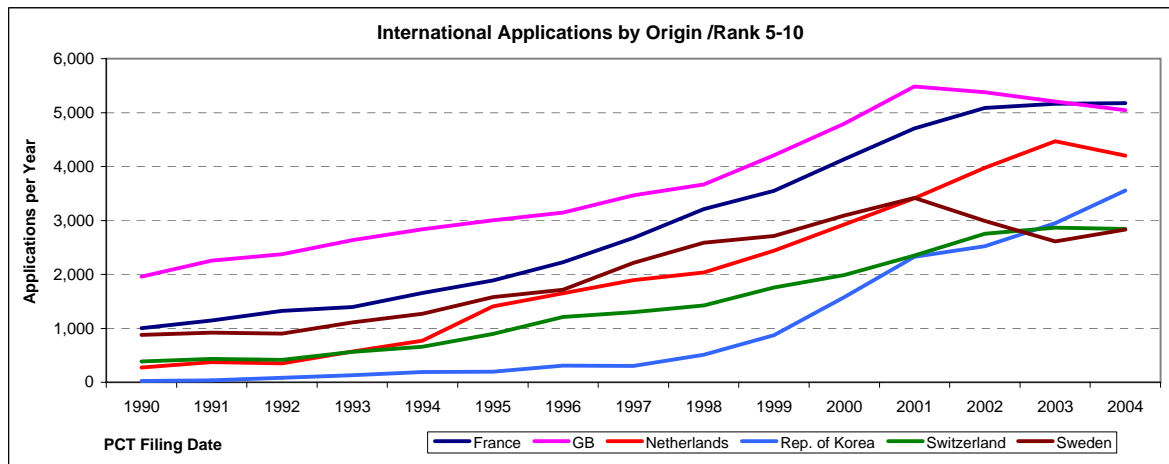
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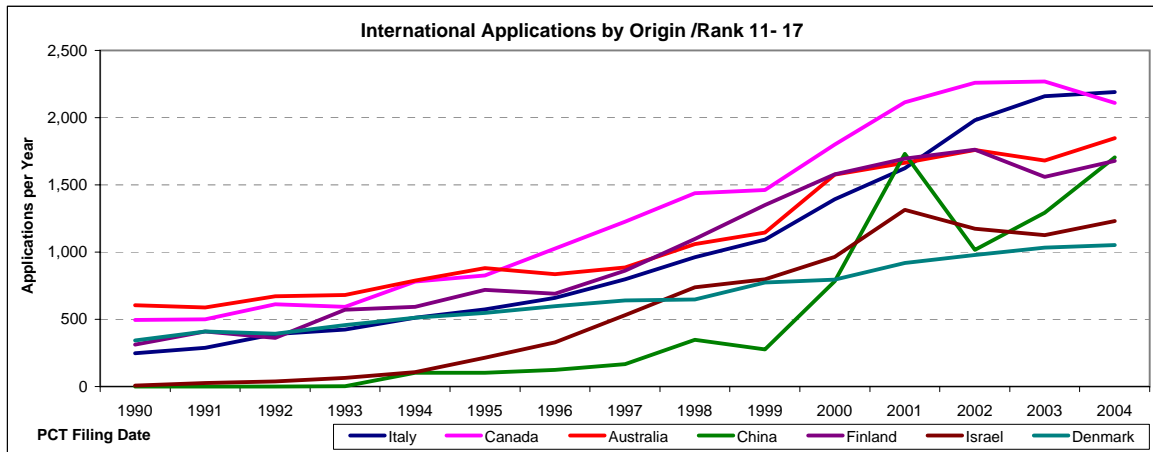
The charts and tables show the top countries or regions of origin, determined by the country of residence of the first named PCT applicant.
 EPC member states are the 30 member states of the European Patent Convention. They are reported individually and as a group.
 All origins with more than 1,000 applications in 2004 are shown.



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
EPC States	8,611	9,539	10,273	12,134	13,984	16,847	19,486	23,118	26,973	30,557	35,857	40,534	42,357	43,117	43,739
% Growth		10.8%	7.7%	18.1%	15.2%	20.5%	15.7%	18.6%	16.7%	13.3%	17.3%	13.0%	4.5%	1.8%	1.4%
USA	7,718	9,836	11,359	12,685	14,951	17,114	20,828	24,190	27,952	31,255	38,007	43,053	41,293	41,065	43,026
% Growth		27.4%	15.5%	11.7%	17.9%	14.5%	21.7%	16.1%	15.6%	11.8%	21.6%	13.3%	-4.1%	-0.6%	4.8%
Japan	1,748	1,810	1,740	1,967	2,305	2,775	3,942	4,965	6,102	7,473	9,567	11,904	14,063	17,385	20,173
% Growth		3.5%	-3.9%	13.0%	17.2%	20.4%	42.1%	26.0%	22.9%	22.5%	28.0%	24.4%	18.1%	23.6%	16.0%
Germany	2,749	2,772	3,121	3,578	4,245	5,128	6,265	7,713	9,409	10,516	12,582	14,031	14,326	14,682	15,231
% Growth		0.8%	12.6%	14.6%	18.6%	20.8%	22.2%	23.1%	22.0%	11.8%	19.6%	11.5%	2.1%	2.5%	3.7%



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
France	1,002	1,146	1,326	1,392	1,654	1,886	2,228	2,674	3,210	3,551	4,138	4,707	5,089	5,163	5,175
% Growth		14.4%	15.7%	5.0%	18.8%	14.0%	18.1%	20.0%	20.0%	10.6%	16.5%	13.8%	8.1%	1.5%	0.2%
GB	1,957	2,257	2,374	2,634	2,838	3,005	3,144	3,465	3,667	4,207	4,795	5,482	5,375	5,204	5,043
% Growth		15.3%	5.2%	11.0%	7.7%	5.9%	4.6%	10.2%	5.8%	14.7%	14.0%	14.3%	-2.0%	-3.2%	-3.1%
Netherlands	272	372	350	567	770	1,404	1,649	1,891	2,038	2,439	2,928	3,410	3,977	4,470	4,199
% Growth		36.8%	-5.9%	62.0%	35.8%	82.3%	17.5%	14.7%	7.8%	19.7%	20.0%	16.5%	16.6%	12.4%	-6.1%
Rep. of Korea	24	37	84	128	192	196	306	305	510	870	1,580	2,324	2,520	2,950	3,554
% Growth		54.2%	127.0%	52.4%	50.0%	2.1%	56.1%	-0.3%	67.2%	70.6%	81.6%	47.1%	8.4%	17.1%	20.5%
Switzerland	387	432	418	565	656	899	1,210	1,299	1,424	1,758	1,989	2,349	2,756	2,866	2,845
% Growth		11.6%	-3.2%	35.2%	16.1%	37.0%	34.6%	7.4%	9.6%	23.5%	13.1%	18.1%	17.3%	4.0%	-0.7%
Sweden	881	918	902	1,112	1,269	1,580	1,716	2,212	2,589	2,715	3,091	3,421	2,990	2,612	2,831
% Growth		4.2%	-1.7%	23.3%	14.1%	24.5%	8.6%	28.9%	17.0%	4.9%	13.8%	10.7%	-12.6%	-12.6%	8.4%



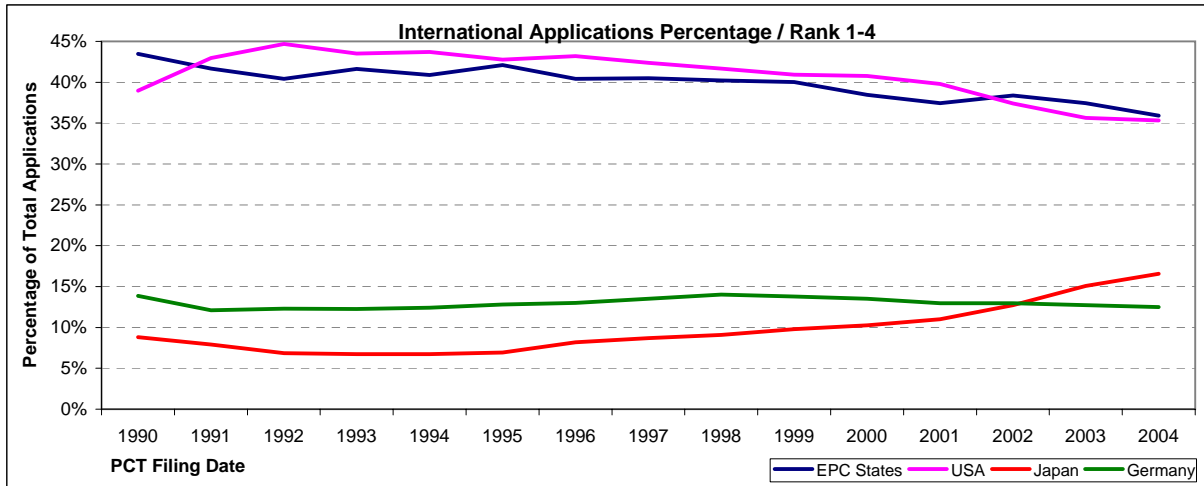
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Italy	247	289	390	423	512	574	660	797	963	1,092	1,394	1,623	1,982	2,159	2,190
% Growth		17.0%	34.9%	8.5%	21.0%	12.1%	15.0%	20.8%	20.8%	13.4%	27.7%	16.4%	22.1%	8.9%	1.4%
Canada	495	500	611	593	780	826	1,026	1,226	1,437	1,463	1,801	2,114	2,259	2,270	2,109
% Growth		1.0%	22.2%	-2.9%	31.5%	5.9%	24.2%	19.5%	17.2%	1.8%	23.1%	17.4%	6.9%	0.5%	-7.1%
Australia	605	588	671	681	788	882	835	885	1,059	1,146	1,576	1,664	1,760	1,681	1,847
% Growth		-2.8%	14.1%	1.5%	15.7%	11.9%	-5.3%	6.0%	19.7%	8.2%	37.5%	5.6%	5.8%	-4.5%	9.9%
China	0	1	0	2	103	103	123	166	348	277	784	1,731	1,017	1,294	1,705
% Growth						0.0%	19.4%	35.0%	109.6%	-20.4%	183.0%	120.8%	-41.2%	27.2%	31.8%
Finland	311	410	361	571	592	720	691	861	1,097	1,350	1,578	1,696	1,762	1,559	1,678
% Growth		31.8%	-12.0%	58.2%	3.7%	21.6%	-4.0%	24.6%	27.4%	23.1%	16.9%	7.5%	3.9%	-11.5%	7.6%
Israel	8	27	39	64	108	214	329	532	738	798	964	1,314	1,174	1,127	1,231
% Growth		237.5%	44.4%	64.1%	68.8%	98.1%	53.7%	61.7%	38.7%	8.1%	20.8%	36.3%	-10.7%	-4.0%	9.2%
Denmark	344	409	393	456	513	547	598	640	648	775	795	919	979	1,034	1,052
% Growth		100%	0.0%	200%	13%	6.6%	9.3%	7.0%	1.3%	19.6%	2.6%	15.6%	6.5%	5.6%	1.7%
All Others	600	562	642	889	998	1,051	1,343	1,677	1,943	2,519	3,104	3,591	3,945	4,287	4,362
% Growth		-6.3%	14.2%	38.5%	12.3%	5.3%	27.8%	24.9%	15.9%	29.6%	23.2%	15.7%	9.9%	8.7%	1.7%

