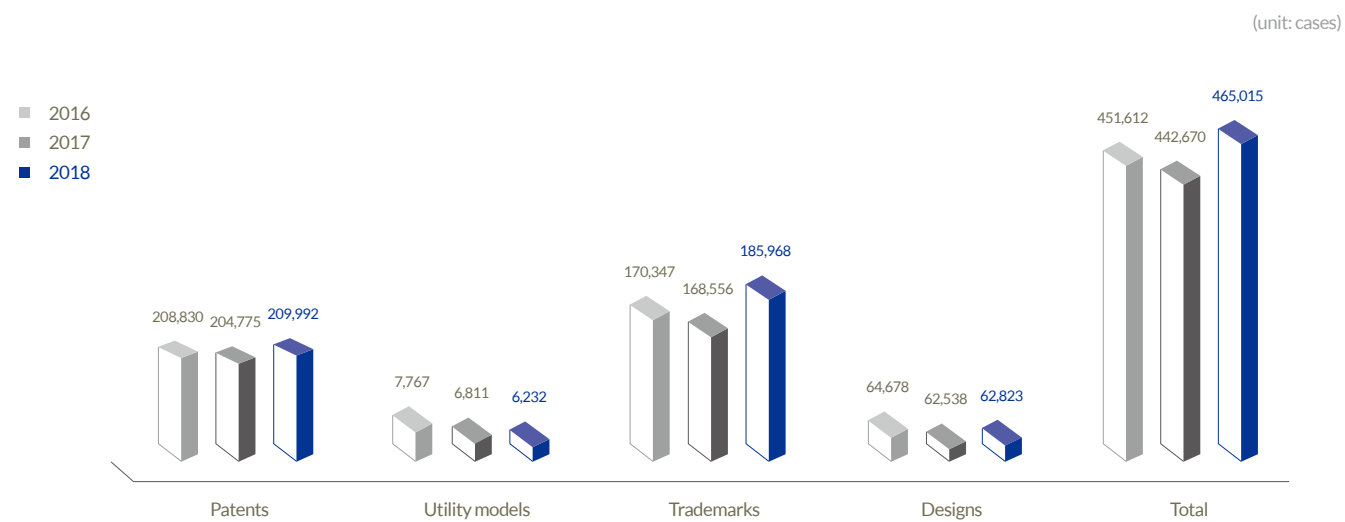


2018 Statistical Overview

Applications

Overall, the preliminary number of all intellectual property rights (IPR) applications submitted to KIPO was 465,015 in total for 2018. This is a 7.6% increase from 2017 for all patent, utility model, design and trademark applications. More specifically by IP rights, patent applications showed a 2.5% increase (209,992), utility model applications decreased by 8.5% (6,232), design applications increased by 0.5% (62,823) and trademark applications increased by 10.3% (185,968) compared to 2017.

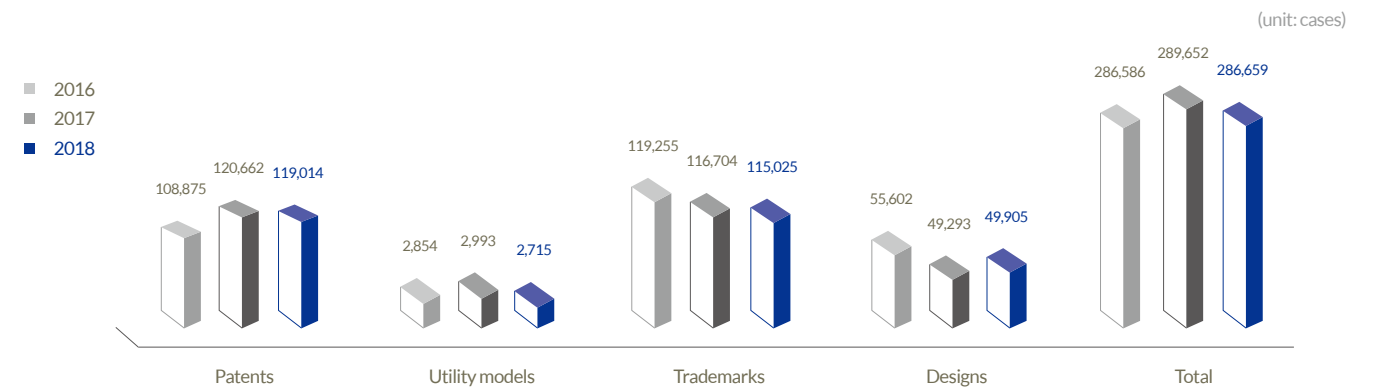
Out of all patent applications received by KIPO in 2018, 22.6% were from foreign applicants showing an overall increase and totaling 47,416 applications. The greatest number came from Japan with 15,602 applications, which is a 3.7% increase from 2017. This was followed by applications from the United States at 13,013, Germany at 4,381, China at 3,140 and France at 1,701.



