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Updates from the USPTO

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USPTO at a glance

USPTO staffing stats

- **13,409** total USPTO employees

(through August 31, 2023)

Patents staffing stats

- **10,438** total Patents employees
 - **9,945** full time and permanent staff
 - **493** part time staff

(through August 31, 2023)

Patents staffing stats

- **8,571** patent examiners
 - **9** technology centers
 - **600+** art units
 - Average 13 years of service
 - Approximately 40% with advanced or professional degrees

(through August 31, 2023)



Business at the USPTO

- The USPTO is a government agency that operates like a business.
- Fee funded agency
 - Ability to adjust fees
 - Maintain operating reserves
- Approximately \$4 Billion a year in annual revenue



Patent filing performance

Patents at a glance

Filings & inventory

- **FY 2023 filings**
 - New serialized application filings: +1.0%
 - Design filings: -2.7% (Hague filings: +18.8%)
- **1,150,637** total applications pending
- **UPR* inventory**
 - **742,919** applications

(through September 30, 2023)

Pendency

- **Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) compliance**
 - Goal: PTA timeframes
 - 80% mailed actions
 - 86% remaining inventory
- Fiscal year (FY) 2023 results:
 - **81%** mailed
 - **82%** remaining inventory
- **Total patent application pendency**
 - **25.0** months

(through September 30, 2023)