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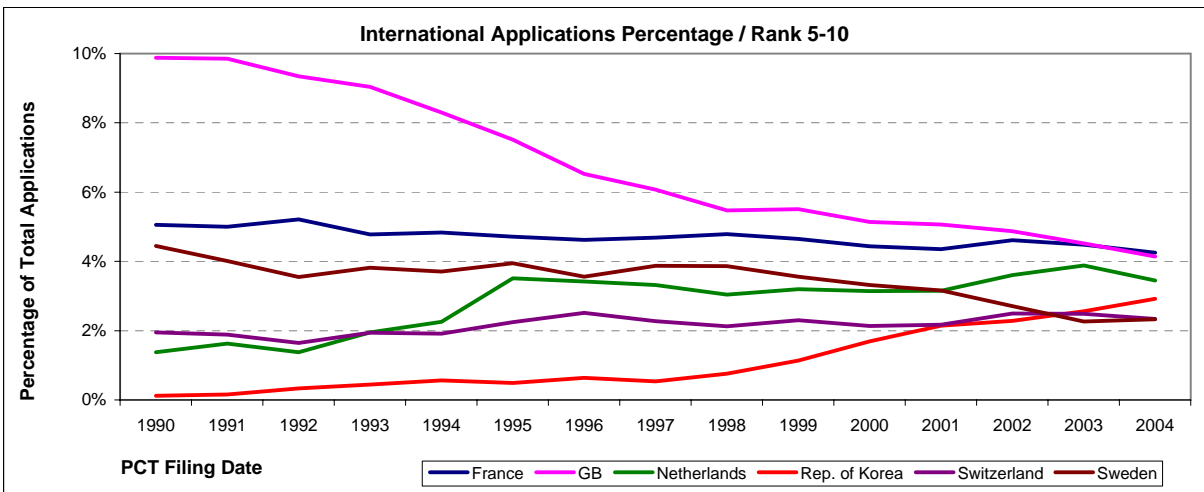
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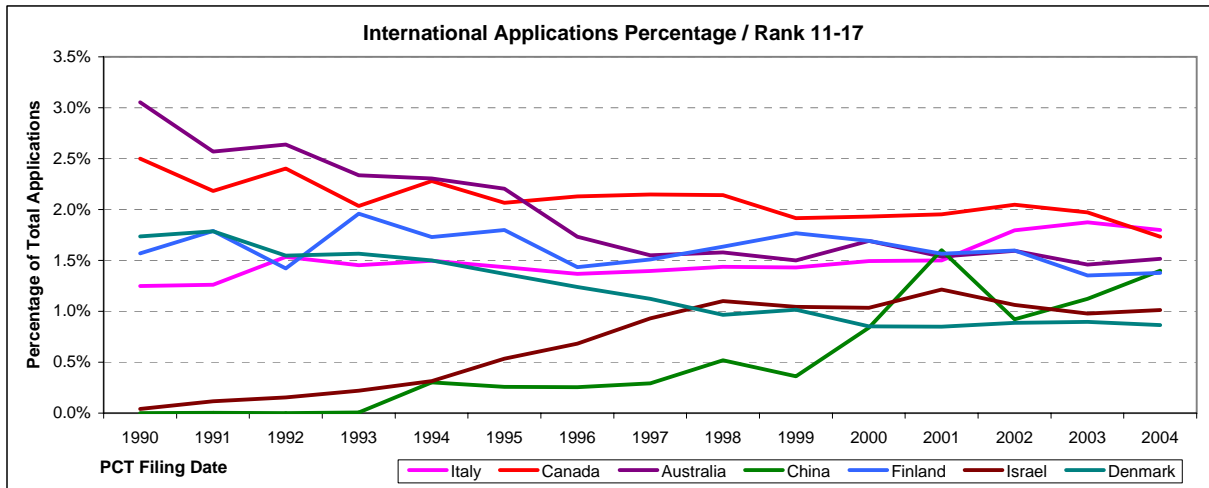
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	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
EPC States	43.5%	41.7%	40.4%	41.6%	40.9%	42.1%	40.4%	40.5%	40.2%	40.0%	38.5%	37.5%	38.4%	37.4%	35.9%
USA	39.0%	43.0%	44.7%	43.5%	43.7%	42.8%	43.2%	42.4%	41.7%	40.9%	40.8%	39.8%	37.4%	35.7%	35.3%
Japan	8.8%	7.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.9%	8.2%	8.7%	9.1%	9.8%	10.3%	11.0%	12.7%	15.1%	16.6%
Germany	13.9%	12.1%	12.3%	12.3%	12.4%	12.8%	13.0%	13.5%	14.0%	13.8%	13.5%	13.0%	13.0%	12.7%	12.5%



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
France	5.1%	5.0%	5.2%	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%
GB	9.9%	9.9%	9.3%	9.0%	8.3%	7.5%	6.5%	6.1%	5.5%	5.5%	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%	4.5%	4.1%
Netherlands	1.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.9%	2.3%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%	3.9%	3.4%
Rep. of Korea	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%	1.1%	1.7%	2.1%	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%
Switzerland	2.0%	1.9%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.2%	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	2.2%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%
Sweden	4.4%	4.0%	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%	3.9%	3.6%	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.3%	3.2%	2.7%	2.3%	2.3%



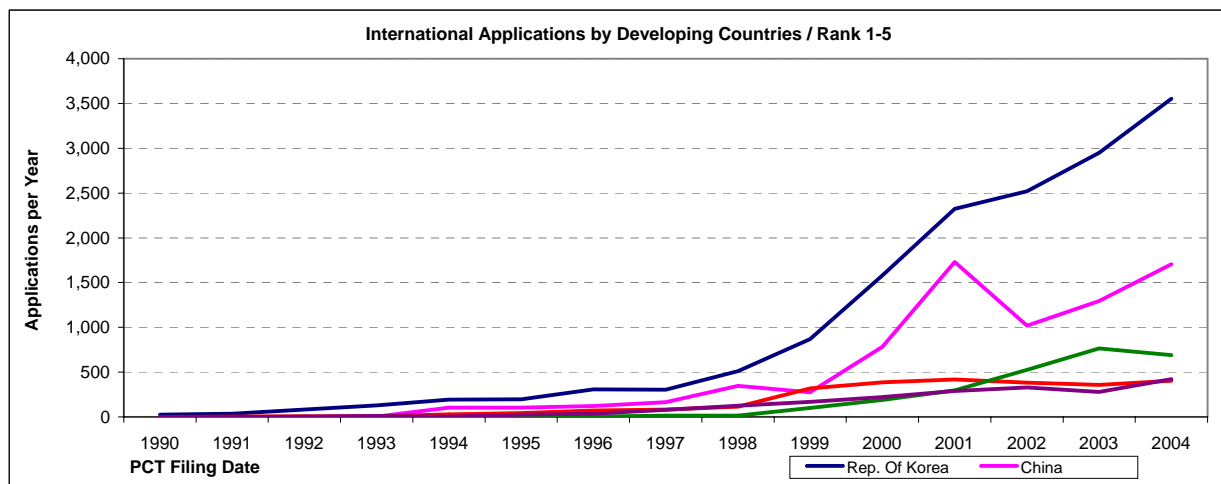
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Italy	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.8%	1.9%	1.8%
Canada	2.5%	2.2%	2.4%	2.0%	2.3%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.7%
Australia	3.1%	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%
China	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%	1.6%	0.9%	1.1%	1.4%
Finland	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%	2.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%
Israel	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Denmark	1.7%	1.8%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
All Others	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	3.1%	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%

