

# Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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# 1. Preliminary Statistical Data

## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2021 7	8	9	10	11	12	2021 1 - 12	2021/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2021	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/3 Total of FY2020
Patents & Utility Models	22,650 (▲ 4.1)	21,675 (4.9)	27,787 (2.4)	22,311 (▲ 3.3)	23,395 (6.8)	27,799 (0.7)	294,422 (▲ 0.0)	213,252 (0.9)	294,490 (▲ 6.0)	292,470 (▲ 5.6)
Patents	22,225 (▲ 3.5)	21,260 (5.4)	27,374 (3.1)	21,885 (▲ 3.1)	23,016 (7.4)	27,366 (1.2)	289,183 (0.2)	209,407 (1.4)	288,472 (▲ 6.3)	286,332 (▲ 5.9)
Utility Models	425 (▲ 27.5)	415 (▲ 13.9)	413 (▲ 28.3)	426 (▲ 13.1)	379 (▲ 17.8)	433 (▲ 25.5)	5,239 (▲ 12.9)	3,845 (▲ 19.0)	6,018 (14.8)	6,138 (16.4)
Designs	2,603 (▲ 15.0)	2,395 (▲ 3.2)	2,840 (2.1)	2,742 (▲ 5.5)	2,830 (20.9)	3,079 (1.7)	32,442 (2.2)	24,447 (▲ 0.8)	31,752 (0.8)	32,633 (4.7)
National Applications	2,350 (▲ 14.1)	2,117 (▲ 6.6)	2,578 (1.7)	2,380 (▲ 8.6)	2,514 (15.4)	2,649 (▲ 6.6)	29,195 (1.5)	21,845 (▲ 2.4)	28,766 (▲ 2.2)	29,732 (3.7)
Trademarks	15,270 (▲ 4.8)	14,178 (3.5)	15,900 (8.2)	15,630 (▲ 0.2)	15,225 (9.2)	16,247 (3.3)	184,633 (2.0)	139,675 (▲ 0.1)	181,072 (▲ 5.1)	184,827 (2.8)
National Applications	13,488 (▲ 6.9)	12,712 (1.8)	13,937 (4.1)	13,520 (▲ 3.4)	13,613 (7.2)	14,135 (0.9)	164,537 (0.9)	124,049 (▲ 2.1)	163,148 (▲ 4.8)	167,206 (3.9)
Total Number	40,523 (▲ 5.2)	38,248 (3.8)	46,527 (4.3)	40,683 (▲ 2.3)	41,450 (8.6)	47,125 (1.6)	511,497 (0.8)	377,374 (0.4)	507,314 (▲ 5.3)	509,930 (▲ 2.1)
Trademarks Class Counts	25,797 (▲ 4.2)	23,425 (2.7)	27,588 (13.9)	26,471 (▲ 2.1)	27,194 (15.0)	21,608 (▲ 17.1)	308,856 (▲ 19.3)	232,909 (▲ 24.0)	382,590 (▲ 24.5)	382,366 (▲ 8.8)

▪ 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.

Year/Month		2021 7	8	9	10	11	12	2021 1 - 12	2021/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2021	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/3 Total of FY2020
Patents	RO	3,635 (▲ 5.7)	3,511 (4.2)	4,329 (▲ 2.2)	3,821 (6.0)	3,826 (7.0)	5,025 (6.1)	49,040 (▲ 0.6)	34,928 (1.7)	49,314 (▲ 4.5)	48,447 (▲ 7.2)
	DO	5,620 (2.9)	5,602 (11.6)	6,937 (10.0)	5,948 (2.2)	6,379 (15.6)	6,813 (9.4)	72,952 (7.5)	56,274 (9.0)	67,887 (1.1)	68,317 (0.8)
Designs	OO	0 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	14 (▲ 17.6)	12 (9.1)	17 (▲ 37.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)
	DO	253 (▲ 23.1)	278 (34.3)	262 (6.1)	362 (21.9)	316 (95.1)	430 (122.8)	3,247 (8.7)	2,602 (15.3)	2,986 (44.1)	2,901 (16.8)
Trademarks	OO	281 (8.9)	244 (▲ 16.2)	301 (14.9)	251 (▲ 10.7)	298 (23.7)	357 (25.3)	3,196 (5.4)	2,454 (10.0)	3,033 (▲ 3.4)	2,972 (▲ 7.1)
	DO	1,782 (14.3)	1,466 (21.1)	1,963 (51.3)	2,110 (26.9)	1,611 (28.9)	2,112 (22.4)	20,095 (12.1)	15,625 (18.8)	17,924 (▲ 7.8)	17,621 (▲ 6.7)

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

The number of international applications for design registration filed with the JPO as a designated office is also included in the number of application for designs.

