

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Information regarding patents granted in all IPC classes and G06 in particular

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**Information request:**

Could you help us by providing a grant rate going back 10 years certainly for UK patents and also, if possible, EP patents with a breakdown by IPC code, including notably class G06.

**Information released:**

I've attached a spreadsheet which I think may help with the UK national part of your request. It's a list of GB patents that reached 'A' stage publication from 2003 to 2012 inclusive. This is the latest data I have at present, correct at 31 December 2012. We run this query annually to inform our published figures and I'm waiting for the 2013 data. (We hope also to start routine publication of a similar dataset on our website.)

[Dataset for 2013 now available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipo-patent-data> ]

It includes a column for 'B' publications, from which you will be able to work out the proportion of grants for that period and I've selected for IPC codes beginning with G06. Please remember though that it won't include any patents that have been granted since 31 December 2012 to date.

We don't hold EP grant figures, but I understand that you can get them, broken down by technology, from <http://www.epo.org/about-us/annual-reports-statistics/statistics/granted-patents.html> .