

Preliminary Statistical Data on Applications, Requests and Registrations

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*The preliminary data are tentatively compiled figures based on the JPO Statistical Database.
Please be noted that the data may be subject to change through continual data collection and processing.

1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2014 11	12	2015 1	2	3	4	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	2014 1 - 4	2013/4 - 2014/3 Total of FY2013
Patents & Utility Models	23,897 (▲ 8.3)	30,282 (▲ 1.3)	23,239 (0.3)	26,600 (▲ 1.0)	40,856 (0.3)	24,647 (▲ 0.6)	115,342 (▲ 0.2)	332,981 (▲ 1.0)	115,590 (▲ 0.5)	336,408 (▲ 1.9)
Patents	23,360 (▲ 8.5)	29,717 (▲ 1.1)	22,713 (0.5)	26,088 (▲ 0.8)	40,201 (0.3)	24,062 (▲ 0.7)	113,064 (▲ 0.1)	325,993 (▲ 0.9)	113,228 (▲ 0.4)	328,868 (▲ 1.8)
Utility Models	537 (0.6)	565 (▲ 12.3)	526 (▲ 9.3)	512 (▲ 8.7)	655 (▲ 0.6)	585 (4.1)	2,278 (▲ 3.6)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)	2,362 (▲ 7.1)	7,540 (▲ 5.6)
Designs	2,205 (▲ 14.3)	2,909 (3.1)	2,020 (▲ 6.5)	2,455 (5.4)	2,923 (5.2)	2,461 (4.6)	9,859 (2.5)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)	9,621 (▲ 2.8)	30,950 (▲ 3.4)
Trademarks	9,668 (4.0)	11,251 (13.1)	10,902 (22.0)	10,463 (13.3)	12,639 (19.6)	13,511 (26.4)	47,515 (20.5)	129,708 (9.4)	39,427 (3.4)	118,591 (0.4)
National Applications	8,562 (2.4)	9,843 (11.3)	9,712 (22.5)	9,323 (13.0)	11,630 (20.6)	12,247 (26.8)	42,912 (20.9)	116,615 (10.5)	35,482 (5.8)	105,580 (0.3)
Total Number	35,770 (▲ 5.7)	44,442 (2.3)	36,161 (5.5)	39,518 (2.8)	56,418 (4.3)	40,619 (7.4)	172,716 (4.9)	492,557 (1.4)	164,638 (0.3)	485,949 (▲ 1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	16,838 (12.0)	20,226 (30.3)	28,364 (106.7)	21,455 (47.5)	19,574 (9.2)	28,919 (72.3)	98,312 (56.1)	236,182 (29.1)	62,972 (12.2)	182,955 (2.5)

• The total number represents the sum of the numbers of each type of applications, excluding the Trademark class counts.

(2) The Number of International Applications

The figures in the brackets indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

	2014 11	12	2015 1	2	3	4	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	2014 1 - 4	2013/4 - 2014/3 Total of FY2013	
Patents	RO	2,971 (▲ 7.4)	3,618 (▲ 2.3)	3,237 (10.3)	3,889 (13.8)	5,084 (▲ 2.0)	3,155 (8.8)	15,365 (6.4)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)	14,438 (▲ 7.7)	42,563 (▲ 2.7)
	DO	4,459 (▲ 1.6)	5,220 (5.2)	4,533 (4.4)	4,403 (0.2)	5,176 (2.5)	5,105 (4.1)	19,217 (2.8)	58,791 (6.3)	18,688 (8.1)	55,325 (4.3)
Trademarks	OO	183 (33.6)	185 (▲ 3.6)	136 (20.4)	159 (1.3)	235 (39.9)	170 (2.4)	700 (15.9)	2,091 (12.1)	604 (▲ 3.5)	1,866 (▲ 9.0)
	DO	1,106 (18.0)	1,408 (27.8)	1,190 (18.1)	1,140 (15.7)	1,009 (9.1)	1,264 (23.1)	4,603 (16.7)	13,093 (0.6)	3,945 (▲ 14.0)	13,011 (0.8)

The number of PCT international applications filed with the JPO as a designated office is included in the number of applications for patents and utility models.