The number of international applications for trademark registration filed with the JPO as a designated offices is also included in the number of trademark applications.

## (3) The Number of Requests for Patent Examination and Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion

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

Year/Month		2021 7	8	9	10	11	12	2021 1 - 12	2021/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2021	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/3 Total of FY2020
Request for Patent Examination		19,632 (1.1)	18,772 (5.7)	21,586 (5.3)	19,492 (0.6)	20,635 (10.7)	21,286 (1.3)	241,044 (3.8)	178,415 (5.0)	232,215 (▲ 1.3)	232,585 (▲ 1.6)
	Year-on-Year	19,422 (▲ 1.1)	17,767 (▲ 7.2)	20,506 (2.0)	19,368 (7.6)	18,641 (2.2)	21,021 (1.1)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		23 (53.3)	23 (53.3)	32 (77.8)	16 (▲ 15.8)	22 (0.0)	26 (44.4)	266 (20.4)	205 (22.8)	221 (▲ 23.5)	228 (▲ 13.3)

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

Year/Month		2021 7	8	9	10	11	12	2021 1 - 12	2021/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2021	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/3 Total of FY2020
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,447 (▲ 3.7)	1,243 (▲ 10.6)	1,475 (1.8)	1,401 (4.4)	1,523 (23.8)	1,740 (24.8)	16,894 (▲ 0.1)	12,960 (0.7)	16,903 (1.2)	16,803 (0.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	14 (55.6)	9 (80.0)	8 (▲ 27.3)	9 (▲ 47.1)	6 (▲ 50.0)	8 (33.3)	106 (▲ 12.4)	77 (▲ 11.5)	121 (8.0)	116 (▲ 4.9)
	Trials for Correction	21 (50.0)	32 (146.2)	12 (33.3)	17 (30.8)	10 (42.9)	13 (18.2)	196 (63.3)	142 (49.5)	120 (▲ 7.0)	149 (33.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (▲ 66.7)	4 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	24 (▲ 11.1)	17 (13.3)	27 (28.6)	22 (▲ 15.4)
	Oppositions	153 (59.4)	112 (▲ 2.6)	111 (▲ 0.9)	98 (▲ 10.9)	90 (8.4)	161 (37.6)	1,399 (24.1)	1,049 (17.7)	1,127 (▲ 3.2)	1,241 (9.4)
	Total	1,636 (0.8)	1,396 (▲ 8.5)	1,609 (1.2)	1,529 (3.2)	1,630 (22.4)	1,922 (25.7)	18,619 (1.8)	14,245 (2.1)	18,298 (1.0)	18,331 (0.8)
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	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (0.0)	6 (0.0)	6 (100.0)	6 (500.0)
	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 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	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)	0 (▲ 100.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (0.0)	6 (0.0)	6 (20.0)	6 (100.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	26 (▲ 10.3)	43 (16.2)	33 (43.5)	39 (2.6)	17 (▲ 41.4)	16 (▲ 38.5)	314 (▲ 14.4)	253 (▲ 7.7)	367 (▲ 5.7)	335 (▲ 17.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	15 (87.5)	12 (71.4)	8 (33.3)	10 (66.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (100.0)	7 (16.7)	6 (100.0)	6 (▲ 57.1)	4 (▲ 75.0)
	Total	27 (▲ 6.9)	43 (16.2)	35 (45.8)	40 (5.3)	18 (▲ 41.9)	19 (▲ 29.6)	336 (▲ 11.8)	271 (▲ 4.6)	381 (▲ 6.8)	349 (▲ 18.1)

