

IP Statistics



Valid Domestic Invention Patents Exceed 3 million

Valid invention patents in China exceed 3 million, the first one of such a country in the world. By the end of 2022, China (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan) owns 3.28 million valid invention patents, where 1.324 million are high-quality invention patents, up 24.2% year on year, accounting for 40% of the valid invention patents. In addition, by the end of 2022, each 10,000 persons in China own 9.4 high-quality invention patents. The latest *World Intellectual Property Indicators* published by the WIPO shows that China has now been ranked No. 1 in valid invention patents.

In the meanwhile, **the Chinese enterprises have been continuously exhibiting creativity and innovation.** By the end of 2022, up to 355,000 enterprises in China own valid invention patents, an increase of 57,000 enterprises as compared to 2021, owning 2,324,000 valid invention patents, a year-on-year increase of 21.8%. Among them, 1,512,000 valid invention patents were owned by high-tech, specialized and frontier "little giant" enterprises, accounting for 65.1% of valid invention patents owned by the domestic enterprises, a year-on-year increase of 0.5%.

According to the statistics collected in 35 technical fields classified by the WIPO, by the end of 2022, digital technology sectors such as information technology management and computer technology in China has seen the fastest increase in valid invention patents, a year-on-year increase of 59.6% and 28.8%, respectively. In 2022, 325,000 invention patents were granted to the key industry of Chinese digital economy, a year-on-year increase of 17.9%, continuously contributing to the Chinese patent reserve. **The Chinese enterprises have become increasingly active in innovation and creation in digital field.**

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