



APPENDIX TABLE 8-5

USPTO patents granted in computer technology, by region, country, or economy: 2000-16

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| Region, country, or economy | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| World | 11,891 | 12,719 | 12,890 | 13,655 | 14,646 | 13,635 | 19,092 | 17,583 | 19,107 | 20,881 | 26,714 | 27,309 | 32,611 | 36,778 | 41,080 | 41,530 | 43,210 |
| North America | 7,603 | 8,110 | 8,136 | 8,711 | 9,234 | 8,536 | 11,975 | 10,634 | 11,399 | 12,628 | 16,102 | 16,018 | 18,503 | 20,790 | 23,600 | 23,277 | 24,271 |
| Canada | 145 | 163 | 184 | 194 | 210 | 179 | 319 | 327 | 378 | 460 | 706 | 740 | 886 | 1,027 | 1,120 | 1,037 | 1,021 |
| Mexico | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 15 |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| United States | 7,456 | 7,944 | 7,953 | 8,515 | 9,020 | 8,352 | 11,652 | 10,305 | 11,020 | 12,165 | 15,393 | 15,273 | 17,610 | 19,758 | 22,471 | 22,229 | 23,232 |
| All others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Central and South America | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 23 | 35 | 54 | 53 |
| Argentina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| Brazil | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 23 | 34 | 32 |
| All others | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Europe | 864 | 1,027 | 1,089 | 1,092 | 1,328 | 1,239 | 1,701 | 1,725 | 1,855 | 2,063 | 2,697 | 2,610 | 3,225 | 3,675 | 4,198 | 4,419 | 4,646 |
| EU | 832 | 973 | 1,031 | 1,026 | 1,250 | 1,176 | 1,612 | 1,633 | 1,753 | 1,943 | 2,535 | 2,416 | 2,958 | 3,351 | 3,803 | 3,940 | 4,154 |
| Austria | 12 | 19 | 8 | 25 | 25 | 18 | 26 | 22 | 20 | 25 | 41 | 33 | 40 | 43 | 57 | 62 | 68 |
| Belgium | 21 | 22 | 14 | 14 | 24 | 14 | 32 | 28 | 24 | 30 | 45 | 43 | 52 | 62 | 69 | 58 | 65 |
| Denmark | 8 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 21 | 29 | 37 | 42 | 40 | 35 | 49 | 48 |



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|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Finland | 17 | 22 | 25 | 32 | 45 | 37 | 72 | 78 | 70 | 93 | 103 | 97 | 102 | 131 | 167 | 191 | 200 |
| France | 168 | 174 | 213 | 211 | 244 | 192 | 306 | 241 | 286 | 294 | 420 | 357 | 475 | 557 | 607 | 588 | 598 |
| Germany | 223 | 258 | 310 | 290 | 390 | 375 | 478 | 561 | 636 | 658 | 908 | 792 | 911 | 1,003 | 1,115 | 1,193 | 1,197 |
| Hungary | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 14 |
| Ireland | 11 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 18 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 30 | 40 | 43 | 64 | 76 | 76 | 104 | 102 |
| Italy | 82 | 101 | 89 | 81 | 78 | 95 | 96 | 99 | 110 | 106 | 118 | 135 | 170 | 197 | 207 | 209 | 225 |
| Netherlands | 44 | 54 | 52 | 42 | 59 | 41 | 71 | 84 | 76 | 102 | 111 | 111 | 112 | 132 | 168 | 145 | 149 |
| Spain | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 23 | 27 | 31 | 38 | 56 | 55 | 53 | 57 | 74 |
| Sweden | 43 | 61 | 53 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 66 | 73 | 61 | 60 | 89 | 114 | 156 | 174 | 191 | 236 | 277 |
| United Kingdom | 194 | 224 | 235 | 242 | 290 | 308 | 397 | 389 | 391 | 456 | 534 | 544 | 696 | 788 | 911 | 879 | 952 |
| All others | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 22 | 41 | 61 | 62 | 76 | 86 | 141 | 154 | 187 |
| Other Europe | 32 | 55 | 58 | 66 | 78 | 63 | 88 | 92 | 102 | 120 | 162 | 194 | 266 | 324 | 394 | 479 | 492 |
| Former Soviet Union | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 27 | 31 | 32 |
| Norway | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 20 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 31 | 42 | 41 | 35 | 59 | 55 |
| Russia | 9 | 17 | 15 | 30 | 18 | 12 | 30 | 23 | 27 | 39 | 57 | 73 | 85 | 93 | 117 | 131 | 142 |
| Switzerland | 15 | 27 | 33 | 29 | 45 | 41 | 44 | 43 | 47 | 57 | 78 | 80 | 112 | 163 | 201 | 241 | 241 |
| All others | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 22 |
| Asia | 3,271 | 3,404 | 3,482 | 3,606 | 3,825 | 3,616 | 5,036 | 4,867 | 5,469 | 5,781 | 7,372 | 7,990 | 9,996 | 11,252 | 11,979 | 12,377 | 12,779 |
| China | 13 | 26 | 32 | 34 | 49 | 56 | 119 | 158 | 249 | 346 | 442 | 517 | 833 | 1,097 | 1,121 | 1,305 | 1,763 |



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| India | 10 | 17 | 15 | 40 | 42 | 57 | 100 | 123 | 172 | 214 | 373 | 442 | 564 | 851 | 1,100 | 1,278 | 1,303 |
| Japan | 2,508 | 2,610 | 2,676 | 2,773 | 2,805 | 2,574 | 3,493 | 3,183 | 3,390 | 3,358 | 4,140 | 4,469 | 5,342 | 5,707 | 5,772 | 5,396 | 4,964 |
| Malaysia | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 20 | 22 | 27 | 30 | 20 | 35 | 34 | 35 | 35 | 47 |
| Singapore | 14 | 18 | 29 | 27 | 30 | 22 | 43 | 27 | 44 | 45 | 48 | 54 | 76 | 82 | 96 | 102 | 121 |
| South Korea | 469 | 441 | 376 | 350 | 387 | 435 | 640 | 716 | 826 | 997 | 1,427 | 1,464 | 1,683 | 1,856 | 2,170 | 2,466 | 2,931 |
| Taiwan | 253 | 291 | 350 | 376 | 508 | 461 | 627 | 637 | 762 | 787 | 907 | 1,009 | 1,450 | 1,607 | 1,667 | 1,778 | 1,625 |
| All others | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 25 |
| Middle East | 111 | 119 | 128 | 175 | 175 | 160 | 220 | 199 | 237 | 256 | 336 | 440 | 653 | 823 | 1,024 | 1,153 | 1,174 |
| Israel | 109 | 118 | 125 | 174 | 173 | 159 | 214 | 196 | 234 | 253 | 328 | 434 | 628 | 787 | 991 | 1,115 | 1,112 |
| All others | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 25 | 36 | 33 | 38 | 62 |
| Africa | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 20 | 34 | 33 | 39 |
| South Africa | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 21 |
| All others | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 22 | 18 | 18 |
| Australia and Oceania | 36 | 51 | 46 | 64 | 75 | 72 | 146 | 145 | 134 | 137 | 182 | 224 | 196 | 193 | 208 | 215 | 247 |
| Australia | 32 | 48 | 44 | 57 | 71 | 68 | 137 | 137 | 123 | 124 | 167 | 212 | 174 | 174 | 191 | 194 | 223 |
| New Zealand | 4 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 22 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 24 |
| All others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Unclassified | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |



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