

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Numbers of patent applications so far in 2013

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**Information request:**

I am after the number of patents applied for so far in 2013. I am actually after comparatives, if possible. So:

1. Number of GB patents applied for so far in 2013 by German companies
2. Number of GB patents applied for in the comparable period for 2012 by German companies
3. And then 1 + 2 for UK companies.

**Information released:**

We cannot provide you with pre-publication data for 2013, but figures for applications which have reached first ('A') publication stage are publically available on EPODOC.

The total of 'A' publications in 2013 to date = 5155

Of which, those from applicants with a GB address = 2528. Those from applicants with DE address = 153

These figures are of course a different set to those which appear in our annual Facts & Figures, which show the number of applications received during a calendar year: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/about-facts1112.pdf> , but may give an indication of relative trends.

The latest data for (pre-publication) applications is information which is exempt under s.22 of the Freedom of Information Act, being information that is intended for publication at a future date.

To explain further, we consider that publishing information in a manner and form and at a time of our choosing is important and in the public interest. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity.

Having considered the public interest, our decision is therefore to withhold this information at this time.