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U.S. registered USPTO design patents, by design class: 1998–2018

(Number)

Design class	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
All classes	9,893	9,638	11,256	10,330	9,277	9,994	9,209	7,523	11,645	13,380	13,598	11,966	12,539	11,695	12,361	13,194	13,320	14,194	15,989	17,410	16,490
Edible Products	32	38	46	40	36	33	88	56	109	42	39	85	62	70	29	60	82	40	70	83	65
Apparel and Haberdashery	606	479	416	406	349	430	423	336	635	667	707	644	691	725	712	730	665	752	1,009	1,580	1,171
Travel Goods, Personal Belongings, and Storage or Carrying Articles	333	398	368	387	346	362	344	289	457	423	406	408	468	389	437	443	464	502	579	577	582
Brushware	94	75	101	103	150	99	56	61	93	75	122	93	76	76	99	95	85	86	157	133	142
Textile or Paper Yard Goods; Sheet Material	38	32	63	50	27	19	50	37	69	58	37	37	68	103	108	74	83	59	81	76	64
Furnishings	1,050	1,057	1,217	1,223	1,105	1,084	1,050	773	1,116	1,396	1,304	1,078	1,010	865	1,108	991	990	941	889	1,110	1,020
Equipment for Preparing or Serving Food or Drink Not Elsewhere Specified	482	472	625	615	479	593	552	454	689	862	866	717	926	729	858	917	798	866	868	1,051	1,204
Tools and Hardware	755	691	861	586	574	688	729	512	776	963	1,046	825	760	735	689	629	834	882	913	941	923
Packages and Containers for Goods	467	482	609	627	486	610	453	497	704	827	871	863	936	856	871	863	831	880	928	880	913
Measuring, Testing, or Signaling Instruments	409	330	329	362	288	248	247	253	303	334	406	323	292	275	304	253	331	400	354	354	309
Jewelry, Symbolic Insignia, and Ornaments	273	234	233	270	252	224	232	195	270	287	300	247	251	270	305	293	364	368	335	409	319
Transportation	689	630	783	683	619	634	752	484	708	812	745	663	720	555	563	675	748	852	927	1,144	1,205
Equipment for Production, Distribution, or Transformation of Energy	252	321	324	255	302	300	223	231	438	472	511	450	450	452	441	497	561	585	571	564	632
Recording, Communication, or Information Retrieval Equipment	693	636	762	661	636	734	618	486	862	1,064	1,158	1,227	1,096	1,050	1,189	1,670	1,580	1,699	2,609	2,382	1,995
Machines Not Elsewhere Specified	178	186	240	207	212	199	193	174	260	337	270	208	249	248	278	323	319	379	393	390	381
Photography and Optical Equipment	147	144	170	105	74	141	90	76	97	208	151	178	162	122	178	189	304	241	302	243	237
Musical Instruments	34	36	17	27	24	40	22	15	43	32	56	33	38	39	30	30	32	42	49	53	47
Printing and Office Machinery	57	93	104	68	64	98	59	46	105	125	84	61	79	98	46	72	37	33	42	40	45
Office Supplies; Artists' and Teachers' Materials	188	211	206	193	176	184	207	162	217	248	310	192	183	205	196	213	211	161	184	163	158
Sales and Advertising Equipment	117	92	128	91	73	136	100	89	88	87	70	82	119	130	144	152	101	65	96	84	87
Games, Toys, and Sports Goods	742	643	735	605	491	582	516	430	706	727	783	638	503	641	574	625	668	647	630	800	796
Arms, Pyrotechnics, Hunting and Fishing Equipment	122	148	140	129	124	155	121	103	138	148	141	174	203	228	227	265	307	318	388	405	352
Environmental Heating and Cooling, Fluid Handling and Sanitary Equipment	495	540	611	541	554	560	437	517	1,001	748	802	629	701	594	559	639	619	620	630	712	709
Medical and Laboratory Equipment	406	423	489	526	443	465	348	218	304	481	551	546	738	653	643	771	732	922	987	973	958
Building Units and Construction Elements	232	269	272	304	315	280	265	258	228	314	322	266	319	229	307	307	269	338	317	374	289
Lighting	322	336	512	527	421	397	344	274	446	651	656	491	495	449	473	568	524	566	669	808	703
Tobacco and Smokers' Supplies	57	63	32	42	47	31	45	36	74	85	41	31	49	26	31	47	20	76	121	74	96
Cosmetic Products and Toilet Articles	120	119	247	195	143	128	157	112	140	143	160	127	188	176	189	137	159	167	191	201	249
Equipment for Safety, Protection, and Rescue	52	62	57	46	67	41	49	43	75	83	96	112	68	104	124	108	92	160	147	146	129
Animal Husbandry	90	88	152	83	91	99	88	106	125	159	174	142	214	196	218	195	199	158	155	180	262
Washing, Cleaning, or Drying Machines	143	122	218	168	146	178	149	86	193	278	216	197	222	185	212	215	149	200	201	239	242
Material or Article Handling Equipment	159	142	132	115	120	135	104	65	128	216	157	175	145	167	164	96	110	133	141	185	150
Miscellaneous	55	46	54	88	42	84	95	46	49	29	38	23	56	52	47	45	47	50	46	46	44
Unclassified	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	5	4	6	4	10	9	6	13

Note(s)

Design patents are allocated according to patent inventorship information. Patents are fractionally allocated among regions, countries, or economies based on the proportion of residences of all named inventors.

Source(s)

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