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Information request:

The total number of patents granted in the last five years (Jan 2011 – Jan 2016) for the local authority areas of Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council, plus total patents granted over the South West and England.

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The most recent available data we have for granted patents is included in a dataset published online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipo-patent-data> . It is a dataset of published patents that includes abbreviated applicants' postcodes. You should be able to filter for all the postcodes that match the Councils you are most interested in, though there may well be some boundary differences between local authorities and postal areas.

The presence of a date in the 'B' publication column will indicate which patents have reached grant stage, or at least which patents reached that stage by the last update (26 October 2015).

Please bear in mind that nearly all patents are first published at around 18 months after filing and those that are eventually granted may take 3-5 years after filing to reach that stage.