

TABLE S8-24

USPTO patents and patent families granted in materials, metallurgy, by region, country, or economy: 1998–2018

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| | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | USPTO patents | Patent families | |
| World | 2,150 | 7,353 | 2,313 | 7,569 | 2,092 | 6,707 | 2,372 | 6,148 | 2,402 | 6,324 | 2,315 | 7,095 | 2,040 | 6,789 | 1,585 | 7,571 | 1,607 | 8,626 | 1,459 | 9,557 | 1,360 | 10,739 | 1,684 | 11,149 | 2,342 | 11,628 | 2,331 | 14,079 | 2,530 | 16,996 | 2,659 | 18,408 | 2,781 | 18,842 | 2,812 | 20,803 | 2,763 | 23,541 | 2,981 | 20,746 | | | |
| North America | 1,013 | 708 | 1,053 | 678 | 937 | 580 | 1,028 | 569 | 1,018 | 732 | 1,008 | 662 | 884 | 450 | 697 | 339 | 733 | 343 | 662 | 292 | 606 | 256 | 744 | 278 | 1,009 | 348 | 1,084 | 276 | 1,107 | 296 | 1,046 | 302 | 1,015 | 276 | 1,151 | 271 | 1,123 | 258 | | | | | |
| Canada | 58 | 40 | 73 | 64 | 52 | 37 | 57 | 36 | 70 | 43 | 62 | 34 | 50 | 27 | 39 | 23 | 44 | 21 | 33 | 22 | 33 | 24 | 39 | 15 | 52 | 13 | 49 | 15 | 52 | 21 | 54 | 14 | 58 | 18 | 48 | 13 | 52 | 16 | 51 | 13 | 51 | 10 | |
| Mexico | 5 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 4 | 12 | | | |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 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 |
| United States | 949 | 662 | 972 | 607 | 876 | 539 | 969 | 531 | 942 | 504 | 941 | 465 | 831 | 421 | 657 | 315 | 685 | 321 | 626 | 270 | 572 | 230 | 699 | 261 | 950 | 333 | 909 | 289 | 944 | 286 | 1,022 | 260 | 1,041 | 277 | 995 | 287 | 957 | 245 | 1,094 | 243 | 1,067 | 236 | |
| All others | 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Central and South America | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 9 | 16 | 15 | 32 | 13 | 25 | 10 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 25 | 16 | 43 | 15 | 26 | 10 | 37 | | |
| Argentina | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Brazil | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 5 | 13 | 8 | 29 | 5 | 21 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 21 | 13 | 22 | 11 | 39 | 11 | 21 | 4 | 33 | |
| All others | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | |
| Europe | 514 | 2,248 | 551 | 1,839 | 552 | 1,936 | 626 | 1,657 | 618 | 1,766 | 546 | 2,065 | 488 | 2,430 | 383 | 1,887 | 360 | 1,739 | 323 | 2,204 | 300 | 3,060 | 349 | 2,784 | 500 | 2,209 | 490 | 2,356 | 549 | 2,308 | 570 | 2,366 | 606 | 2,100 | 628 | 2,132 | 610 | 1,673 | 612 | 2,208 | 617 | 1,788 | |
| EU | 461 | 919 | 496 | 966 | 506 | 958 | 583 | 847 | 566 | 821 | 497 | 766 | 445 | 782 | 358 | 788 | 333 | 737 | 300 | 688 | 277 | 662 | 324 | 626 | 467 | 635 | 453 | 795 | 501 | 736 | 528 | 703 | 561 | 721 | 579 | 687 | 551 | 725 | 767 | 563 | 748 | | |
| Austria | 17 | 55 | 29 | 70 | 19 | 58 | 34 | 83 | 30 | 60 | 29 | 54 | 19 | 47 | 17 | 43 | 16 | 29 | 17 | 26 | 8 | 35 | 14 | 21 | 21 | 40 | 20 | 49 | 23 | 37 | 26 | 39 | 22 | 31 | 25 | 24 | 29 | 31 | 44 | 34 | 34 | | |
| Belgium | 13 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 23 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 20 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 15 | 4 | 23 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 7 | 28 | 3 | 26 | 6 | 26 | 2 | 23 | 19 | 16 | | |
| Denmark | 9 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 15 | | |
| Finland | 8 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 19 | 11 | 13 | 8 | 21 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 9 | 27 | 6 | 22 | 5 | 16 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 24 | 16 | 16 | 6 | 20 | 8 | 21 | 12 | 17 | 9 | 17 | 16 | 28 | 14 | 18 | 21 | 20 | 12 | 15 | |
