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The Latest from Watson & Band

Watson & Band once again awarded the Honors of "Excellent Trademark Agency" and "Excellent Trademark Agent" in Shanghai

Recently, the Shanghai Trademark Association announced the *Decision on recognizing Excellent Trademark Agencies and Excellent Trademark Agents in 2023*. Watson & Band Intellectual Property Agency Co., Ltd. was once again awarded "Shanghai Excellent Trademark Agency", and the company's trademark agent Grace Huan was awarded "Shanghai Excellent Trademark Agent".

Patent

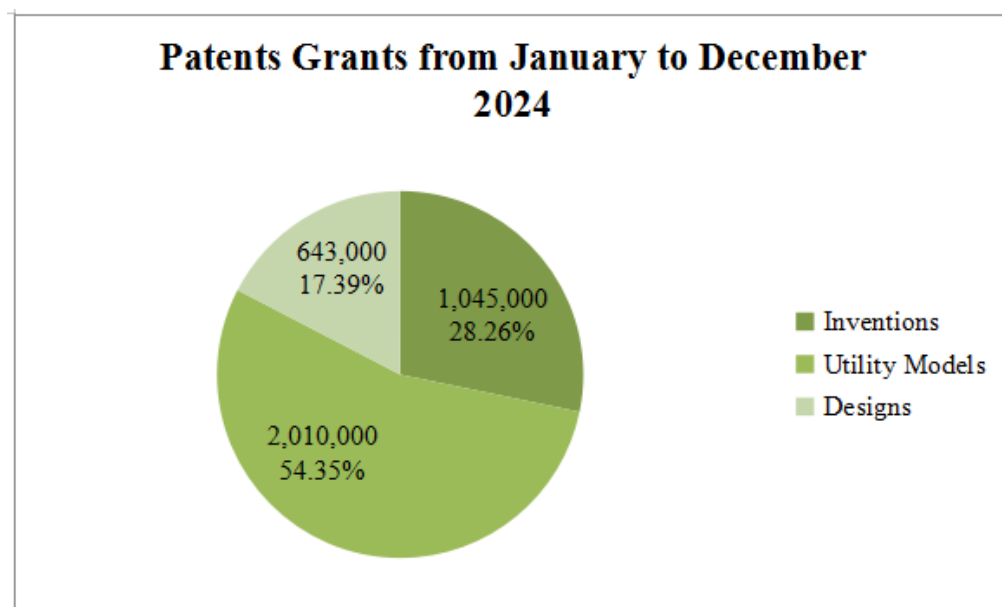
CNIPA Releases Patent Statistics for January-December 2024

Recently, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) released the main intellectual property statistical data report for January-December 2024. A total of 1,045,000 invention patents were granted, reaching an annual growth rate of 13.49% with respect to the same period of 2023.

Patent Grants (Piece)	Invention Patents	Utility Model Patents	Design Patents	Total
Jan-Dec 2023	920,797	2,090,331	637,944	3,649,072
Jan-Dec 2024	1,045,000	2,010,000	643,000	3,698,000
Growth Amount	124,203	-80,331	5,056	48,928
Growth Rate	13.49%	-3.84%	0.79%	1.34%

(Data Comparison: Jan-Dec 2023 vs. Jan-Dec 2024)

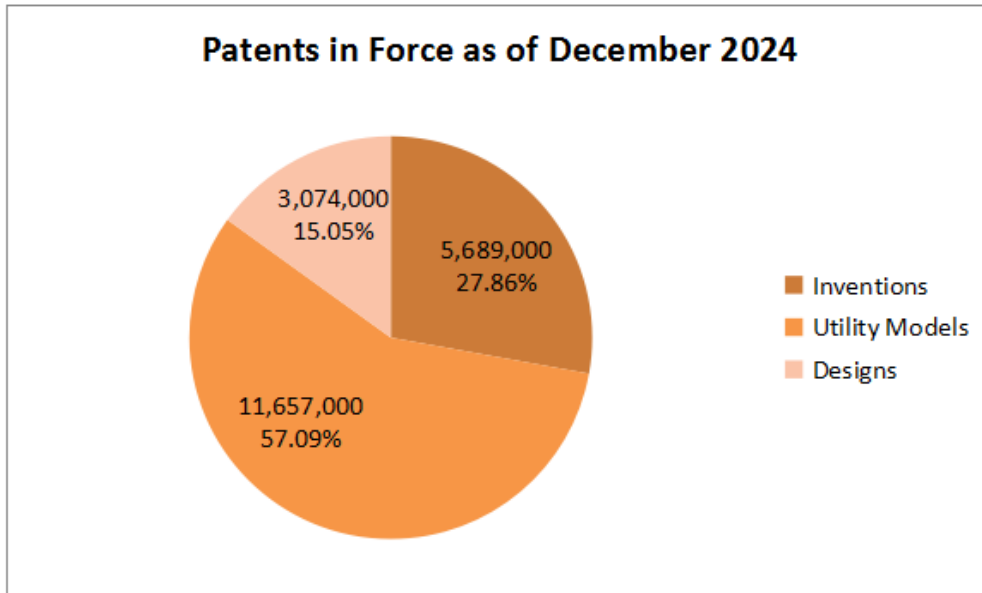
Between January and December 2024, the CNIPA granted 1,045,000 invention patents, 2,010,000 utility model patents and 643,000 design patents.



Patent

As of December 31, 2024, China's patent landscape shows:

- Total valid invention patents: 5.689 million
- Of which, domestic invention patents (excluding Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan): 4.682 million
- Valid utility model patents: 11.657 million
- Valid design patents: 3.074 million



From January to December, the CNIPA received 74,700 PCT international patent applications. Among these, domestic applicants submitted 69,300 applications.

From January to December, Chinese applicants submitted a total of 2,223 international design applications, and 2,470 published international design applications designated China.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

Trademark

CNIPA Releases Trademark Statistics for January-December 2024

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) recently published its trademark statistics for the period of January to December 2024 on its official website.

Key highlights for the entire year of 2024:

- Trademark applications received: 6.971 million
- Trademark registrations granted: 4.781 million
- Total valid registered trademarks as of December 2024: 49.777 million

International filings:

- Madrid international trademark registration applications from Chinese applicants: 7,039

Trademark

Trademark Statistics Comparison: January-December (2023 vs 2024)						
	Cumulative Registrations	Valid Trademarks	Oppositions	Rejection Review Applications	Invalidation Declaration Applications	Cancellation Review Applications
2024	4,780,731	49,776,654	121,938	325,342	69,205	17,394
2023	4,382,714	46,146,443	115,051	312,523	70,788	21,393
Growth Amount	398,017	3,630,211	6,887	12,819	-1,583	-3,999
Growth Rate	9.08%	7.87%	5.99%	4.10%	-2.24%	-18.69%

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

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	Approved GI Products	Approved GI Trademarks to be Registered as Collective or Certification Marks	Approved Market Entities Using GI and Special Signs
Jan-Dec 2024	36	125	8,680
Cumulative Total as of December 2024	2,544	7,402	32,645

From January to December 2024, the CNIPA received 11,506 IC layout design registration applications and issued 10,608 IC layout design certificates.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)