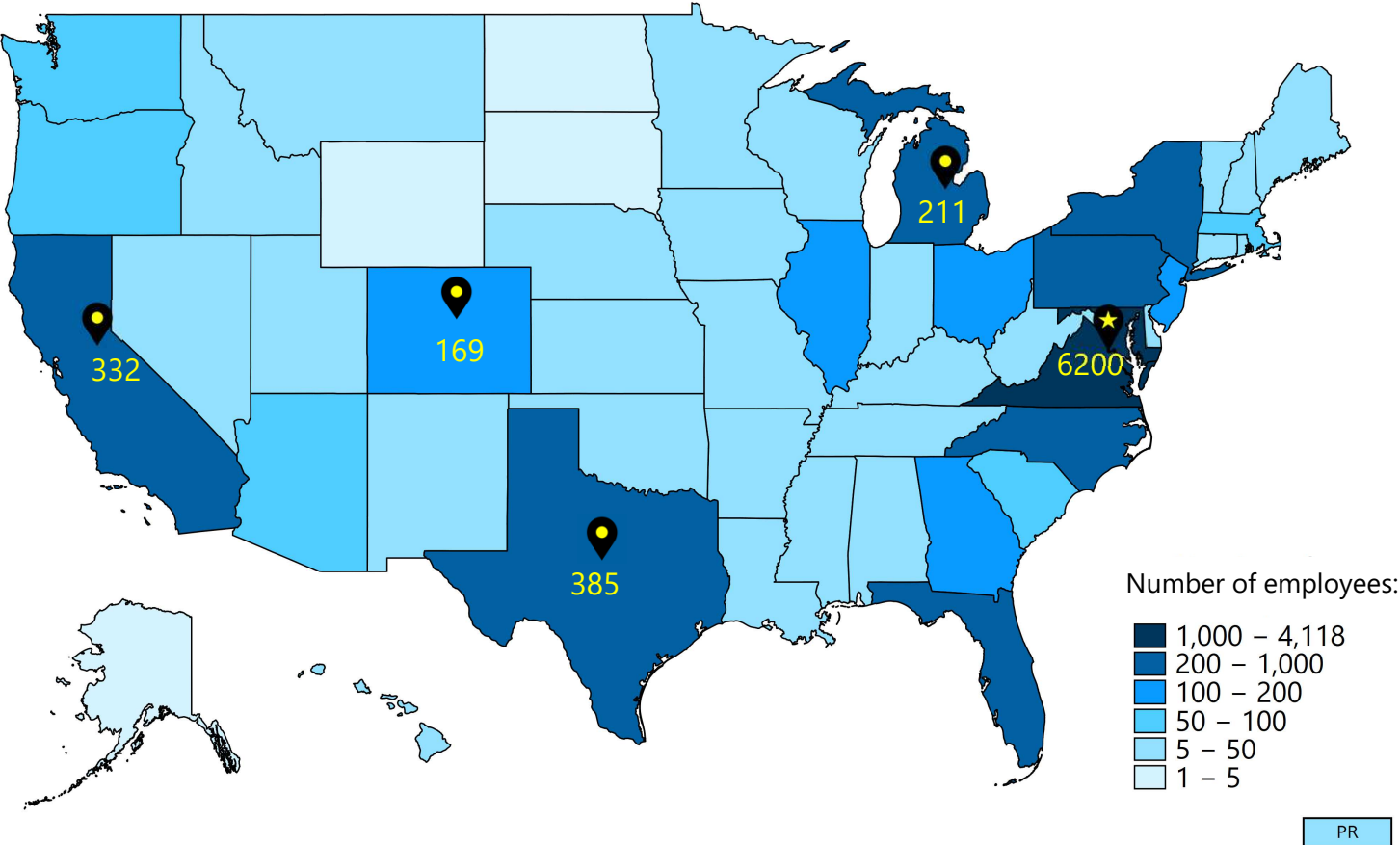
Other stats

- **Allowance rate (UPR):**
 - **62.1%**
- **Appeal**
 - **58.3%** affirmed
 - **9.1%** affirmed-in-part
 - **31.9%** reversed
 - **0.7%** other (remanded, dismissed, etc.)

(through September 30, 2023)

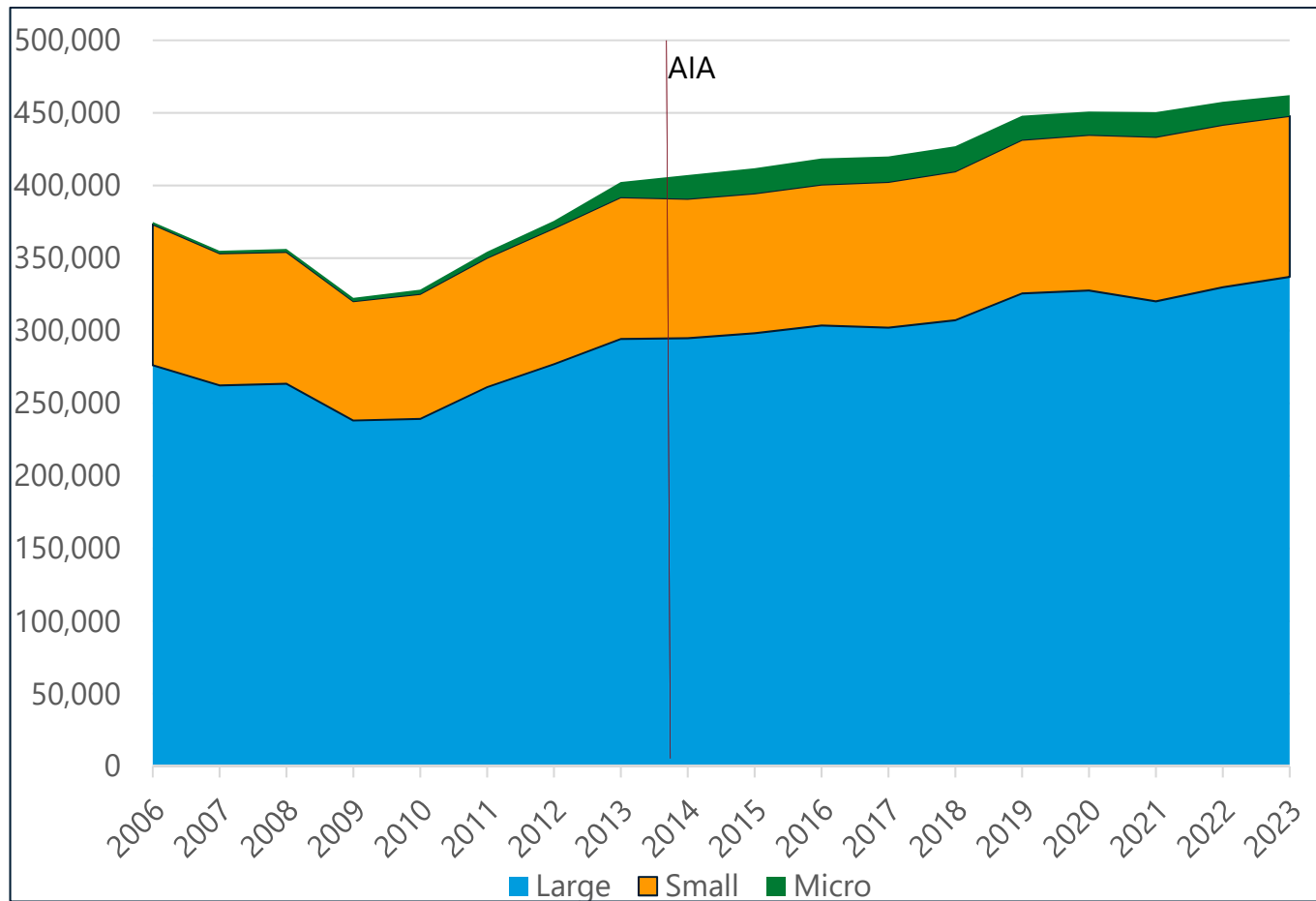
*UPR: utility, plant, and reissue

Patents telework



Data as of July 17, 2023

Serialized filings by entity size



FY 2023:

