



APPENDIX TABLE 8-1 

USPTO patents granted, by sector: 2002–16

(Number)

Owner and sector	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	167,400	169,077	164,384	143,891	173,822	157,331	157,788	167,463	219,848	224,871	253,624	278,517	301,643	299,382	304,126
Assigned to foreign owner	77,890	79,095	78,148	67,374	81,979	75,922	77,887	82,730	108,663	112,672	128,226	138,872	149,765	150,716	152,371
Assigned to owner from unknown location	49	37	23	202	247	268	273	282	426	317	310	393	430	420	482
Assigned to U.S. owner	89,462	89,946	86,213	76,315	91,596	81,141	79,628	84,451	110,759	111,882	125,089	139,251	151,448	148,246	151,272
Government	1,117	1,082	1,019	846	1,009	948	907	933	1,260	1,197	1,355	1,452	1,436	1,380	1,303
Private	70,299	71,418	69,401	61,921	74,810	66,762	66,395	70,993	92,481	94,503	106,000	118,228	129,247	126,112	129,024
Academic	3,461	3,473	3,219	2,883	3,525	3,221	3,030	3,282	4,543	4,433	5,057	5,636	6,107	6,191	6,639
Individual	14,104	13,529	12,165	10,342	11,840	9,879	9,006	8,911	11,994	11,264	12,138	13,332	13,859	13,668	13,578
Other	406	375	356	289	368	298	261	298	444	438	483	558	554	514	471
Unclassified	75	69	53	33	44	33	29	34	36	47	54	46	244	382	258

USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Note(s)

Patents are allocated according to patent ownership information. Patents are credited on a fractional-count basis (i.e., for articles with collaborating institutions, each institution receives fractional credit on the basis of its proportion among participating institutions). Private covers the for-profit business sector. Government includes federal, state, local, and municipal and federally funded research and development centers. Other includes private nonprofits, including foundations, associations, nonacademic hospitals, and research-performing institutions.

Source(s)

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