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(3) The Number of Requests for Patent

Examination and Report of Utility Model Technical

The percentages in the brackets () indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

Year/Month	2014 11	12	2015 1	2	3	4	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	2014 1 - 4	2013/4 - 2014/3 Total of FY2013
Request for Patent Examination	19,095 (▲ 3.8)	19,353 (2.3)	20,378 (▲ 0.4)	22,180 (▲ 5.8)	25,688 (9.2)	18,525 (3.6)	86,771 (1.6)	246,241 (1.0)	85,413 (3.3)	243,754 (2.0)
Year-on-Year	19,852 (▲ 4.6)	18,919 (▲ 1.0)	20,466 (5.5)	23,554 (11.5)	23,520 (▲ 0.4)	17,873 (▲ 4.9)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical	24 (▲ 20.0)	31 (▲ 18.4)	15 (▲ 51.6)	34 (6.3)	65 (132.1)	31 (6.9)	145 (20.8)	424 (2.4)	120 (▲ 23.1)	414 (▲ 20.2)

(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals (Patents, Utility Models and Designs)

Year/Month		2014 11	12	2015 1	2	3	4	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	2014 1 - 4	2013/4 - 2014/3 Total of FY2013	
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	2,057 (▲ 2.0)	2,343 (0.6)	1,878 (6.3)	1,881 (▲ 7.3)	1,917 (8.6)	2,099 (0.3)	7,775 (1.6)	25,825 (4.8)	7,653 (▲ 0.1)	24,639 (▲ 1.2)	
	Trials for Invalidation	23 (130.0)	19 (▲ 38.7)	16 (0.0)	27 (107.7)	55 (161.9)	19 (11.8)	117 (74.6)	263 (7.8)	67 (▲ 11.8)	244 (5.6)	
	Trials for Cancellation	24 (14.3)	24 (▲ 22.6)	12 (▲ 52.0)	7 (▲ 56.3)	9 (12.5)	13 (30.0)	41 (▲ 30.5)	189 (▲ 21.3)	59 (▲ 10.6)	240 (30.4)	
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (▲ 84.6)	7 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	3 (0.0)	10 (42.9)	42 (44.8)	7 (16.7)	29 (▲ 12.1)	
	Oppositions	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	- -	- -	- -	- -
	Total	2,106 (▲ 1.8)	2,393 (0.0)	1,908 (5.5)	1,918 (▲ 6.8)	1,983 (10.3)	2,135 (0.6)	7,944 (2.0)	26,319 (4.6)	7,786 (▲ 0.3)	25,152 (▲ 0.9)	
Utility Models	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	7 (16.7)	5 (400.0)	6 (▲ 25.0)	
	Trials for Correction	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
	Total	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	8 (33.3)	5 (400.0)	6 (▲ 33.3)	
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	28 (3.7)	46 (▲ 8.0)	15 (▲ 54.5)	38 (123.5)	31 (▲ 8.8)	38 (90.0)	122 (17.3)	389 (1.8)	104 (▲ 8.8)	382 (6.7)	
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (200.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (0.0)	20 (53.8)	4 (▲ 60.0)	13 (▲ 31.6)	
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)	5 (0.0)	15 (0.0)	
	Total	29 (0.0)	48 (▲ 9.4)	15 (▲ 57.1)	42 (100.0)	4 32 (▲ 5.9)	38 (65.2)	127 (12.4)	421 (2.7)	113 (▲ 12.4)	410 (4.6)	

(5) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals (Trademarks, Total)