| France | 103 | 195 | 110 | 177 | 110 | 163 | 120 | 152 | 97 | 145 | 85 | 132 | 66 | 141 | 65 | 126 | 52 | 168 | 56 | 152 | 54 | 135 | 63 | 116 | 90 | 127 | 87 | 206 | 127 | 166 | 110 | 145 | 115 | 193 | 126 | 172 | 111 | 150 | 108 | 133 | 110 | 112 | |
| Germany | 184 | 286 | 165 | 286 | 226 | 277 | 235 | 283 | 228 | 274 | 208 | 276 | 199 | 240 | 156 | 268 | 137 | 270 | 123 | 267 | 101 | 237 | 133 | 217 | 182 | 199 | 199 | 203 | 194 | 223 | 229 | 224 | 214 | 206 | 170 | 204 | 199 | 221 | 218 | 228 | | | |
| Hungary | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Ireland | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Italy | 19 | 75 | 26 | 109 | 29 | 117 | 30 | 58 | 35 | 65 | 28 | 44 | 20 | 106 | 19 | 49 | 21 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 26 | 20 | 24 | 36 | 20 | 31 | 23 | 6 | 9 | 33 | 9 | 34 | 8 | 27 | 85 | 28 | 50 | | |
| Netherlands | 17 | 27 | 20 | 26 | 15 | 29 | 15 | 20 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 17 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 17 | 12 | 23 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 10 | 18 | 9 | 20 | 6 | 6 | | |
| Spain | 1 | 17 | 7 | 39 | 6 | 51 | 4 | 34 | 8 | 21 | 9 | 45 | 4 | 57 | 4 | 60 | 6 | 44 | 2 | 38 | 4 | 39 | 4 | 47 | 4 | 54 | 7 | 66 | 7 | 63 | 10 | 65 | 7 | 61 | 10 | 44 | 10 | 44 | 6 | 39 | | | |
| Sweden | 20 | 32 | 34 | 30 | 24 | 34 | 45 | 37 | 48 | 36 | 33 | 50 | 26 | 35 | 19 | 34 | 20 | 35 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 18 | 22 | 18 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 23 | 13 | 26 | 6 | 25 | 11 | 35 | 22 | 26 | 13 | 30 | 21 | 16 | 21 | 17 | |
| United Kingdom | 58 | 16 | 65 | 21 | 42 | 18 | 47 | 21 | 45 | 16 | 53 | 12 | 39 | 23 | 25 | 17 | 34 | 16 | 27 | 14 | 24 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 36 | 13 | 41 | 18 | 40 | 18 | 43 | 17 | 46 | 10 | 60 | 26 | 58 | 18 | 48 | 16 | 66 | 17 | |
| All others | 8 | 189 | 3 | 180 | 4 | 175 | 11 | 130 | 12 | 137 | 6 | 104 | 3 | 92 | 7 | 137 | 3 | 119 | 6 | 121 | 6 | 142 | 3 | 145 | 10 | 122 | 7 | 152 | 10 | 167 | 12 | 151 | 13 | 154 | 16 | 158 | 10 | 158 | 13 | 209 | | | |
| Other Europe | 53 | 1,328 | 56 | 872 | 46 | 978 | 44 | 809 | 52 | 945 | 48 | 1,299 | 43 | 1,648 | 25 | 1,099 | 27 | 1,002 | 22 | 1,516 | 24 | 2,398 | 26 | 2,158 | 33 | 1,574 | 37 | 1,560 | 49 | 1,572 | 42 | 1,663 | 46 | 1,379 | 49 | 1,445 | 58 | 948 | 52 | 1,441 | 54 | 1,040 | |
| Former Soviet Union | 1 | 55 | 2 | 21 | 1 | 28 | 2 | 27 | 3 | 70 | 4 | 156 | 0 | 489 | 3 | 161 | 1 | 146 | 0 | 253 | 0 | 255 | 1 | 239 | 1 | 230 | 2 | 174 | 1 | 122 | 0 | 138 | 2 | 114 | 2 | 126 | 2 | 88 | 1 | 104 | 1 | 62 | |
| Norway | 8 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | |
| Russia | 12 | 1,233 | 9 | 803 | 6 | 922 | 9 | 741 | 11 | 841 | 9 | 1,113 | 12 | 1,131 | 7 | 910 | 12 | 838 | 5 | 1,235 | 4 | 2,112 | 8 | 1,891 | 6 | 1,362 | 8 | 1,500 | 8 | 1,236 | 8 | 1,300 | 8 | 1,300 | 8 | 839 | 7 | 1,319 | 9 | 950 | | | |
| Switzerland | 33 | 26 | 39 | 34 | 29 | 23 | 27 | 28 | 31 | 23 | 26 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 24 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 33 | 12 | 23 | 12 | 27 | 15 | 27 | 12 | 30 | 14 | 32 | 13 | 35 | 21 | |
| All others | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Asia | 595 | 4,339 | 659 | 4,776 | 558 | 3,998 | 665 | 3,846 | 720 | 3,950 | 712 | 4,479 | 624 | 4,846 | 477 | 5,245 | 468 | 6,498 | 439 | 7,036 | 419 | 7,373 | 541 | 8,030 | 765 | 9,017 | 804 | 11,338 | 911 | 14,263 | 934 | 15,669 | 979 | 16,375 | 1,047 | 18,295 | 1,058 | 21,495 | 1,176 | 19,763 | 1,161 | 18,630 | |

