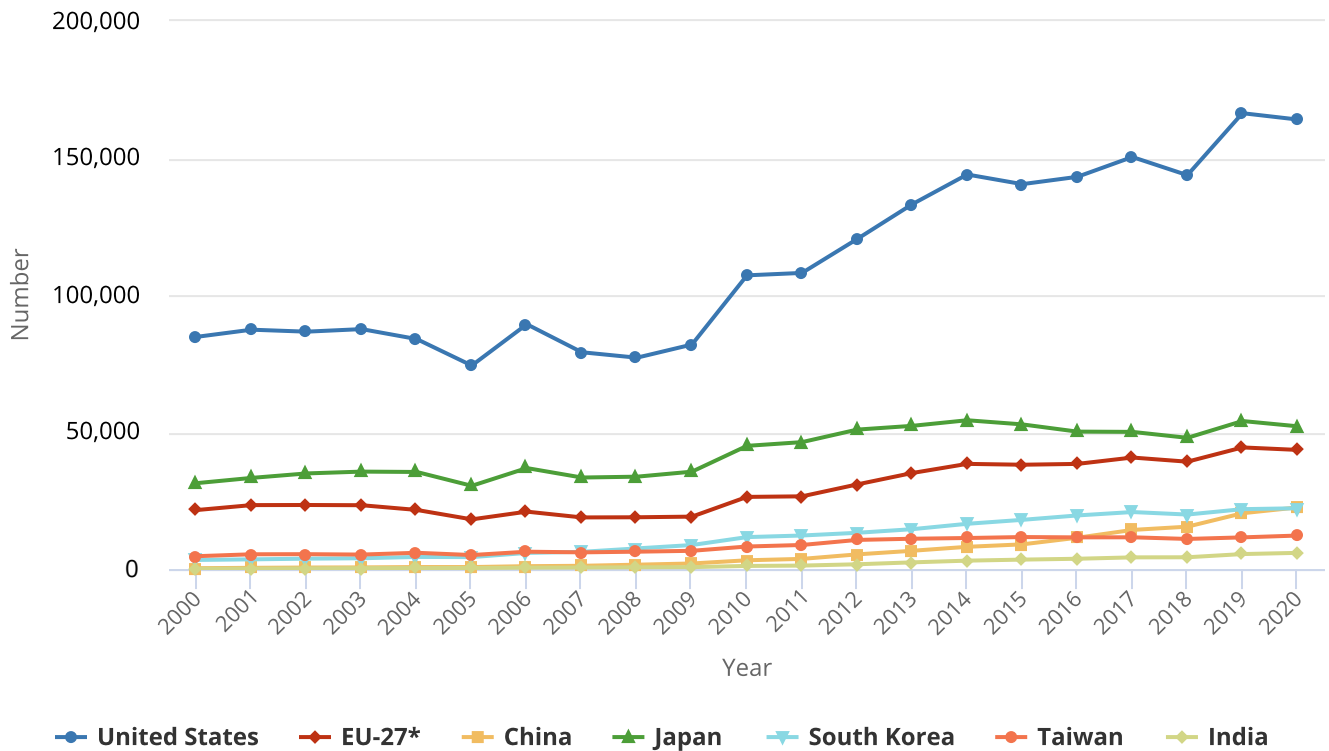


Figure INV-2

USPTO utility patents granted, by selected region, country, or economy: 2000–20



EU = European Union; USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

\*Beginning in 2020, the United Kingdom was no longer a member of the EU.

**Note(s):**

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. China includes Hong Kong. See Table SINV-44 for additional countries.

**Source(s):**

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