

EXAMINER PATENT PRODUCTIVITY: JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

	Patent Grants	Examiners Total*	Grants per Examiner	
Japan	189,358 ^{ip5}	2137 ^{ip5, a}	89 ^b	
USA	298,407 ^{ip5}	8551 ^{uspto, c}	35	

- * Excludes trademark operations
- ip5 Data taken from IP5 Statistics Report (2015)
- uspto Data from the U.S. PTO Annual Report (2016)
- a 2137 includes Patent/Utility Model (1702); Design (48) and Appeal Examiners (387), but excludes 494 “fixed term examiners”. Including “fixed term examiners” the total is 2,631.
- b If “fixed term examiners” are included, this would result in an average of 72 disposals per Examiner.
- c FY2016, UPR Examiners 8,160; design examiners 191, but does not include Board members which is estimated and added, here, at 200, for purposes of this report.