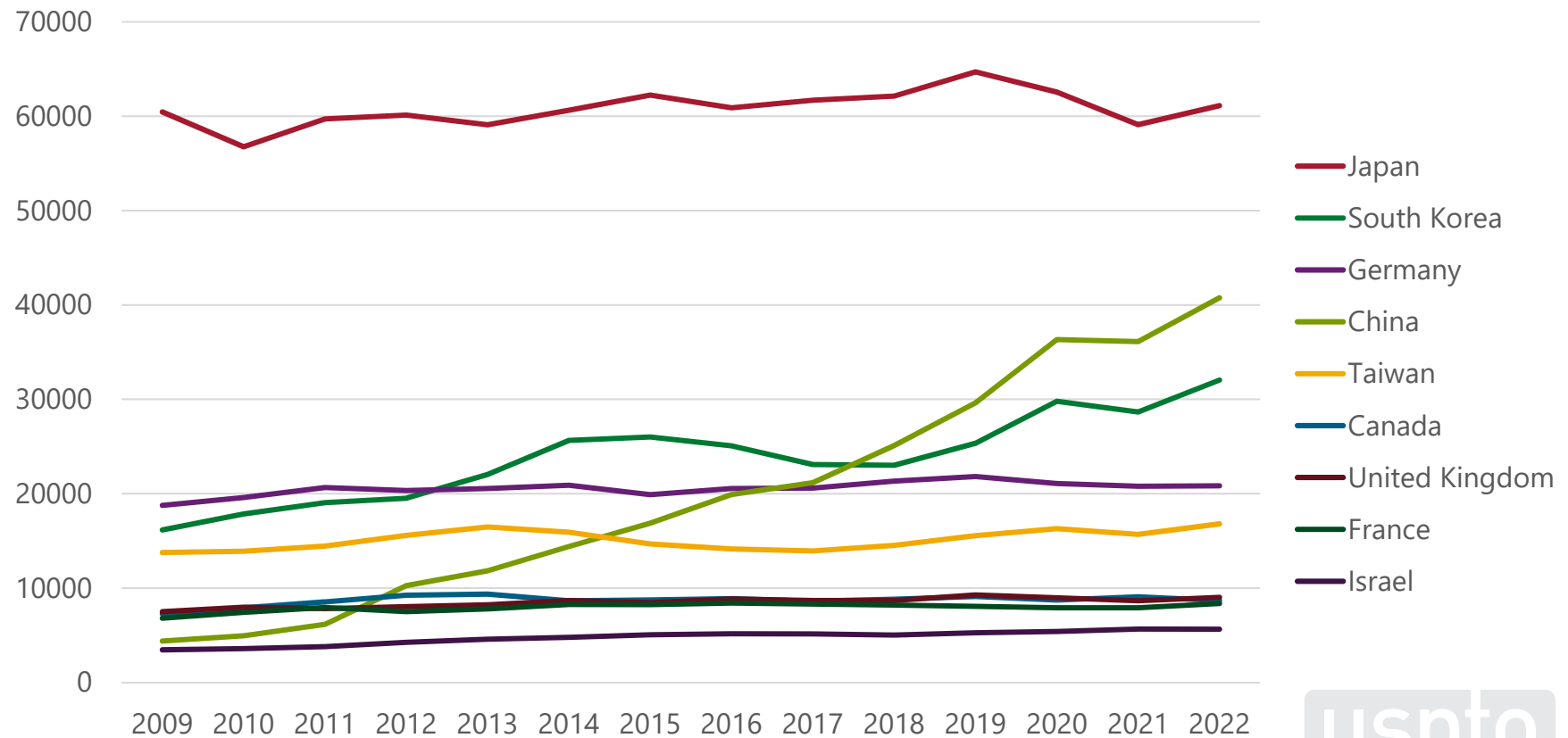
Large entities
 • 72.9%
 (Increased 2.2%)

Small entities
 • 24.0%
 (Decreased 1.0%)

Micro entities
 • 3.1%
 (Decreased 9.3%)



Top filers by country (non-US)



USPTO key initiatives

USPTO 2022-2026 Strategic Plan goals

- Drive inclusive U.S. innovation and global competitiveness
- Promote the efficient delivery of reliable IP rights
- Promote the protection of IP against new and persistent threats
- Bring innovation to impact for the public good
- Generate impactful employee and customer experiences by maximizing agency operations



Key areas of focus



Inclusive Innovation



Patent Pro Bono Program





Thank you!

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