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Information request:

Statistics on the number of patents applied for and granted over the last year or so, specifically the number granted to applicants with Aberdeen postcodes.

Information released:

Please find attached a spreadsheet detailing the counts of patent applicants, at application and grant stage, for Aberdeen.

We've included more information than you requested and our rationale is explained below, together with several caveats.

Tables - Application and grants

- These tables report the applicant/s currently held against the respective patents. It is possible that the applicant may have changed since application or grant.
- Lodged year - We've reported applications by lodged year. The lodged year refers to the year that the patent was lodged with the IPO. This is not necessarily the same as the application year, which can be backdated. The lodged year ties in with what is reported in our annual Facts and Figures, however the numbers reported here do not match due to a level of cleaning/revision.

Columns

- lodged/grant year - year the patent was lodged or granted
- application/grant count - total applications lodged/granted in the given year
- GB applicant count - number of applications that have one or more GB applicants
- GB applicant fractional account - If an application has 2 applicants, We've allocated each applicant 0.5 of a patent
- Not GB applicant count - applications have one or more applicants not GB
- Not GB applicant count - If an application has 2 applicants, I've allocated each applicant 0.5 of a patent

- No applicant information - applicant information does not have to be immediately reported, so some applicants have not yet, or never do depending on how far the patent moves through the system.
 - Aberdeen applicant count - how many of the patents had an applicant with an Aberdeen postcode
 - Aberdeen applicant fractional count - fractional count of how many of the patents had an applicant with an Aberdeen postcode
- Distinct Aberdeen applicants
- How many distinct Aberdeen applicant applied/had granted those patents. (We include this as a check. Should this have been less than 10 then more stringent check of statistics guidelines may have been required.)

Applications

Lodged year	application count	GB applicant count	GB applicant fractional count	Not GB applicant count	Not GB applicant fractional count	No Applicant Information	Aberdeen applicant count	Aberdeen applicant fractional count	Distinct Aberdeen applicants
2010	22089	16770	15280.95	7021	6555.58	173	187	171.67	129
2011	22430	16725	15077.90	7565	7072.28	171	192	173.17	134
2012	23375	16622	15160.89	8496	7983.69	145	192	174.08	123
2013	23078	16077	14812.33	8616	8025.35	119	222	215.17	136
2014	23262	16277	15037.78	8546	7882.77	235	224	213.37	137
2015	23075	16085	14740.18	8628	7955.69	277	214	198.50	132

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Grants

Grant year	Grant count	GB applicant count	GB applicant fractional count	Not GB applicant count	Not GB applicant fractional count	No Applicant Information	Aberdeen applicant count	Aberdeen applicant fractional count	Distinct Aberdeen applicants
2010	5594	2398	2240.50	3494	3351.00	0	38	37.50	28
2011	7173	3103	2932.00	4437	4233.50	0	47	44.00	34
2012	6864	3087	2912.50	4138	3942.33	0	42	40.83	27
2013	5235	2535	2413.83	2933	2809.17	0	31	30.00	26
2014	4986	2423	2318.50	2763	2661.00	0	45	44.33	33
2015	5464	2934	2803.83	2768	2651.17	0	42	42.00	34