

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Number of patents granted 1993 to 2012 by gender of applicant

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**Information request:**

How many UK patents were issued in the period 1993 to 2012 inclusive and how many of the patent holders were female?

**Information released:**

The patent grant figures for each year are given below. I am not clear as to whether you want figures of patents granted to UK based applicants or all grants from the Intellectual Property Office, regardless of country of origin, so I have included both sets of figures.

[PTO]

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of patents granted to applicants from UK addresses</b>	<b>Number of patents granted to applicants from locations worldwide, including the UK</b>
1993	3,019	8,330
1994	3,517	9,530
1995	3,648	9,475
1996	2,737	7,132
1997	2,792	7,945
1998	3,168	9,249
1999	2,883	7,995
2000	2,962	8,253
2001	2,788	7,555
2002	3,310	8,690
2003	3,646	9,761
2004	3,780	10,541
2005	3,751	10,159
2006	2,978	7,907
2007	2,058	5,930
2008	2,070	5,360
2009	2,118	5,428
2010	2,323	5,594
2011	2,992	7,173
2012	2,974	6,864

If you use the internet, you can find more statistical data online from 2002 on our website. We regret that we cannot provide you with a breakdown of the gender of patent holders. All our IT systems are designed to fulfil the requirements of intellectual property legislation alone, which does not require us to record information as to the gender or other characteristics of applicants, other than whether or not they wish to enter an address for service.