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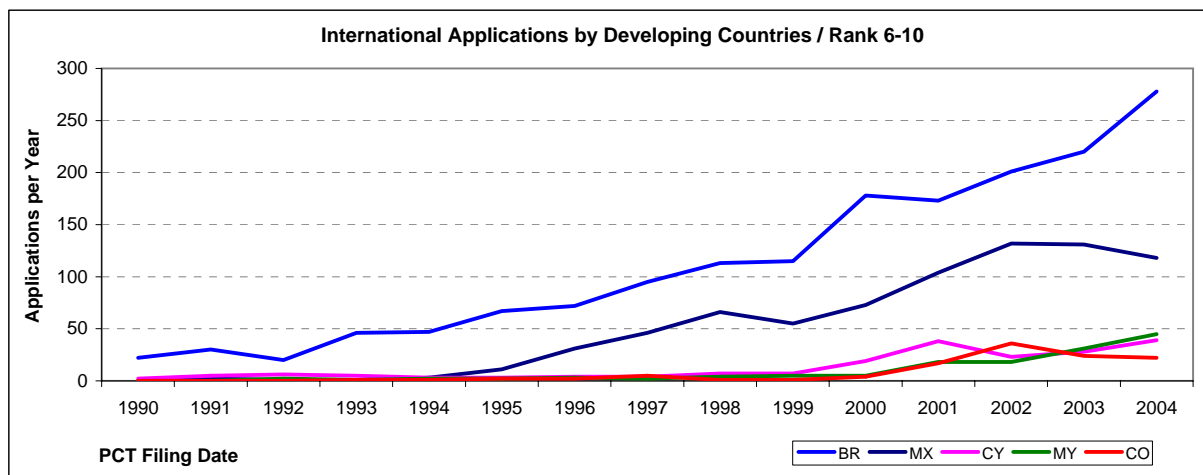
PCT and Developing Countries

Explanations and Definitions:

The charts and tables show the number of applications filed by applicants from the top 10 developing countries.



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Rep. Of Korea	24	37	84	128	192	196	306	305	510	870	1,580	2,324	2,520	2,950	3,554
China	0	1	0	2	103	103	123	166	348	277	784	1,731	1,017	1,294	1,705
South Africa	1	5	7	6	30	42	72	84	114	317	387	419	384	356	404
India	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	13	14	101	190	295	525	764	689
Singapore	0	0	4	11	3	26	35	80	125	168	222	288	330	280	423

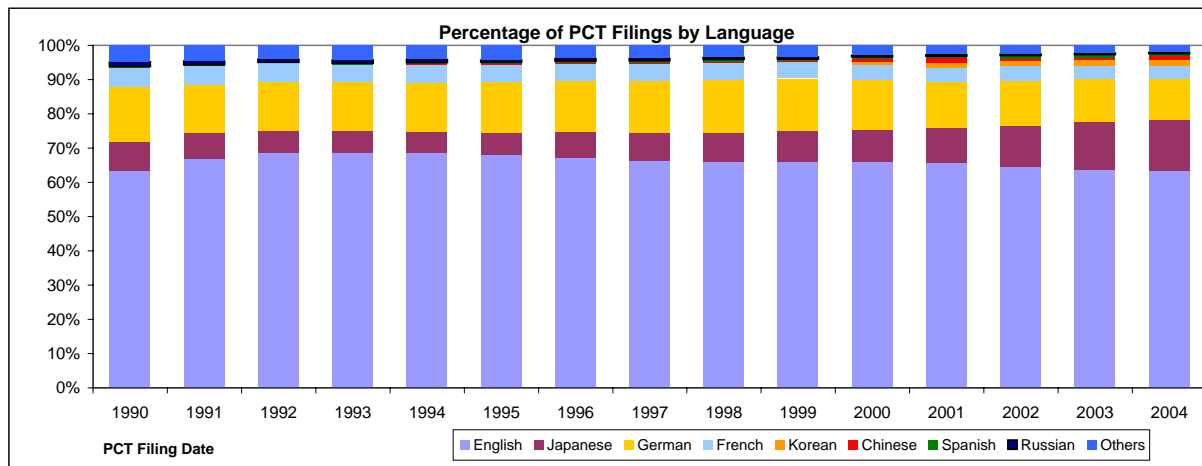


	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Brazil	22	30	20	46	47	67	72	95	113	115	178	173	201	220	278
Mexico	0	2	1	0	3	11	31	46	66	55	73	104	132	131	118
Cyprus	2	5	6	5	3	3	4	4	7	7	19	38	23	28	39
Malaysia	0	0	2	1	2	2	3	2	4	5	5	18	18	31	45
Colombia	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	5	1	1	4	17	36	24	22

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 Filings by Language of Filing
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The most common languages of filing are shown, with others reported as a group.



Number of PCT Filings by Language

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
English	12,543	15,287	17,419	19,983	23,408	27,193	32,409	37,812	44,265	50,282	61,403	70,944	71,269	73,451	77,012
Japanese	1,685	1,752	1,653	1,833	2,177	2,603	3,613	4,617	5,660	7,026	8,962	11,019	13,005	15,866	18,261
German	3,160	3,204	3,593	4,182	4,838	5,939	7,182	8,742	10,417	11,626	13,502	14,515	14,607	14,485	14,593
French	1,133	1,235	1,395	1,494	1,795	2,001	2,387	2,795	3,302	3,584	3,986	4,518	4,802	4,528	4,498
Korean										56	866	1,473	1,672	1,750	2,094
Chinese					101	98	114	131	185	208	696	1,587	847	1,036	1,428
Spanish	48	96	85	102	137	169	279	371	429	466	567	633	797	850	841
Russian	292	279	258	331	333	294	380	419	452	517	543	581	596	601	547
Others	948	1,047	1,016	1,218	1,420	1,711	1,854	2,177	2,352	2,593	2,715	2,959	2,793	2,609	2,472
Total	19,809	22,900	25,419	29,143	34,209	40,008	48,218	57,064	67,062	76,358	93,240	108,229	110,388	115,176	121,746

Percentage of PCT Filings by Language

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
English	63.3%	66.8%	68.5%	68.6%	68.4%	68.0%	67.2%	66.3%	66.0%	65.9%	65.9%	65.5%	64.6%	63.8%	63.3%
Japanese	8.5%	7.7%	6.5%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%	7.5%	8.1%	8.4%	9.2%	9.6%	10.2%	11.8%	13.8%	15.0%
German	16.0%	14.0%	14.1%	14.3%	14.1%	14.8%	14.9%	15.3%	15.5%	15.2%	14.5%	13.4%	13.2%	12.6%	12.0%
French	5.7%	5.4%	5.5%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.2%	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%
Korean	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.9%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%
Chinese	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.7%	1.5%	0.8%	0.9%	1.2%
Spanish	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Russian	1.5%	1.2%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%
Others	4.8%	4.6%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	3.4%	2.9%	2.7%	2.5%	2.3%	2.0%

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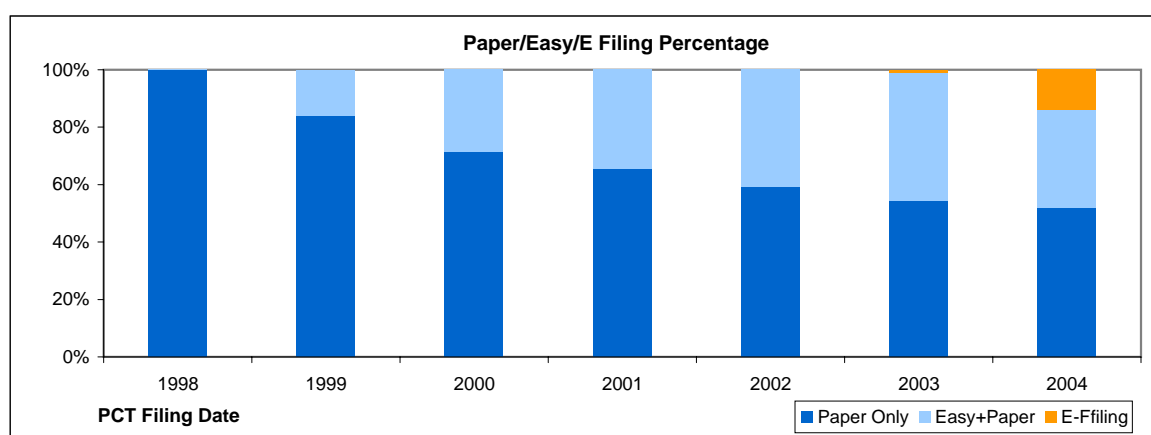
PCT Easy and Electronic Filing

Explanations and Definitions:

The graph shows the percentage of international applications filed in paper form, in PCT-EASY mode (bibliographic data in electronic form on diskette) or filed fully electronically.

PCT-EASY mode became available in a pilot phase in 1998 and generally in 1999.

Electronic Filing became possible in one receiving Office at the end of 2002. The PCT-SAFE software for electronic filing was released at the beginning of 2004. As at the end of 2004, electronic filings were accepted by 8 receiving Offices.