Registrations

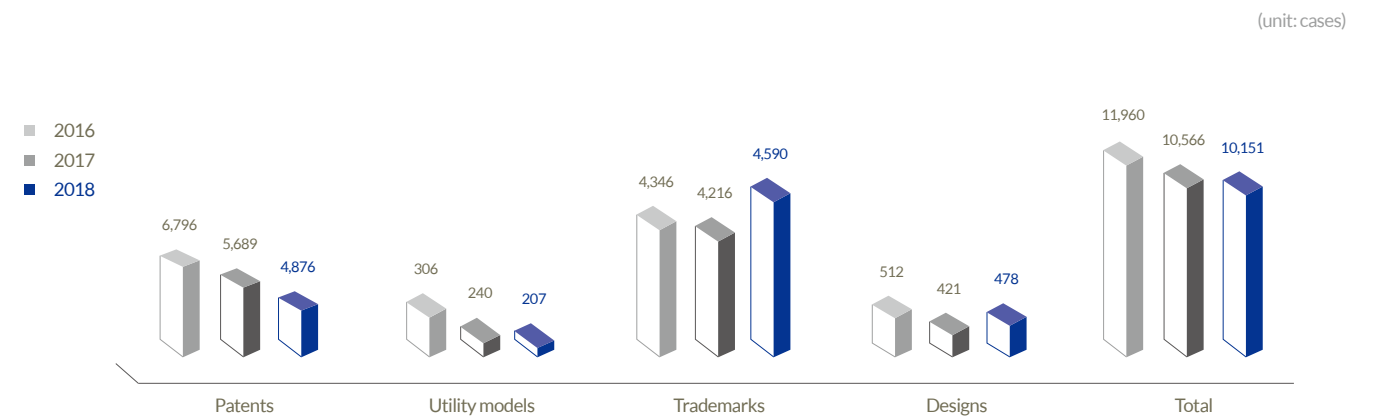
The total number of registrations for IPRs in 2018 decreased by 1.0% from 2017 amounting to 286,659 total registrations.

A breakdown of IP rights shows that patent registrations decreased by 1.4% (119,014), utility model registrations decreased by 9.3% (2,715), trademark registrations decreased by 1.4% (115,025) and designs registrations increased by 1.2% (49,905).



