

2013 key IP5 statistical data



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Introduction

The five largest intellectual property (IP) offices in the world (IP5) consist of the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Cooperation between the IP5 Offices has grown in recent years with a focus on efforts that can help to address issues of mutual concern to the Offices. More recently, such efforts have included worksharing initiatives that can help to significantly reduce the burden of growing patent application backlogs at the Offices.

The IP5 Offices collate and publish their statistics in the IP5 Statistics Report. Before the full IP5 Statistics Report 2013 edition is ready in late 2014, here the IP5 Offices make available the key data covering overall trends at the IP5 level.

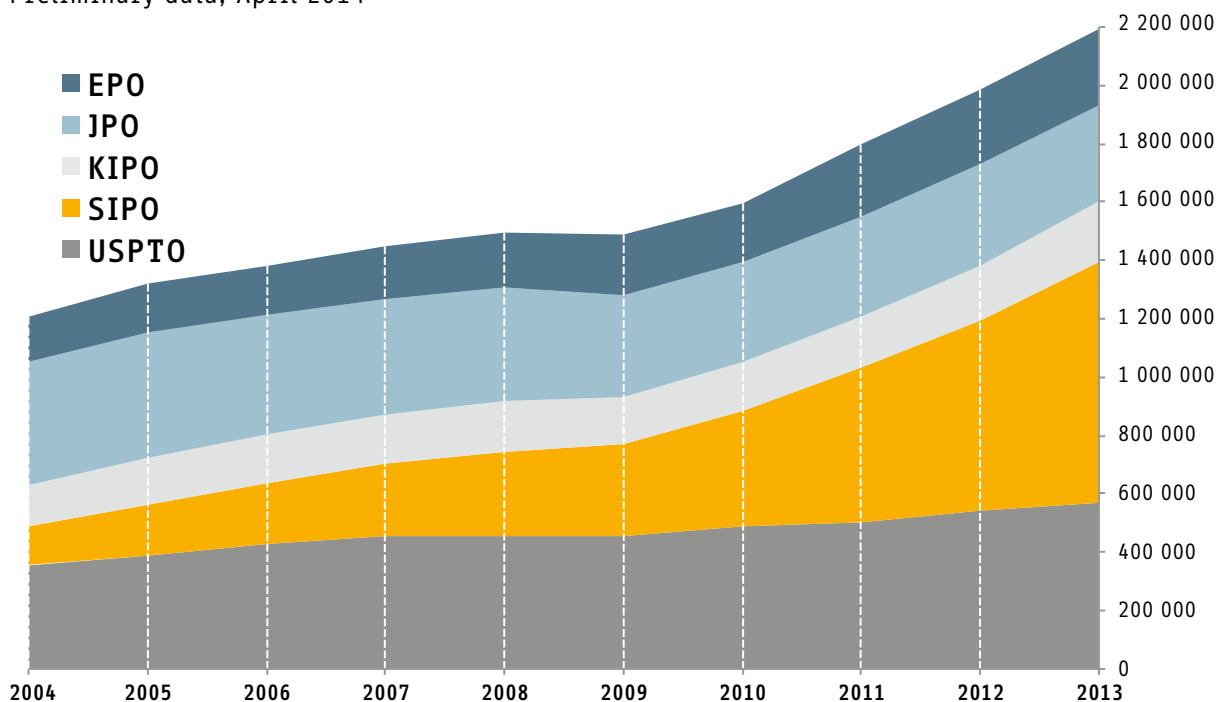
A. Patent filings

The IP5 Offices here report a large growth in patent filings in 2013, with altogether 2.2 million patent applications filed. This is an increase of 10.6% compared to 2012. The growth over recent years is shown in the following graph, which demonstrates the need for continued efforts to improve the efficiency of the system.

Following a decrease in 2009, patent filings worldwide have rebounded strongly. The preliminary IP5 Offices filing figures confirm that the growth trend continued in 2013.

Patent filings at IP5 Offices

Preliminary data, April 2014



EPO, USPTO, KIPO, and SIPO each had an increase in patent filings ranging from 2.8% at EPO to 26.4% at SIPO, while JPO had a decrease in filings of 4.2%.

The following table gives a preliminary breakdown of the filings in 2013 at each IP5 Office (**Office**) according to residence (**Origin**) of the applicants.

