

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Historical statistics of patent applications and grants.

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**Information request:**

The patent application and patents granted figures for 1917, 1938 and 1939.

**Information released:**

The number of patent applications received in 1917 was 19,285. The number of patents sealed (granted) that year was 9,347.

The figures for 1938 were 37,973 applications and 19,314 grants.

In 1939 there were 33,109 applications and 17,605 grants.