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

Year/Month		2021 7	8	9	10	11	12	2021 1 - 12	2021/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2021	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/3 Total of FY2020
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	96 (81.1)	86 (56.4)	107 (67.2)	105 (59.1)	107 (127.7)	98 (44.1)	1,106 (48.7)	921 (53.8)	744 (▲ 8.4)	784 (▲ 0.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	6 (50.0)	5 (25.0)	13 (30.0)	3 (▲ 62.5)	26 (420.0)	11 (450.0)	93 (6.9)	81 (65.3)	87 (▲ 1.1)	61 (▲ 43.0)
	Trials for Cancellation	92 (35.3)	91 (19.7)	113 (31.4)	97 (▲ 16.4)	103 (21.2)	110 (25.0)	1,128 (11.6)	865 (12.5)	1,011 (1.5)	1,032 (4.1)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	8 (▲ 11.1)	5 (▲ 44.4)	9 (28.6)	12 (100.0)
	Oppositions	34 (78.9)	38 (35.7)	37 (▲ 2.6)	27 (▲ 27.0)	39 (25.8)	46 (21.1)	495 (33.8)	361 (31.8)	370 (▲ 4.9)	408 (8.8)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>228 (58.3)</b>	<b>220 (35.0)</b>	<b>272 (35.3)</b>	<b>232 (2.2)</b>	<b>275 (59.0)</b>	<b>265 (35.2)</b>	<b>2,830 (27.4)</b>	<b>2,233 (31.4)</b>	<b>2,221 (▲ 3.1)</b>	<b>2,297 (1.4)</b>
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,569 (▲ 1.0)	1,372 (▲ 7.4)	1,615 (5.1)	1,545 (6.8)	1,647 (26.1)	1,854 (24.6)	18,314 (1.7)	14,134 (2.9)	18,014 (0.6)	17,922 (▲ 0.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	21 (61.5)	14 (16.7)	23 (9.5)	12 (▲ 52.0)	34 (88.9)	20 (122.2)	220 (▲ 0.9)	176 (18.1)	222 (6.2)	193 (▲ 18.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (▲ 61.5)	5 (0.0)	1 (▲ 83.3)	2 (0.0)	39 (▲ 7.1)	28 (3.7)	42 (▲ 4.5)	38 (▲ 24.0)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	21 (50.0)	32 (146.2)	12 (33.3)	17 (30.8)	10 (42.9)	13 (18.2)	196 (63.3)	142 (49.5)	120 (▲ 7.0)	149 (33.0)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	92 (35.3)	91 (19.7)	113 (31.4)	97 (▲ 16.4)	103 (21.2)	110 (25.0)	1,128 (11.6)	865 (12.5)	1,011 (1.5)	1,032 (4.1)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	187 (62.6)	150 (4.9)	148 (▲ 1.3)	125 (▲ 15.0)	129 (13.2)	207 (33.5)	1,894 (26.5)	1,410 (21.0)	1,497 (▲ 3.6)	1,649 (9.3)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,891 (5.3)</b>	<b>1,659 (▲ 4.0)</b>	<b>1,916 (5.6)</b>	<b>1,801 (3.1)</b>	<b>1,924 (25.3)</b>	<b>2,206 (25.8)</b>	<b>21,791 (4.2)</b>	<b>16,755 (5.1)</b>	<b>20,906 (0.4)</b>	<b>20,983 (0.5)</b>

## (6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2021 7	8	9	10	11	12	2021 1 - 12	2021/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2021	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/3 Total of FY2020
The Number of Registrations	Patents	15,995 (▲ 5.6)	14,810 (8.7)	16,016 (13.0)	16,091 (3.0)	17,150 (9.4)	15,691 (4.0)	184,372 (2.8)	140,548 (5.6)	179,383 (▲ 0.3)	176,933 (▲ 2.2)
	Utility Models	544 (3.8)	502 (4.4)	455 (▲ 6.4)	456 (▲ 34.1)	385 (▲ 52.6)	450 (▲ 15.6)	5,499 (▲ 0.3)	4,110 (▲ 6.2)	5,518 (9.6)	5,769 (15.9)
	Designs	2,609 (7.7)	2,229 (5.8)	2,354 (15.9)	2,363 (▲ 3.0)	2,669 (28.1)	2,174 (▲ 4.4)	27,490 (4.1)	21,084 (8.3)	26,417 (▲ 4.1)	25,873 (▲ 6.4)
	Trademarks	15,325 (28.2)	14,557 (24.2)	14,206 (7.3)	16,249 (19.1)	15,980 (22.3)	16,440 (15.4)	173,895 (28.5)	134,833 (30.2)	135,314 (23.2)	142,643 (22.7)
	National Applications	13,749 (25.1)	13,222 (23.4)	13,494 (9.4)	13,959 (14.5)	14,835 (24.1)	14,937 (13.2)	157,863 (27.1)	122,351 (28.9)	124,167 (23.4)	130,410 (22.0)
	International Applications	1,576 (64.0)	1,335 (32.2)	712 (▲ 21.9)	2,290 (58.5)	1,145 (3.0)	1,503 (43.1)	16,032 (43.8)	12,482 (43.8)	11,147 (21.1)	12,233 (30.1)
	Total	34,473 (8.2)	32,098 (14.9)	33,031 (10.3)	35,159 (8.5)	36,184 (14.4)	34,755 (8.1)	391,256 (12.9)	300,575 (15.4)	346,632 (7.5)	351,218 (6.5)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	26,114 (28.8)	24,209 (24.3)	25,145 (11.8)	25,993 (17.3)	28,426 (26.5)	28,851 (15.1)	298,961 (28.4)	231,172 (31.2)	232,899 (24.5)	243,938 (22.6)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,630 (▲ 11.5)	7,258 (▲ 1.7)	7,513 (▲ 1.7)	8,052 (▲ 6.1)	7,865 (22.9)	7,940 (5.0)	91,860 (▲ 4.1)	69,893 (0.8)	95,754 (▲ 9.6)	91,333 (▲ 12.4)	