Preliminary 2013 data (April 2014) and % change over 2012

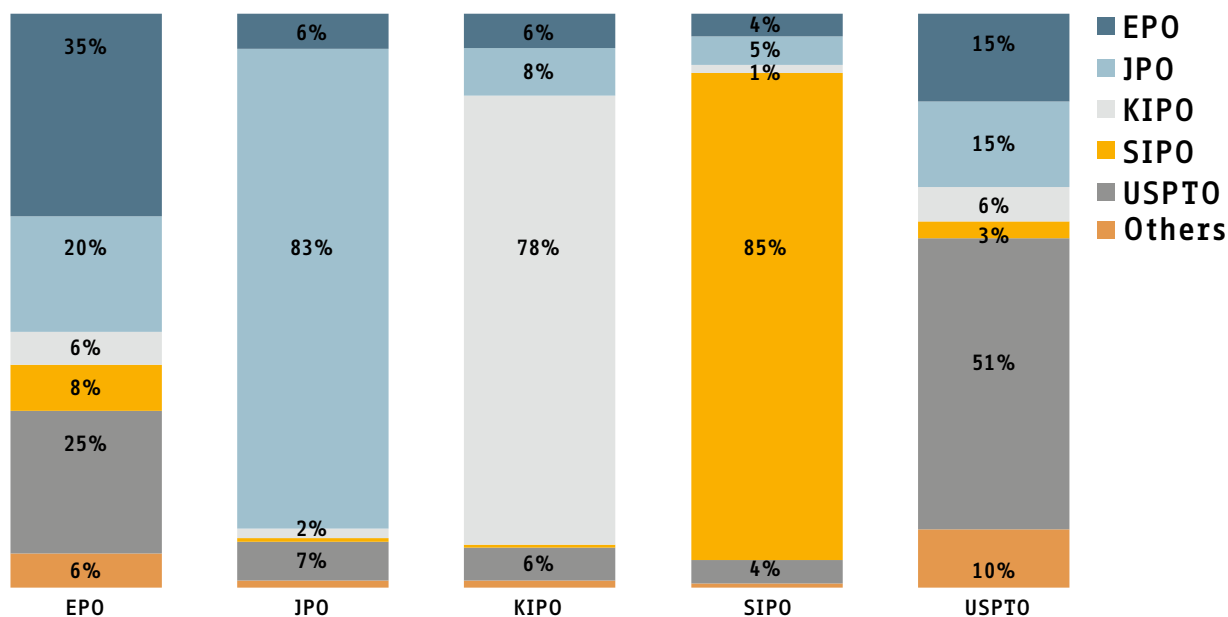
Office	Origin						Total
	EPC states	Japan	R. Korea	P.R. China	United States	Other	
EPO	93 905 - 0.1%	52 437 + 1.2%	16 857 + 14.0%	22 292 + 16.2%	64 967 + 2.8%	15 232 - 1.9%	265 690 + 2.8%
JPO	20 604 - 1.4%	271 731 - 5.3%	6 134 + 7.5%	2 064 + 2.1%	23 481 + 2.4%	4 422 + 4.5%	328 436 - 4.2%
KIPO	11 734 + 15.1%	16 300 + 1.8%	159 976 + 8.0%	1 144 + 16.5%	12 977 + 14.4%	2 458 + 9.1%	204 589 + 8.3%
SIPO	33 287 + 4.7%	41 193 - 2.6%	10 866 + 20.9%	704 936 + 31.7%	29 992 + 1.6%	4 862 - 1.0%	825 136 + 26.4%
USPTO	87 314 + 2.5%	84 429 - 4.8%	33 039 + 12.1%	14 702 + 10.8%	293 588 + 9.2%	58 540 + 2.0%	571 612 + 5.3%

In 2013, 96.1% of the patent filings at the IP5 Offices were filed by residents of the IP5 regions.

The shares of filings at the IP5 Offices that came from applicants in the areas of each Office are shown in the following graph.

Patent filings at IP5 Offices in 2013 – by bloc of origin

Preliminary data, April 2014

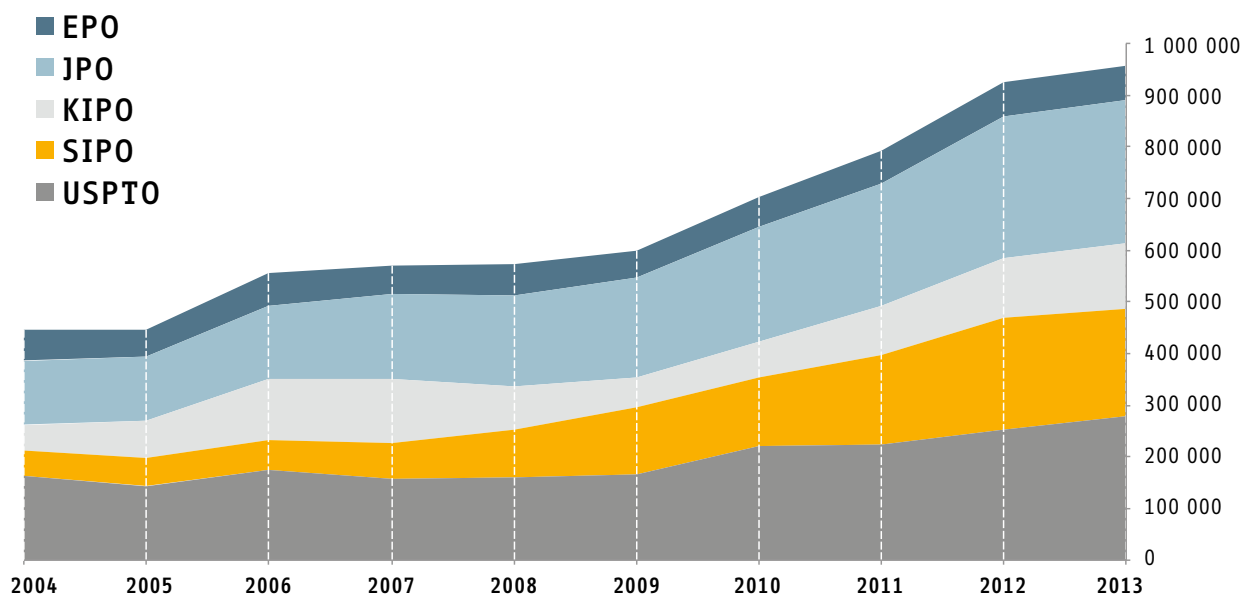


B. Patents granted by the IP5 Offices

Altogether the IP5 Offices granted almost 957 000 patents for invention in 2013, an increase of 3.5% compared to 2012.

Patents granted at IP5 Offices

Preliminary data, April 2014



EPO, JPO, KIPO, and USPTO each had an increase in patent grants ranging from 0.8% at JPO to 12.2% at KIPO, while SIPO had a decrease in grants of 4.3%.

Further information on the IP5 cooperation can be found at: www.fiveipoffices.org

Please note that all statistics herein are preliminary.
The full IP5 Statistics Report 2013 will be made available in the last quarter of 2014.



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