

Table 19. Number of patent applications and grant

Year	No. of patent applications	Types			Residents & non-residents	
		Invention	Utility model	Design	Residents	Non-residents
1956	541	59	322	160	514	27
1971	4 640	1 879	2 344	417	3 023	1 617
1981	15 027	3 872	7 408	3 747	10 131	4 896
1991	36 127	10 325	16 644	9 158	22 940	13 187
1996	47 055	15 959	19 975	11 121	31 185	15 870
2011	82 824	49 919	25 170	7 735	52 061	30 763
2012	85 074	51 189	25 637	8 248	52 282	32 792
2013	83 211	49 217	25 025	8 969	50 535	32 676
2014	78 015	46 379	23 488	8 148	45 773	32 242
2015	73 627	44 415	21 404	7 808	41 844	31 783
2016	72 442	43 836	20 161	8 445	40 443	31 999
2017	73 791	46 122	19 549	8 120	40 835	32 956
2018	73 421	47 429	17 910	8 082	39 278	34 143
2019	74 652	48 268	17 580	8 804	39 604	35 048
2020	72 238	46 664	17 555	8 019	39 404	32 834

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		Invention	Utility model	Design	Residents	Non-residents
1956	189	31	114	44	170	19
1971	2 524	1 433	946	145	969	1 555
1981	6 264	2 074	2 902	1 288	2 897	3 367
1991	27 281	10 123	12 344	4 814	13 555	13 726
1996	29 469	8 594	13 623	7 252	19 410	10 059
2011	50 305	20 025	24 038	6 242	36 767	13 538
2012	56 608	25 535	24 642	6 431	39 551	17 057
2013	72 142	40 249	24 844	7 049	47 378	24 764
2014	76 252	45 601	23 712	6 939	47 742	28 510
2015	78 087	48 315	22 106	7 666	46 446	31 641
2016	76 406	48 947	19 793	7 666	43 971	32 435
2017	71 877	45 710	19 037	7 130	40 132	31 745
2018	62 193	36 147	18 559	7 487	35 824	26 369
2019	57 886	34 926	16 300	6 660	33 065	24 821
2020	58 719	33 811	17 489	7 419	33 682	25 037

Note: (1) This system was replaced by the patent granted system on July 1, 2004, which issues a certificate at the same time the approval is published; number of patent grant is the number of approval before 2005.

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