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| China | 4 | 249 | 5 | 277 | 5 | 504 | 4 | 493 | 6 | 411 | 2 | 667 | 8 | 1,161 | 3 | 1,408 | 6 | 1,749 | 11 | 2,123 | 9 | 2,612 | 20 | 3,410 | 32 | 4,270 | 32 | 6,019 | 56 | 8,012 | 62 | 8,858 | 87 | 9,214 | 91 | 13,245 | 98 | 16,216 | 151 | 15,197 | 154 | 14,408 |
| India | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 8 | 18 | 10 | 22 | 8 | 19 | 18 | 8 | 18 | 8 | 25 | 4 | |
| Japan | 531 | 3,666 | 584 | 3,710 | 499 | 2,838 | 581 | 2,903 | 639 | 2,850 | 634 | 2,749 | 534 | 2,598 | 416 | 2,195 | 395 | 2,697 | 363 | 2,993 | 356 | 3,044 | 435 | 3,537 | 615 | 3,451 | 631 | 3,724 | 685 | 3,922 | 682 | 3,872 | 698 | 4,217 | 720 | 2,931 | 715 | 2,876 | 769 | 2,401 | 753 | 2,347 |
| Malaysia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 8 | |
| Singapore | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 2 | |
| South Korea | 36 | 367 | 46 | 747 | 34 | 604 | 56 | 346 | 41 | 607 | 44 | 956 | 37 | 966 | 33 | 1,536 | 33 | 1,923 | 32 | 1,813 | 26 | 1,628 | 52 | 988 | 72 | 1,195 | 99 | 1,492 | 102 | 2,184 | 127 | 2,665 | 158 | 1,861 | 173 | 2,131 | 193 | 1,939 | 177 | 1,716 | | |
| Taiwan | 20 | 42 | 19 | 31 | 14 | 43 | 17 | 93 | 22 | 73 | 19 | 92 | 22 | 101 | 12 | 91 | 18 | 112 | 21 | 85 | 17 | 68 | 26 | 73 | 32 | 82 | 30 | 89 | 46 | 128 | 46 | 245 | 40 | 253 | 46 | 228 | 40 | 248 | 32 | 199 | 40 | 142 |
| All others | 1 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 5 | | |
| Middle East | 5 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 16 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 22 | 16 | 29 | 7 | 29 | 16 | 36 | 24 | 46 | 25 | 42 | 20 |
| Israel | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 0 | |
| All others | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 6 | 23 | 15 | 26 | 22 | 37 | 23 | 33 | 20 |
| Africa | 2 | 15 | 6 | 16 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 22 | 6 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 4 | |
| South Africa | 2 | 15 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| All others | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| Australia and Oceania | 15 | 13 | 30 | 10 | 22 | 12 | 25 | 24 | 26 | 9 | 27 | 13 | 24 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 21 | 9 | 19 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 25 | 9 | 39 | 13 | 35 | 28 | 27 | 41 | 26 | 19 | 31 | 19 | 32 | 21 | 22 | 16 | 23 | 10 | 25 | 9 |
| Australia | 13 | 12 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 12 | 23 | 23 | 26 | 9 | 26 | 13 | 23 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 20 | 9 | 18 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 24 | 9 | 38 | 12 | 33 | 28 | 24 | 41 | 19 | 30 | 19 | 30 | 24 | 21 | 20 | 16 | 22 | 10 | 23 | 8 |
| New Zealand | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| All others | 0 | 1 | 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unclassified | 1 | 22 | 0 | 242 | 1 | 133 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |

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