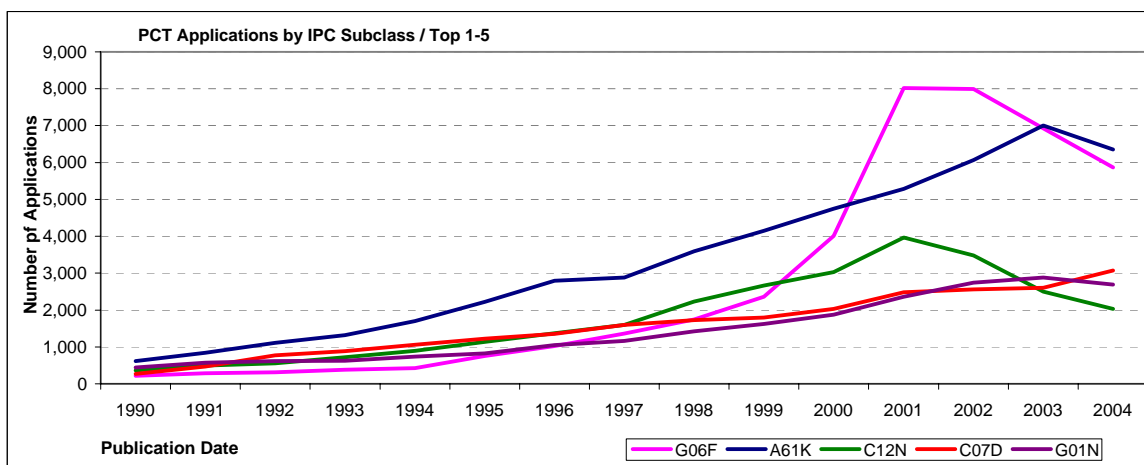


	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Paper Only	66,902	64,191	66,473	70,667	65,177	62,411	62,912
Easy+Paper	160	12,167	26,767	37,562	45,208	51,627	41,544
E-Filing					3	1,138	17,290
% Paper	99.8%	84.1%	71.3%	65.3%	59.0%	54.2%	51.7%
% Easy+Paper	0.2%	15.9%	28.7%	34.7%	41.0%	44.8%	34.1%
% E-Filing					0.0%	1.0%	14.2%

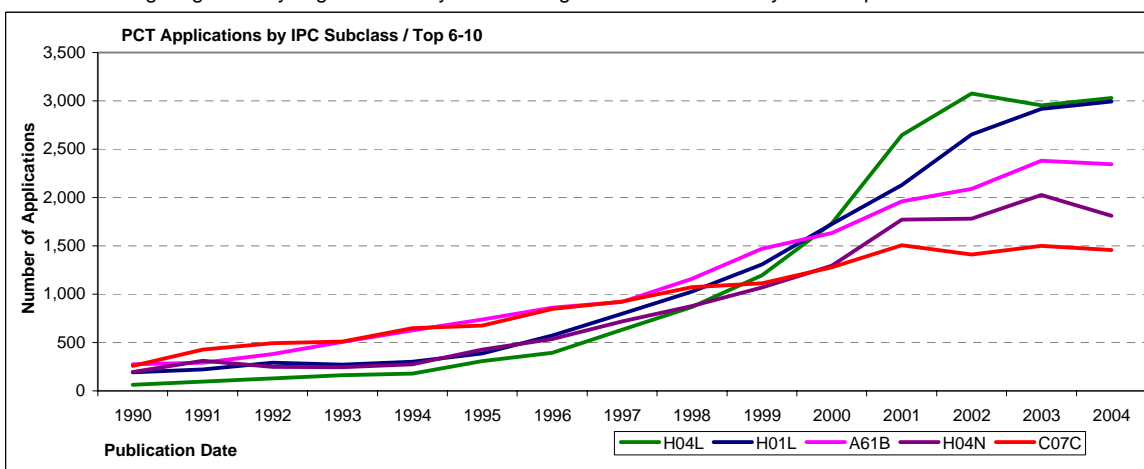
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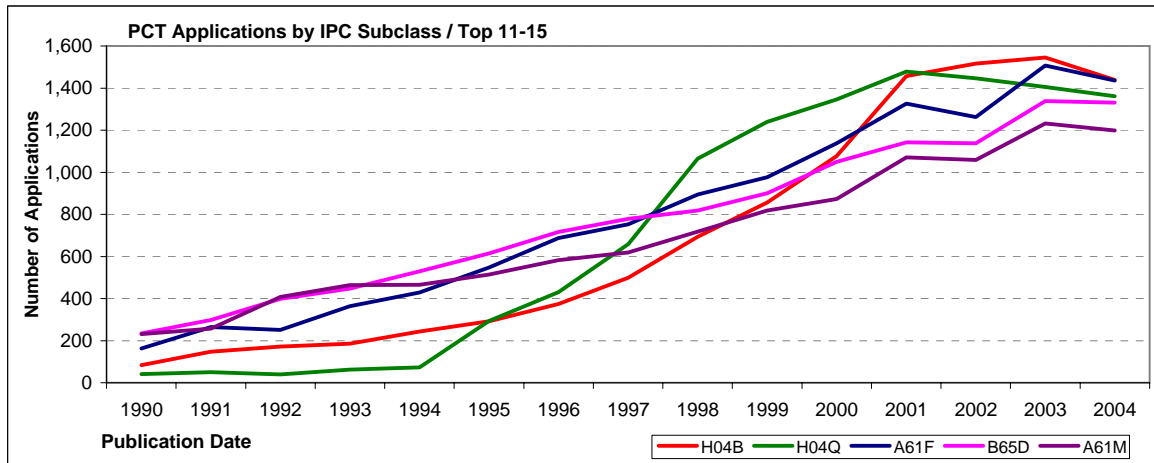
The graphs and table show the number of PCT International Applications published according to technical field (International Patent Classification Code at the subclass level). The top 15 technical fields are shown. More information on the International Patent Classification system is available at the internet address: <http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/>



- G06F Electric Digital Data Processing
- A61K Preparations for Medical, Dental, or Toilet Purposes
- C12N Micro-organisms or Enzymes; Compositions thereof
- C07D Heterocyclic Compounds
- G01N Investigating or Analysing Materials by Determining their Chemical or Physical Properties



- H04L Transmission of digital information, e.g. Telecommunications
- H01L Semiconductor Devices; Electric Solid State Devices not Otherwise Provided for
- A61B Diagnosis; Surgery; Identification
- H04N Pictorial communication, e.g. Television
- C07C Acyclic or Carbocyclic Compounds



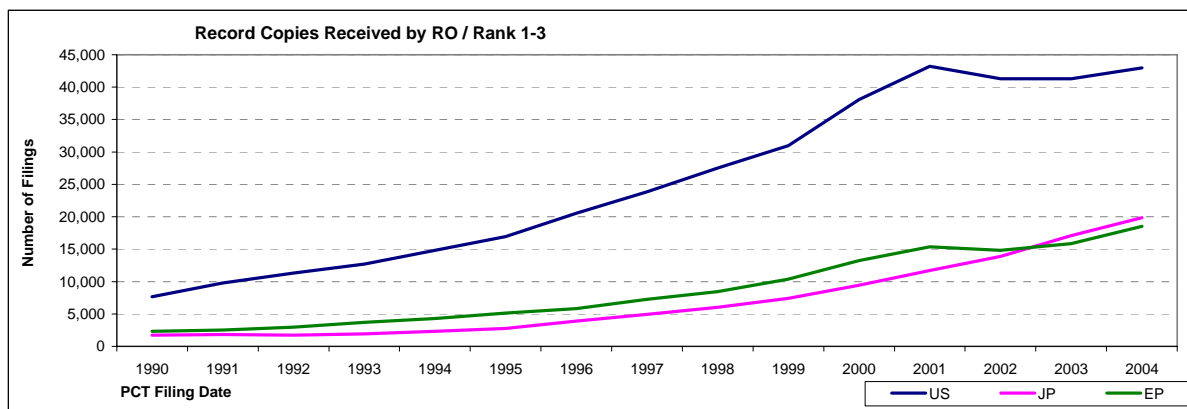
- H04B Transmission
- H04Q Selecting
- A61F Filters Implantable into Blood Vessels; Prostheses; orthopaedic, Nursing or Contraceptive Devices
- B65D Containers for storage or transport of articles or materials, e.g. Bags, boxes, cans, cartons, etc.
- A61M Devices for introducing Media into, or onto, the Body

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
G06F	214	284	316	380	421	758	1,028	1,365	1,745	2,360	4,012	8,015	7,992	6,926	5,866
A61K	612	840	1,113	1,322	1,697	2,218	2,796	2,878	3,595	4,149	4,745	5,283	6,068	7,000	6,355
C12N	363	496	552	717	893	1,141	1,375	1,595	2,227	2,667	3,025	3,963	3,482	2,498	2,030
C07D	273	467	774	888	1,062	1,220	1,350	1,596	1,731	1,797	2,029	2,479	2,562	2,607	3,070
G01N	443	569	619	629	737	824	1,052	1,160	1,423	1,621	1,877	2,359	2,742	2,879	2,688
H04L	64	96	129	162	180	308	395	634	868	1,197	1,732	2,646	3,077	2,955	3,029
H01L	192	222	293	273	301	389	573	799	1,027	1,309	1,725	2,129	2,651	2,916	2,993
A61B	275	292	382	505	625	737	860	921	1,159	1,471	1,633	1,960	2,089	2,381	2,343
H04N	197	311	248	245	276	427	538	718	876	1,070	1,295	1,770	1,782	2,027	1,810
C07C	259	426	492	510	648	675	849	925	1,074	1,111	1,278	1,508	1,412	1,500	1,457
H04B	84	148	172	186	243	292	374	499	694	856	1,077	1,457	1,516	1,545	1,439
H04Q	41	50	40	62	73	294	430	658	1,065	1,239	1,346	1,479	1,446	1,405	1,361
A61F	163	264	251	363	429	547	688	753	894	976	1,138	1,326	1,262	1,507	1,435
B65D	234	298	398	447	530	615	716	778	819	900	1,049	1,142	1,138	1,338	1,331
A61M	231	257	407	464	465	514	582	619	718	818	873	1,070	1,059	1,232	1,198
Others	12,487	15,153	16,762	18,937	21,422	24,687	28,585	34,387	39,650	44,496	51,113	61,014	63,889	69,265	74,121