Year/Month		2014		2015				2015	2014/4 - 2015/3	2014	2013/4 - 2014/3
		11	12	1	2	3	4	1 - 4	Total of FY2014	1 - 4	Total of FY2013
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	47 (▲ 47.8)	80 (19.4)	62 (▲ 16.2)	74 (▲ 1.3)	48 (▲ 48.9)	67 (▲ 5.6)	251 (▲ 20.1)	786 (▲ 27.1)	314 (24.1)	1,078 (22.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	12 (0.0)	19 (216.7)	10 (100.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	8 (▲ 33.3)	13 (116.7)	36 (20.0)	114 (22.6)	30 (▲ 14.3)	93 (▲ 15.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	88 (▲ 38.9)	90 (3.4)	57 (▲ 17.4)	80 (▲ 10.1)	94 (2.2)	90 (13.9)	321 (▲ 2.4)	1,080 (▲ 8.2)	329 (▲ 8.6)	1,177 (11.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	2 (▲ 66.7)	7 (▲ 36.4)	6 (500.0)	11 (266.7)
	Oppositions	26 (▲ 18.8)	37 (0.0)	47 (42.4)	36 (2.9)	39 (21.9)	33 (6.5)	155 (18.3)	415 (▲ 13.7)	131 (▲ 1.5)	481 (16.2)
	Total	173 (▲ 37.8)	226 (14.1)	176 (▲ 3.8)	195 (▲ 5.3)	190 (▲ 18.5)	204 (8.5)	765 (▲ 5.6)	2,402 (▲ 15.4)	810 (3.6)	2,840 (15.3)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	2,132 (▲ 3.8)	2,469 (0.9)	1,955 (4.3)	1,993 (▲ 6.0)	1,996 (5.4)	2,204 (1.0)	8,148 (1.0)	27,000 (3.5)	8,071 (0.5)	26,099 (▲ 0.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	36 (56.5)	40 (5.3)	26 (4.0)	35 (66.7)	64 (93.9)	32 (18.5)	157 (48.1)	404 (13.5)	106 (▲ 13.1)	356 (▲ 3.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (▲ 71.4)	7 (133.3)	2 (0.0)	4 (33.3)	3 (▲ 57.1)	4 (▲ 33.3)	13 (▲ 27.8)	62 (12.7)	18 (50.0)	55 (7.8)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	24 (14.3)	24 (▲ 22.6)	12 (▲ 52.0)	7 (▲ 56.3)	9 (12.5)	13 (30.0)	41 (▲ 30.5)	189 (▲ 21.3)	59 (▲ 10.6)	240 (29.7)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	88 (▲ 38.9)	90 (3.4)	57 (▲ 17.4)	80 (▲ 10.1)	94 (2.2)	90 (13.9)	321 (▲ 2.4)	1,080 (▲ 8.2)	329 (▲ 8.6)	1,177 (11.5)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	26 (▲ 18.8)	37 (0.0)	47 (42.4)	36 (2.9)	39 (21.9)	34 (9.7)	156 (19.1)	415 (▲ 13.7)	131 (▲ 1.5)	481 (16.2)
	Total	2,310 (▲ 5.8)	2,667 (0.9)	2,099 (3.5)	2,155 (▲ 5.7)	2,205 (6.8)	2,377 (1.8)	8,836 (1.4)	29,150 (2.6)	8,714 (▲ 0.1)	28,408 (0.6)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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Year/Month		2014 11	12	2015 1	2	3	4	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	2014 1 - 4	2013/4 - 2014/3 Total of FY2013
The Number of Registrations	Patents	14,998 (▲ 42.8)	16,487 (▲ 24.2)	16,825 (▲ 25.8)	14,941 (▲ 26.0)	16,550 (▲ 24.9)	16,550 (▲ 24.0)	64,866 (▲ 25.1)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)	86,648 (▲ 2.6)	276,460 (1.9)
	Utility Models	505 (▲ 0.6)	527 (▲ 9.8)	633 (2.3)	441 (▲ 14.5)	518 (▲ 4.8)	587 (▲ 12.0)	2,179 (▲ 7.1)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)	2,346 (▲ 4.5)	7,138 (▲ 9.7)
	Designs	1,693 (▲ 32.5)	1,970 (10.8)	1,865 (▲ 15.9)	2,027 (▲ 12.4)	2,212 (▲ 2.8)	2,434 (▲ 13.1)	8,538 (▲ 11.1)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)	9,607 (▲ 4.4)	27,820 (▲ 2.3)
	Trademarks	8,065 (▲ 13.3)	8,752 (23.7)	8,687 (25.4)	8,944 (23.1)	9,823 (24.9)	7,564 (6.4)	35,018 (20.1)	105,291 (5.6)	29,167 (▲ 14.9)	99,751 (2.9)
	National Applications	7,197 (▲ 13.4)	7,725 (20.7)	7,622 (21.4)	7,858 (19.1)	8,771 (23.5)	6,690 (3.8)	30,941 (17.1)	94,321 (4.7)	26,419 (▲ 15.8)	90,064 (2.5)
	International Applications	868 (▲ 12.8)	1,027 (52.6)	1,065 (63.1)	1,086 (62.6)	1,052 (38.2)	874 (31.2)	4,077 (48.4)	10,970 (13.2)	2,748 (▲ 4.0)	9,687 (7.1)
	Total	25,261 (▲ 34.5)	27,736 (▲ 11.0)	28,010 (▲ 13.6)	26,353 (▲ 13.0)	29,103 (▲ 11.1)	27,135 (▲ 16.1)	110,601 (▲ 13.4)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)	127,768 (▲ 5.8)	411,169 (1.6)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	13,144 (▲ 10.2)	14,049 (26.3)	13,253 (19.8)	13,880 (22.6)	15,035 (21.0)	12,815 (13.0)	54,983 (19.1)	166,891 (6.2)	46,155 (▲ 14.1)	157,145 (4.5)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	6,000 (▲ 4.1)	6,346 (▲ 1.5)	6,884 (▲ 2.8)	6,879 (▲ 0.7)	9,415 (15.1)	7,618 (▲ 22.1)	30,796 (▲ 3.7)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	31,966 (2.7)	88,213 (3.4)	