Trials

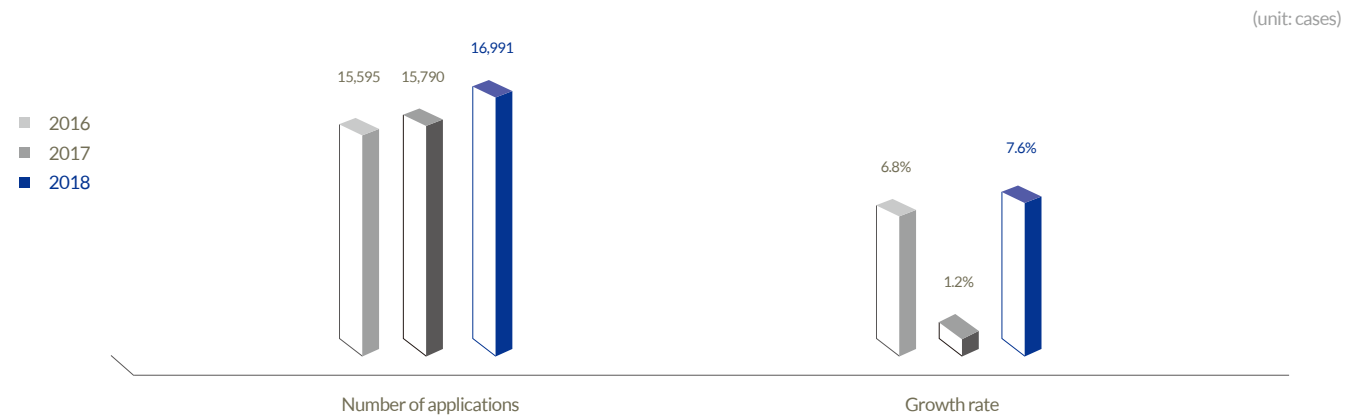
In 2018, the number requests for trial decreased by 3.9% from 10,566 to 10,151. Trials for patents decreased by 14.3% (4,876), utility model trials decreased by 13.8% (207), trademark trials increased by 8.9% (4,590) and design trials increased by 13.5% (478).



Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) system

PCT

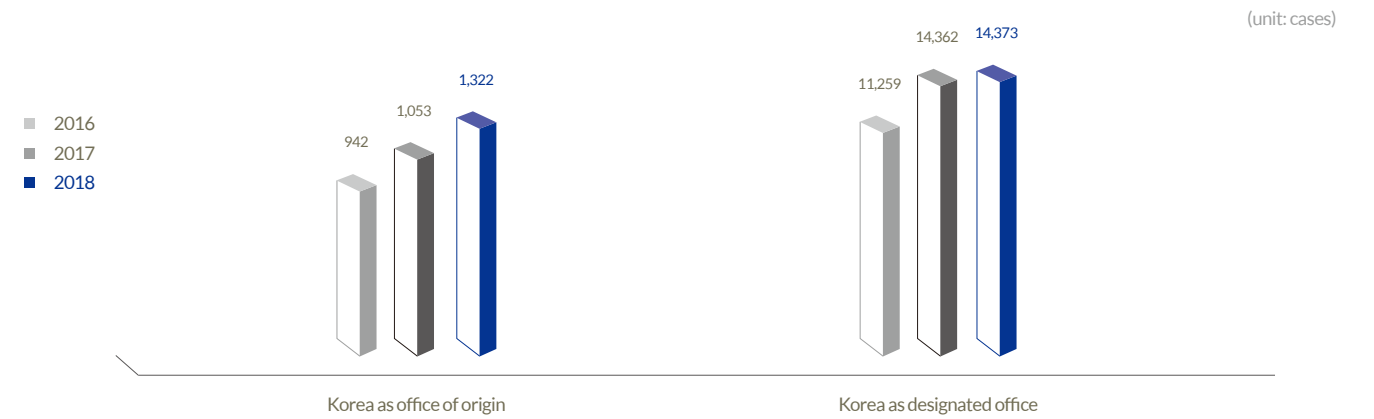
The number of international applications under the PCT system by Korean applicants has been continually increasing. Primarily due the awareness activities undertaken by KIPO, users have gained a clearer understanding of the importance of IPRs and the advantages of the PCT.



Madrid and Hague system

Madrid

Under the Madrid Agreement, we oversaw a total of 1,322 international trademark applications as the office of origin and 14,373 international applications as the designated office in 2018.



PCT international search reports and international preliminary examinations

The number of PCT international search reports by KIPO totaled 24,123 reports in 2018. This was a 7.0% decrease from 2017. The number of international preliminary examinations undertaken by KIPO was 131 examinations in 2018, a decrease of 22.5% from 2017.



Hague

Under the Hague Agreement, we oversaw in 2018 a total of 116 international trademark applications as the office of origin and 857 international applications as the designated office.