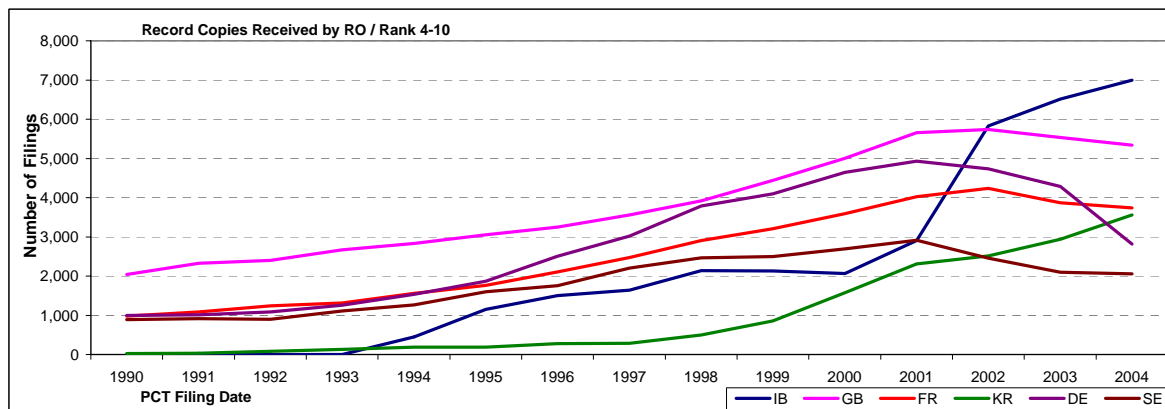
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Receiving Offices
PCT International Applications by Receiving Office
As at April 2005

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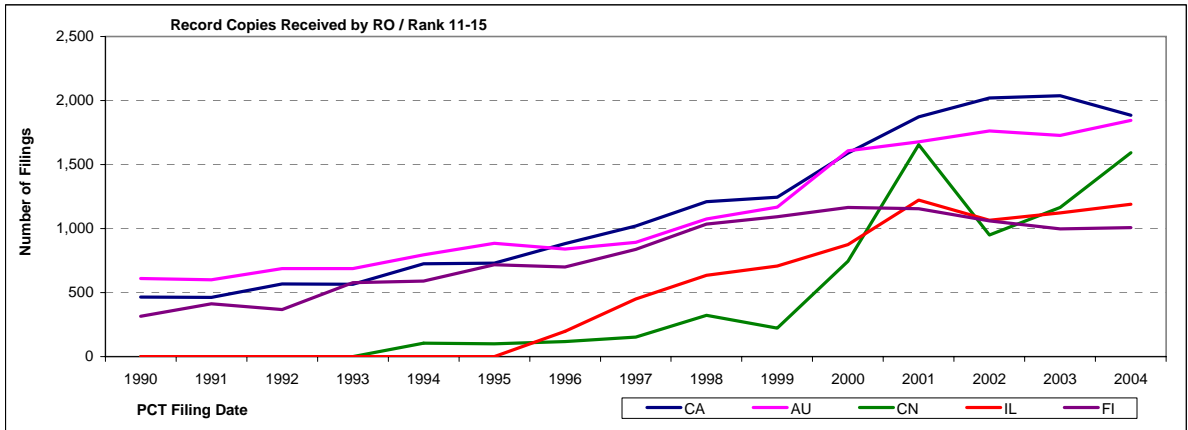
The charts and tables show the number of PCT international applications filed in each receiving Office.
 The top 15 receiving Offices are based on the number of filings in 2004.



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US	7,672	9,778	11,323	12,680	14,822	16,929	20,570	23,866	27,502	30,977	38,093	43,214	41,278	41,289	42,985
% Growth		27.5%	15.8%	12.0%	16.9%	14.2%	21.5%	16.0%	15.2%	12.6%	23.0%	13.4%	-4.5%	0.0%	4.1%
JP	1,742	1,806	1,738	1,934	2,304	2,772	3,897	4,921	6,022	7,429	9,447	11,687	13,880	17,096	19,848
% Growth		3.7%	-3.8%	11.3%	19.1%	20.3%	40.6%	26.3%	22.4%	23.4%	27.2%	23.7%	18.8%	23.2%	16.1%
EP	2,302	2,498	2,983	3,706	4,298	5,139	5,832	7,239	8,465	10,395	13,245	15,358	14,816	15,865	18,509
% Growth		8.5%	19.4%	24.2%	16.0%	19.6%	13.5%	24.1%	16.9%	22.8%	27.4%	16.0%	-3.5%	7.1%	16.7%



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
IB	0	0	0	0	449	1,154	1,502	1,638	2,142	2,127	2,069	2,904	5,826	6,513	7,000
% Growth					157.0%	30.2%	9.1%	30.8%	-0.7%	-2.7%	40.4%	100.6%	11.8%	7.5%	
GB	2,039	2,328	2,402	2,671	2,829	3,049	3,253	3,557	3,916	4,444	5,008	5,657	5,741	5,533	5,338
% Growth		14.2%	3.2%	11.2%	5.9%	7.8%	6.7%	9.3%	10.1%	13.5%	12.7%	13.0%	1.5%	-3.6%	-3.5%
FR	976	1,085	1,243	1,316	1,561	1,760	2,103	2,471	2,907	3,208	3,588	4,022	4,237	3,868	3,741
% Growth		11.2%	14.6%	5.9%	18.6%	12.7%	19.5%	17.5%	17.6%	10.4%	11.8%	12.1%	5.3%	-8.7%	-3.3%
KR	24	36	83	128	188	189	281	288	495	854	1,573	2,314	2,511	2,942	3,559
% Growth		50.0%	130.6%	54.2%	46.9%	0.5%	48.7%	2.5%	71.9%	72.5%	84.2%	47.1%	8.5%	17.2%	21.0%
DE	999	1,016	1,088	1,256	1,534	1,872	2,505	3,022	3,791	4,095	4,647	4,934	4,738	4,282	2,816
% Growth		1.7%	7.1%	15.4%	22.1%	22.0%	33.8%	20.6%	25.4%	8.0%	13.5%	6.2%	-4.0%	-9.6%	-34.2%
SE	886	917	900	1,113	1,265	1,598	1,754	2,208	2,465	2,500	2,691	2,915	2,455	2,097	2,054
% Growth		3.5%	-1.9%	23.7%	13.7%	26.3%	9.8%	25.9%	11.6%	1.4%	7.6%	8.3%	-15.8%	-14.6%	-2.1%

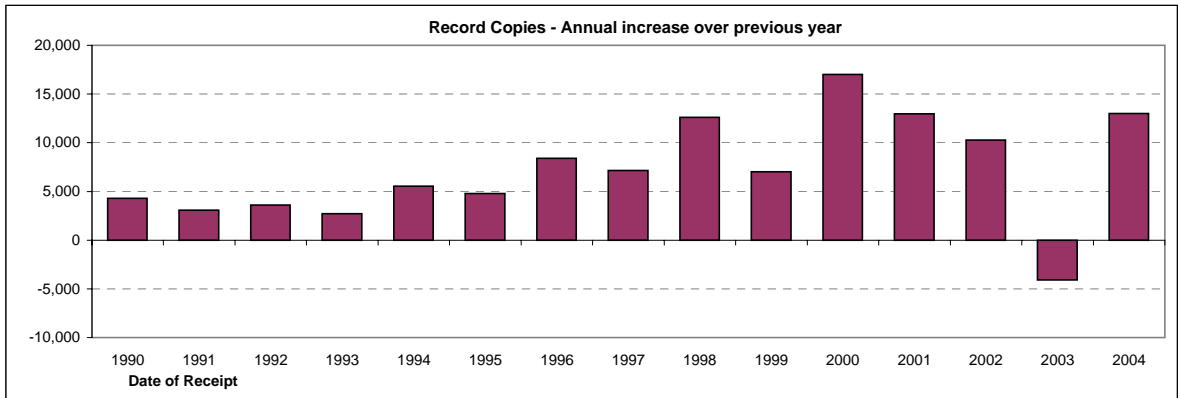
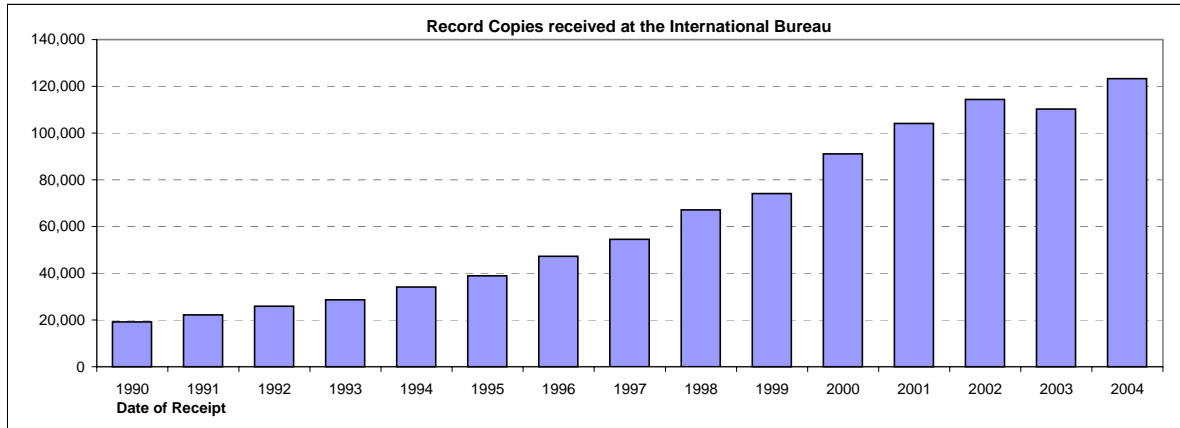


	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CA	465	462	567	564	726	729	883	1,019	1,209	1,246	1,590	1,872	2,020	2,037	1,886
% Growth		-0.6%	22.7%	-0.5%	28.7%	0.4%	21.1%	15.4%	18.6%	3.1%	27.6%	17.7%	7.9%	0.8%	-7.4%
AU	611	599	687	688	794	885	840	892	1,076	1,168	1,608	1,678	1,763	1,727	1,844
% Growth		-2.0%	14.7%	0.1%	15.4%	11.5%	-5.1%	6.2%	20.6%	8.6%	37.7%	4.4%	5.1%	-2.0%	6.8%
CN	0	0	0	0	105	101	118	152	322	223	745	1,656	951	1,165	1,592
% Growth						-3.8%	16.8%	28.8%	111.8%	-30.7%	234.1%	122.3%	-42.6%	22.5%	36.7%
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	197	449	635	708	874	1,222	1,065	1,122	1,190
% Growth								127.9%	41.4%	11.5%	23.4%	39.8%	-12.8%	5.4%	6.1%
FI	316	412	367	577	591	718	699	838	1,034	1,093	1,165	1,156	1,061	997	1,007
% Growth		30.4%	-10.9%	57.2%	2.4%	21.5%	-2.6%	19.9%	23.4%	5.7%	6.6%	-0.8%	-8.2%	-6.0%	1.0%
All Others	1,431	1,556	1,643	2,069	2,251	2,593	3,236	3,910	4,504	5,169	6,165	6,787	7,154	7,721	7,456
% Growth		8.7%	5.6%	25.9%	8.8%	15.2%	24.8%	20.8%	15.2%	14.8%	19.3%	10.1%	5.4%	7.9%	-3.4%

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International Bureau
Record Copies received at the International Bureau
As at April 2005

Explanations and Definitions:

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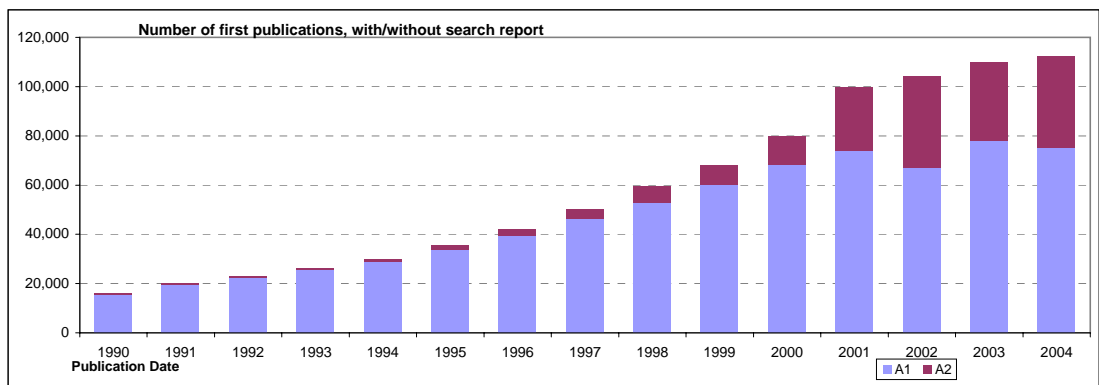


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Rec Copies	19,165	22,251	25,864	28,579	34,111	38,906	47,294	54,459	67,081	74,095	91,114	104,098	114,363	110,278	123,280
Increase	4,287	3,086	3,613	2,715	5,532	4,795	8,388	7,165	12,622	7,014	17,019	12,984	10,265	-4,085	13,002
Growth	28.8%	16.1%	16.2%	10.5%	19.4%	14.1%	21.6%	15.1%	23.2%	10.5%	23.0%	14.3%	9.9%	-3.6%	11.8%

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PCT Applications Published
PCT Applications Published
As at April 2005

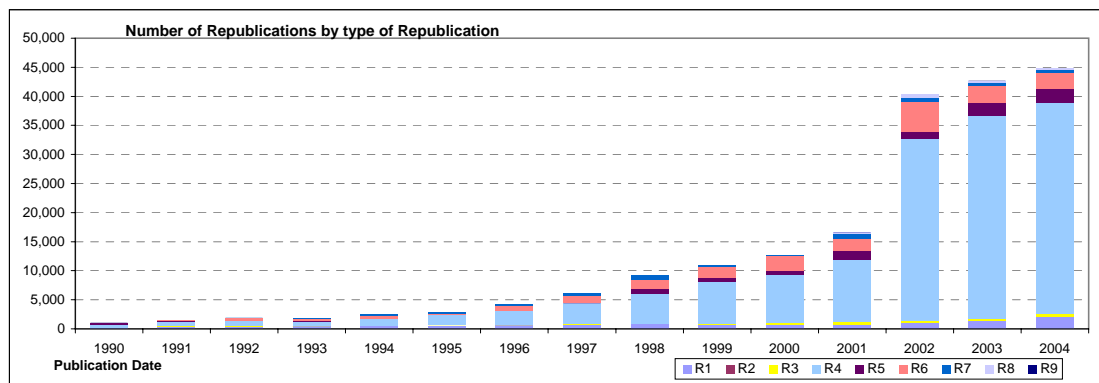
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Publications and Republications:
The number of publications by kind code shows the total number of PCT applications published, broken down by those that are published with and without the search report. Publication without the search report is usually a consequence of late establishment of search report by the International Searching Authority. The number of republications shows a strong increase from 2001. This is due to an increase in the number of late search reports, but also due to clearing of a backlog at the IB.



First Publication	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
A1	15,482	19,308	22,038	25,193	28,742	33,801	39,380	46,412	52,958	60,014	68,082	73,862	66,884	77,857	75,105
A2	650	865	910	897	1,260	1,845	2,811	3,873	6,607	8,023	11,865	25,738	37,283	32,124	37,421
Total	16,132	20,173	22,948	26,090	30,002	35,646	42,191	50,285	59,565	68,037	79,947	99,600	104,167	109,981	112,526

Kind Codes:
A1 - Published with International Search Report
A2 - Published without International Search Report



Republication	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
R1	158	363	300	359	449	506	527	611	708	669	637	727	1,021	1,318	1,963
R2	0	1	3	1	2	0	5	4	4	9	6	5	10	10	13
R3	1	107	212	71	87	59	62	152	228	229	302	430	288	249	524
R4	451	789	766	762	1,139	1,774	2,428	3,599	5,046	7,169	8,231	10,687	31,308	35,080	36,344
R5	376	122	154	195	3	0	0	41	808	716	718	1,568	1,246	2,143	2,461
R6	81	200	446	379	462	282	805	1,211	1,673	1,903	2,560	2,074	5,167	3,052	2,611
R7	16	24	67	130	286	291	380	531	836	252	203	739	676	463	553
R8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	6	14	309	662	386	328
R9	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	6	6	1	6	11	7	3	9
Total	1,083	1,606	1,949	1,897	2,429	2,913	4,207	6,160	9,312	10,954	12,677	16,550	40,385	42,704	44,806

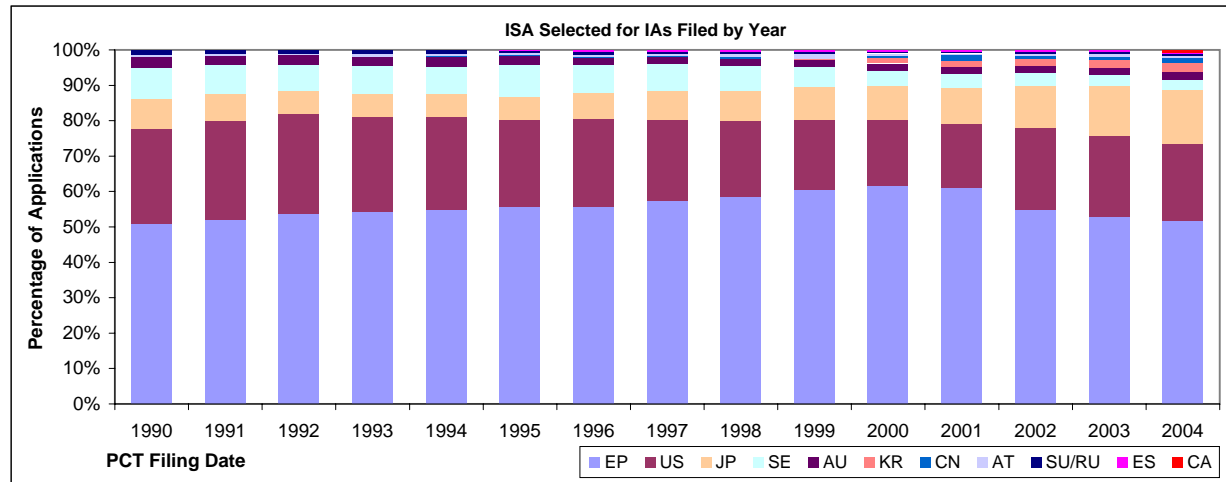
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R3 - Revised ISR
R4 - Late Publication of ISR
R5 - Correction of bibliographic data (Gazette Section I)
R6 - Corrected Pamphlet
R7 - Corrected Version of a Pamphlet Front Page
R8 - Later Publication of a Declaration Under Article 17(2)(A)
R9 - Revised Version of ISR Translation

Total Volume of Publications and Republications		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total		16,132	20,173	22,948	26,090	30,002	35,646	42,191	50,285	59,565	68,037	79,947	99,600	104,167	109,981	112,526
Publications		16,132	20,173	22,948	26,090	30,002	35,646	42,191	50,285	59,565	68,037	79,947	99,600	104,167	109,981	112,526
Republications		1,083	1,606	1,949	1,897	2,429	2,913	4,207	6,160	9,312	10,954	12,677	16,550	40,385	42,704	44,806
Total Volume		17,215	21,779	24,897	27,987	32,431	38,559	46,398	56,445	68,877	78,991	92,624	116,150	144,552	152,685	157,332

WIPO Statistics
International Search
Distribution of International Searching Authorities
As at April 2005

Explanations and Definitions:

The chart and table show the number of PCT applications for each International Search Authority.
 The choice of International Search Authority is made at the time of filing a PCT international application.



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
EP	10,058	11,878	13,644	15,758	18,738	22,227	26,822	32,647	39,239	46,058	57,210	65,986	60,424	60,848	62,841
US	5,329	6,421	7,180	7,910	9,038	9,878	11,985	13,130	14,396	15,230	17,503	19,412	25,524	26,459	26,455
JP	1,685	1,753	1,653	1,832	2,177	2,603	3,612	4,618	5,657	7,026	8,961	11,091	13,161	16,142	18,691
SE	1,714	1,858	1,833	2,288	2,620	3,552	3,762	4,393	4,774	4,446	4,077	4,328	3,999	3,517	3,399
AU	611	599	696	799	936	1,027	963	1,025	1,265	1,405	1,890	2,064	2,207	2,249	2,502
KR										86	1,287	2,052	2,247	2,595	3,204
CN					107	106	120	156	329	236	770	1,678	977	1,225	1,647
AT	117	98	148	221	254	242	308	365	608	987	514	481	532	748	809
SU/RU	291	278	259	333	339	300	396	428	454	526	557	615	625	641	578
ES						73	248	298	339	355	462	515	686	746	769
CA															828

WIPO Statistics
International Search
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As at April 2005

Explanations and Definitions:

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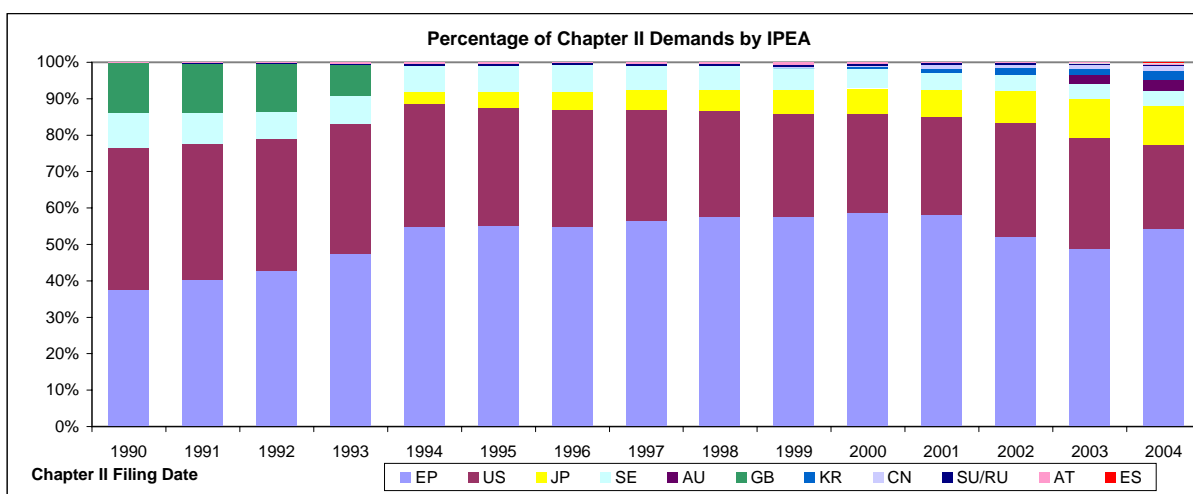
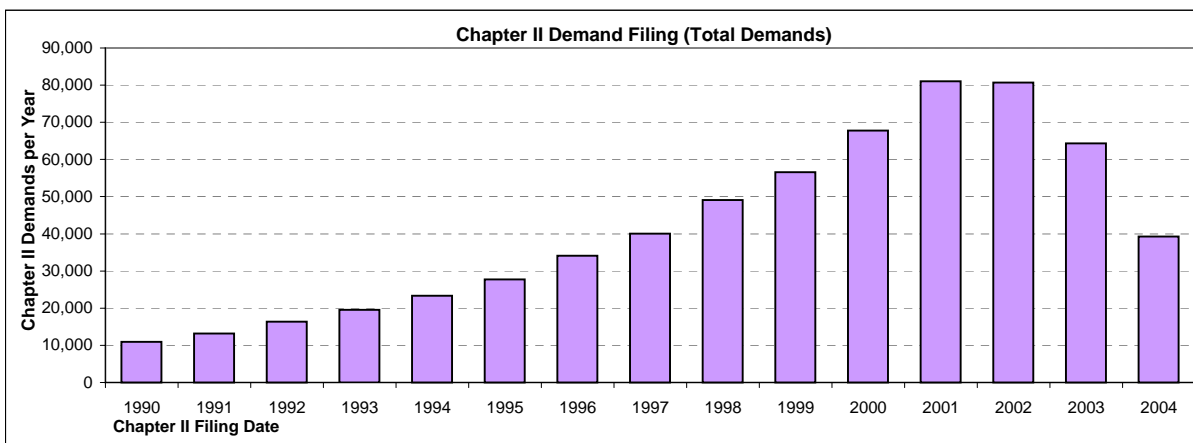
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EP	8,633	10,685	13,441	14,441	17,107	19,836	24,365	29,273	34,678	36,028	51,388	52,760	61,900	63,106	62,006
US	3,956	6,750	7,260	7,683	8,431	9,253	11,573	12,352	12,718	13,014	16,112	17,641	18,852	22,296	18,516
JP	1,561	1,720	1,621	1,767	2,059	2,539	3,346	4,313	5,023	6,076	8,417	10,653	12,126	15,387	17,941
SE	1,517	1,758	1,771	1,991	2,372	2,913	3,653	4,113	4,278	3,954	4,280	4,105	4,168	3,677	3,124
KR											778	1,756	2,122	2,324	2,924
AU	594	593	693	729	882	951	1,045	1,041	1,103	1,223	1,762	1,990	2,142	2,193	2,360
CN					60	118	96	130	226	278	364	1,464	1,002	1,158	1,313
AT	103	106	110	187	230	260	238	311	443	642	684	535	551	535	787
ES						19	211	269	299	275	390	475	597	683	713
SU/RU	274	189	241	219	315	287	317	392	368	403	537	535	643	558	609
CA															92

WIPO Statistics
International Preliminary Examination
Chapter II Demands by Examining Authority
As at April 2005

Explanations and Definitions:

The first chart shows the total number of demands for International Preliminary Examination under Chapter II of the PCT. The second chart and table show the distribution of Chapter II demands by Examining Authority.

There has been a decrease in the use of the Chapter II procedure since April 2002, when the time limit for PCT national phase entry under Chapter I became the same as under Chapter II. A further decrease is expected following the rule changes entering into force from January 1, 2004, according to which a preliminary report on patentability will be established under Chapter I and under Chapter II.



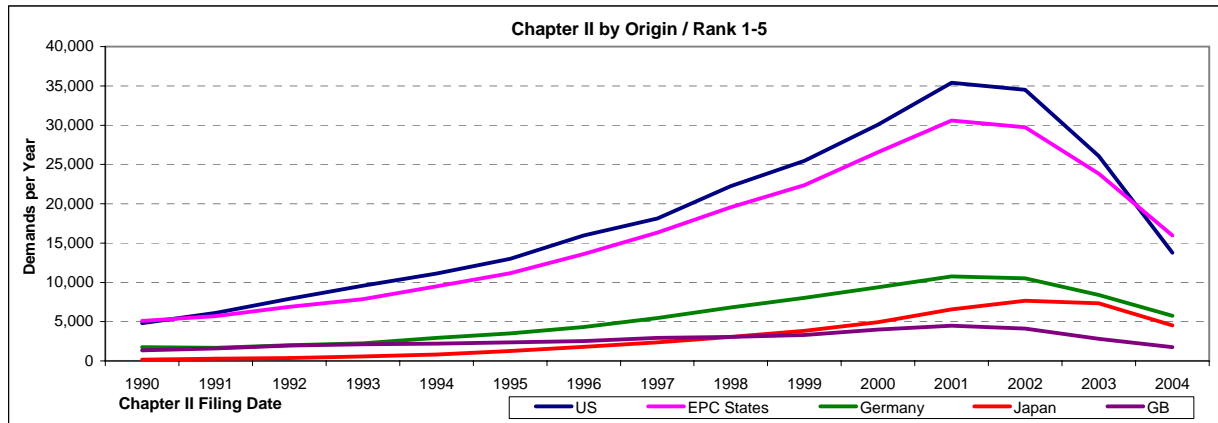
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EP	3,855	5,008	6,638	8,714	12,342	14,696	18,222	22,069	27,631	31,885	38,863	45,938	41,053	31,433	21,376
US	4,019	4,634	5,624	6,590	7,635	8,682	10,595	11,894	13,887	15,765	18,110	21,241	24,584	19,573	9,141
JP					725	1,173	1,604	2,145	2,762	3,553	4,608	6,139	7,076	6,812	4,189
SE	981	1,060	1,165	1,388	1,630	1,947	2,466	2,600	3,122	3,331	3,439	3,571	3,464	2,617	1,614
AU														1,694	1,249
GB	1,415	1,662	2,021	1,583											
KR										10	398	970	1,367	1,078	924
CN										194	266	779	675	667	500
SU/RU	10	28	30	65	116	131	147	186	271	269	342	388	379	213	158
AT	19	37	53	91	120	139	121	173	241	429	315	210	257	239	145
ES														8	127
Total	10,900	13,197	16,397	19,578	23,359	27,707	34,121	40,090	49,070	56,610	67,814	81,075	80,710	64,334	39,423

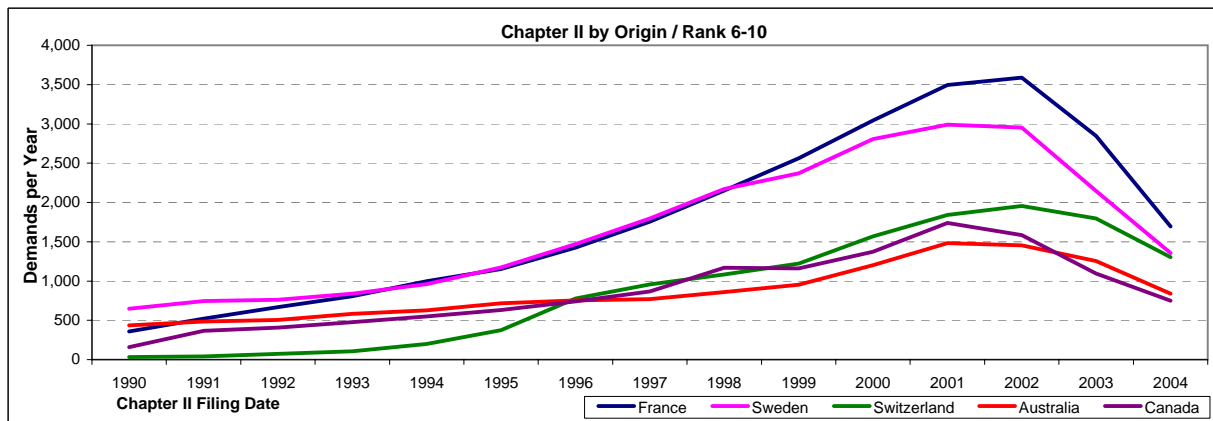
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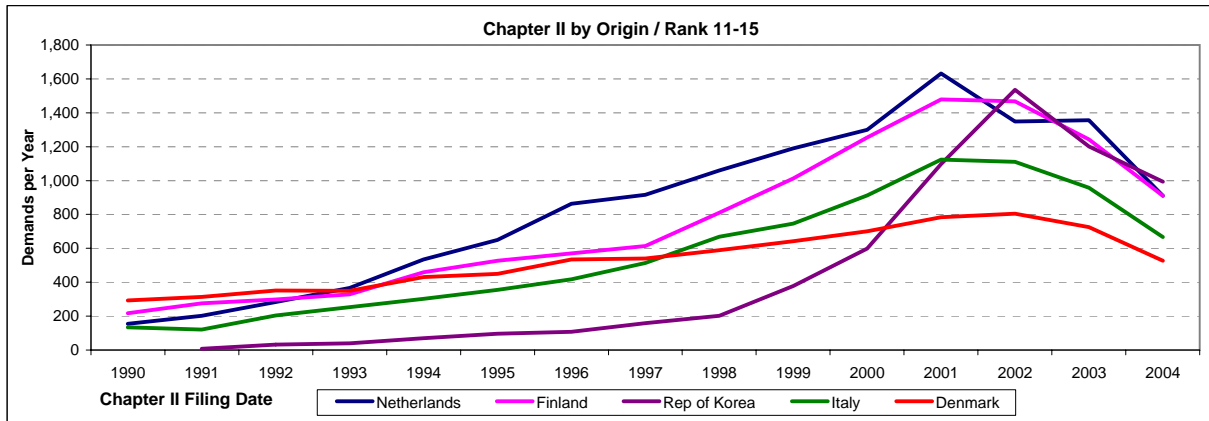
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 Country of Origin is based on the residence indicated for the first named applicant.



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
US	4,804	6,102	7,912	9,568	11,106	12,984	15,987	18,121	22,248	25,468	30,075	35,380	34,508	26,078	13,757
EPC States	5,104	5,698	6,888	7,852	9,505	11,147	13,620	16,318	19,557	22,343	26,571	30,594	29,726	23,846	15,963
Germany	1,746	1,667	1,990	2,256	2,939	3,520	4,337	5,450	6,818	8,008	9,384	10,750	10,515	8,395	5,757
Japan	173	301	384	590	797	1,252	1,788	2,368	3,046	3,837	4,937	6,563	7,668	7,329	4,502
GB	1,343	1,602	1,960	2,123	2,206	2,358	2,515	2,916	3,052	3,300	3,981	4,483	4,130	2,819	1,733



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
France	360	522	666	806	997	1,152	1,424	1,755	2,151	2,563	3,042	3,495	3,589	2,848	1,694
Sweden	649	747	761	841	961	1,172	1,471	1,795	2,172	2,372	2,805	2,988	2,954	2,145	1,358
Switzerland	34	42	74	105	200	374	780	956	1,084	1,223	1,568	1,843	1,956	1,796	1,302
Canada	159	367	409	478	551	632	743	867	1,169	1,160	1,371	1,738	1,585	1,094	751
Australia	437	486	505	584	626	718	754	768	858	954	1,203	1,483	1,455	1,254	841



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Netherlands	154	202	283	366	535	650	863	916	1,059	1,189	1,300	1,632	1,348	1,357	910
Finland	217	275	298	328	459	527	571	613	811	1,013	1,255	1,479	1,467	1,243	911
Italy	135	121	204	253	303	356	418	514	668	746	912	1,123	1,111	957	666
Denmark	292	313	352	350	431	450	535	541	589	642	700	783	805	726	527
Rep of Korea	0	8	32	40	69	96	107	159	202	377	599	1,097	1,536	1,202	993
All Others	223	235	267	466	705	878	1,122	1,489	1,990	2,471	3,058	4,220	4,232	3,531	2,616

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AE	United Arab Emirates	GD	Grenada	NA	Namibia
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	GE	Georgia	NI	Nicaragua
AL	Albania	GH	Ghana	NL	Netherlands
AM	Armenia	GM	Gambia	NO	Norway
AP ¹	ARIPO	GR	Greece	NZ	New Zealand
AT	Austria	HR	Croatia	OA ⁴	OAPI
AU	Australia	HU	Hungary	OM	Oman
AZ	Azerbaijan	IB	International Bureau	PG	Papua New Guinea
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	ID	Indonesia	PH	Philippines
BB	Barbados	IE	Ireland	PL	Poland
BE	Belgium	IL	Israel	PT	Portugal
BG	Bulgaria	IN	India	RO	Romania
BR	Brazil	IS	Iceland	RU	Russian Federation
BW	Botswana	IT	Italy	SC	Seychelles
BY	Belarus	JP	Japan	SD	Sudan
BZ	Belize	KE	Kenya	SE	Sweden
CA	Canada	KG	Kyrgyzstan	SG	Singapore
CH	Switzerland	KP	Democratic People's Rep. of Korea	SI	Slovenia
CN	China	KR	Republic of Korea	SK	Slovakia
CO	Colombia	KZ	Kazakhstan	SL	Sierra Leone
CR	Costa Rica	LC	Saint Lucia	SU	Soviet Union
CU	Cuba	LI	Liechtenstein	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
CY	Cyprus	LK	Sri Lanka	SZ	Swaziland
CZ	Czech Republic	LR	Liberia	TJ	Tajikistan
DE	Germany	LS	Lesotho	TM	Turkmenistan
DK	Denmark	LT	Lithuania	TN	Tunisia
DM	Dominica	LU	Luxembourg	TR	Turkey
DZ	Algeria	LV	Latvia	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
EA ²	Eurasian Patent Organisation	MA	Morocco	TZ	Tanzania
EC	Ecuador	MC	Monaco	UA	Ukraine
EE	Estonia	MD	Republic of Moldova	UG	Uganda
EP ³	European Patent Office	MG	Madagascar	US	United States of America
EG	Egypt	MK	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	UZ	Uzbekistan
ES	Spain	MN	Mongolia	VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
FI	Finland	MW	Malawi	VN	Viet Nam
FR	France	MX	Mexico	YU	Serbia and Montenegro
GB	United Kingdom	MZ	Mozambique	ZA	South Africa
				ZM	Zambia
				ZW	Zimbabwe

¹ AP: (Botswana, Ghana, Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

² EA: (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan)

³ EP: (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Spain, Finland, France, United Kingdom, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia, Turkey)

⁴ OA: (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo)