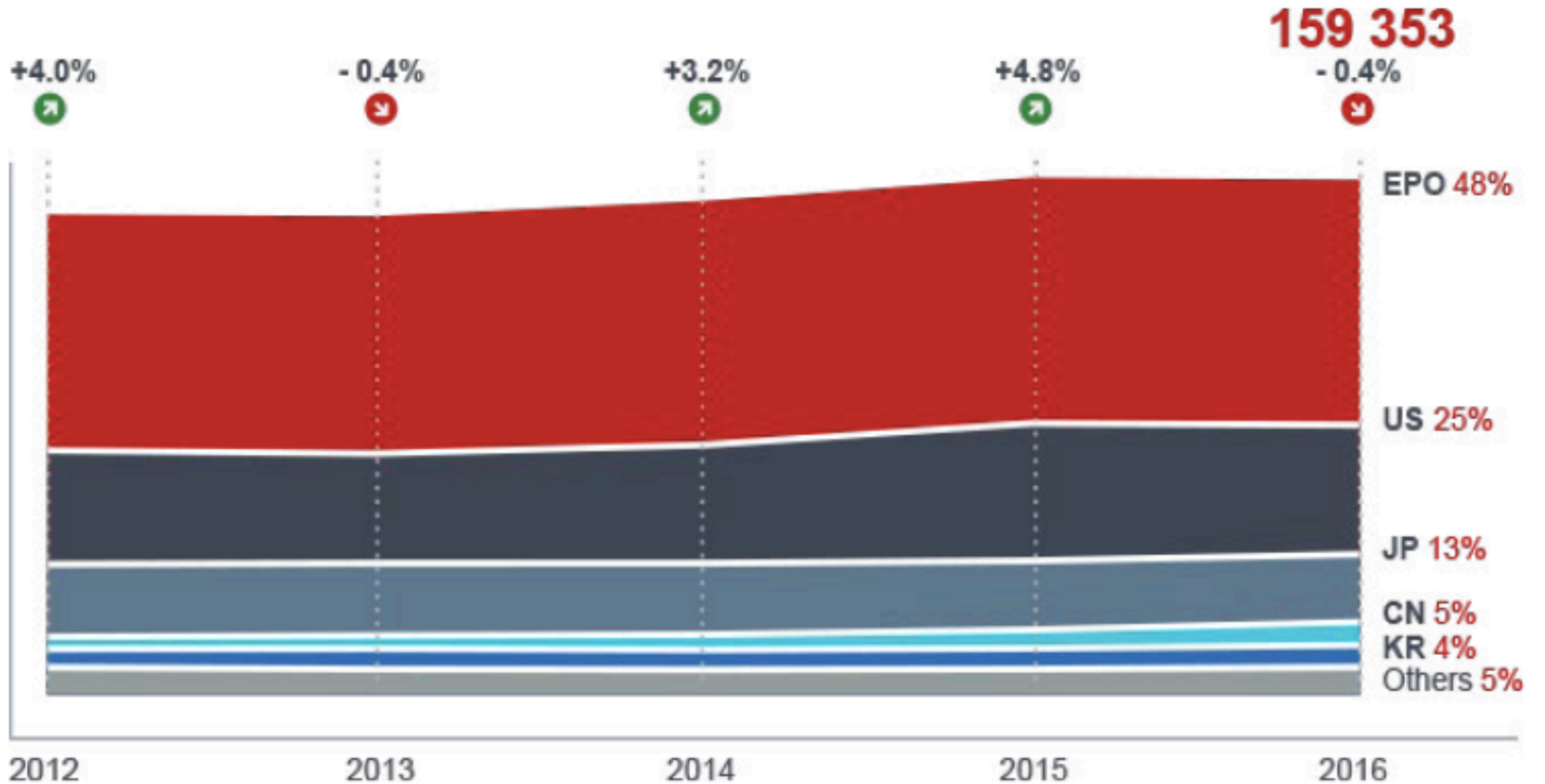


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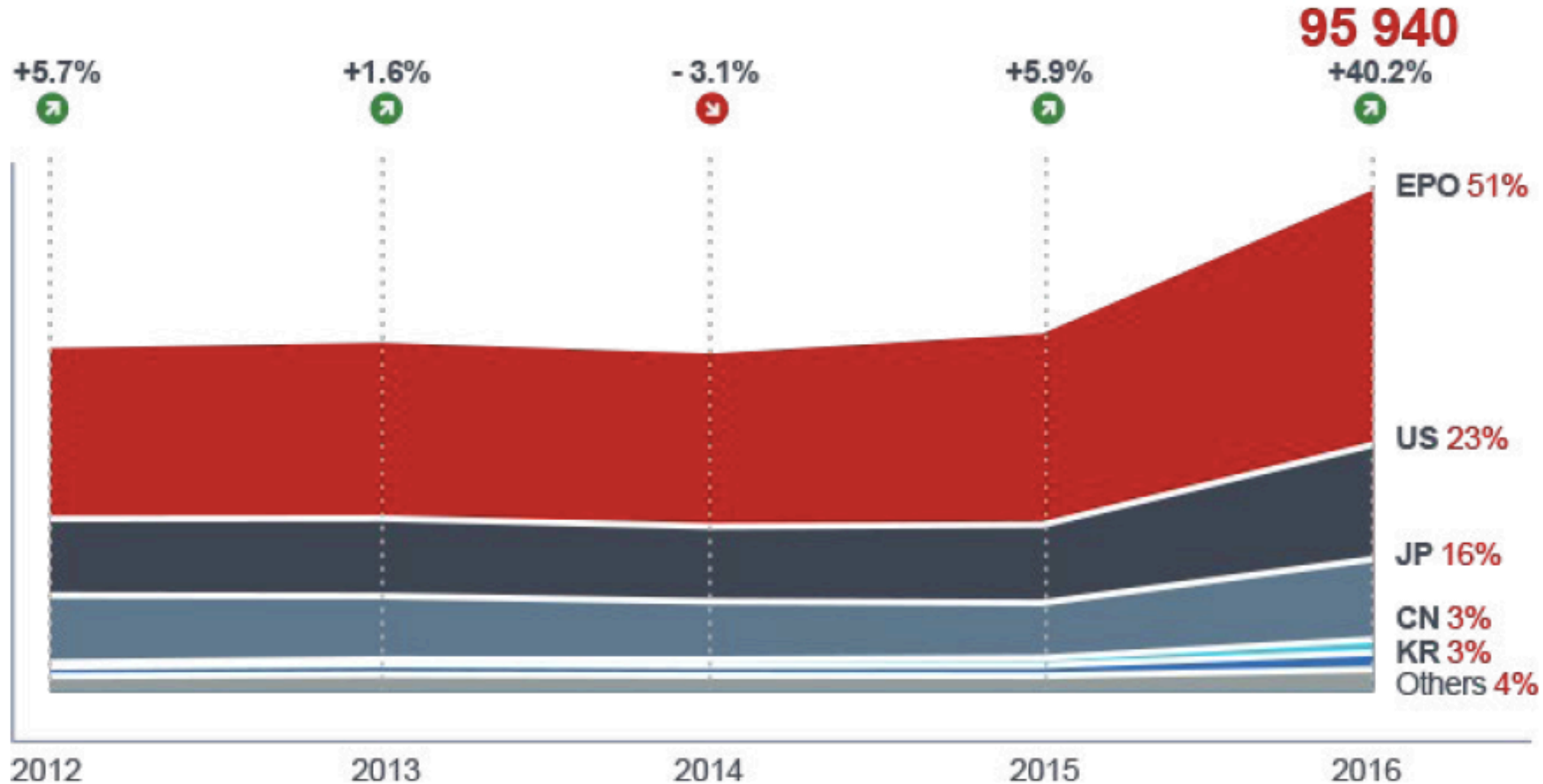
Applications



Roughly 95,000 through PCT; 65,00 filed at EPO directly

Granted patents over 5 years

The EPO granted approximately 95 900 patents in 2016, an increase of 40% over 2015, and the highest ever number.



1. Medical technology



12 263

-2.1% ↓

2. Digital communication



10 915

-1.2% ↓

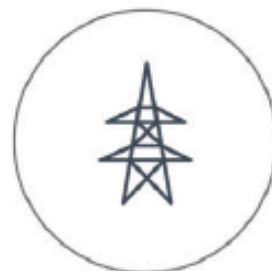
3. Computer technology



10 657

+2.9% ↑

4. Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy



10 293

+5.1% ↑

5. Transport



8 402

+3.6% ↑

6. Measurement



7 442

-3.8% ↓

7. Engine, pumps, turbines



6 301

-0.5% ↓

8. Organic fine chemistry



6 189

-4.0% ↓

9. Pharmaceuticals



5 754

-5.0% ↓

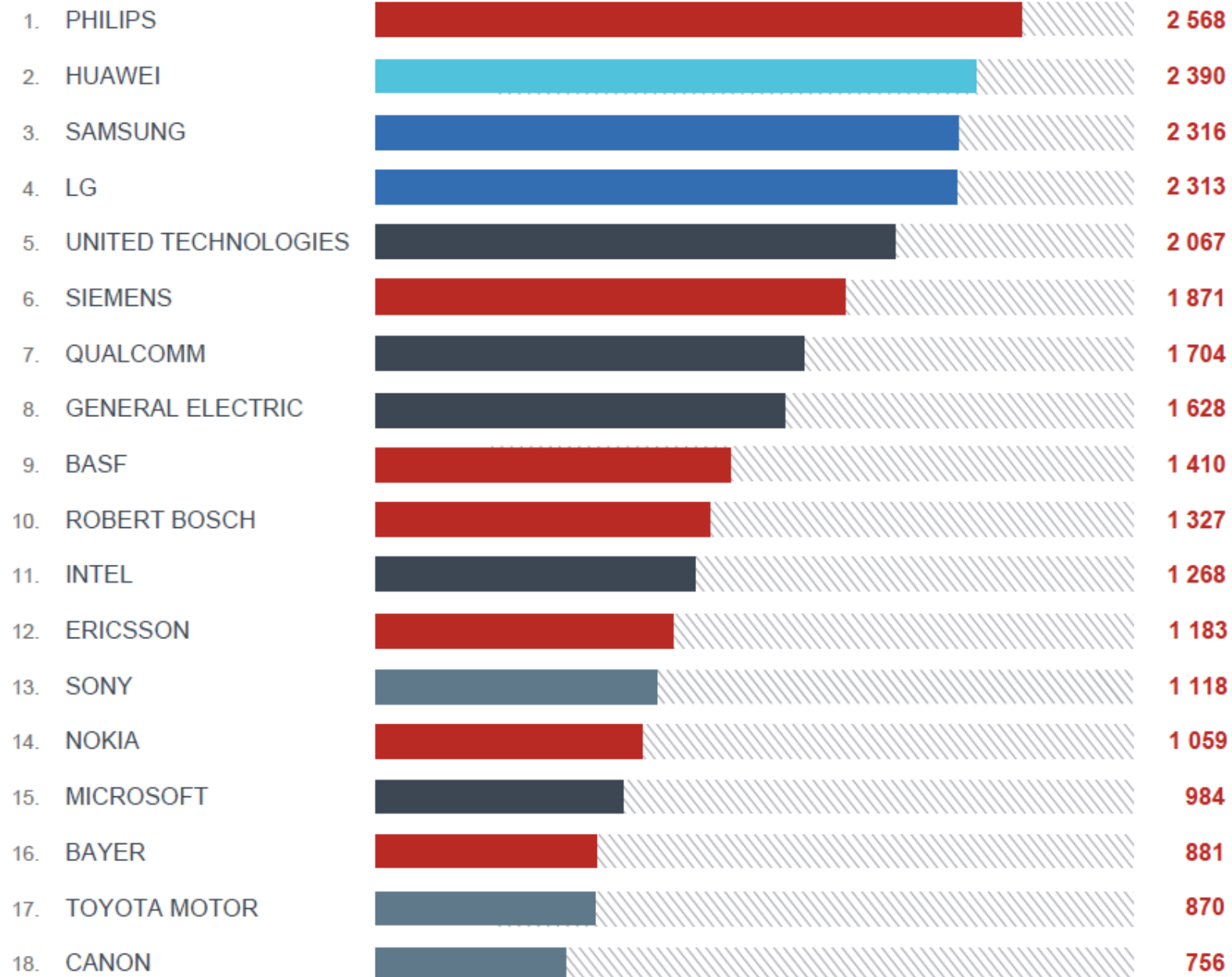
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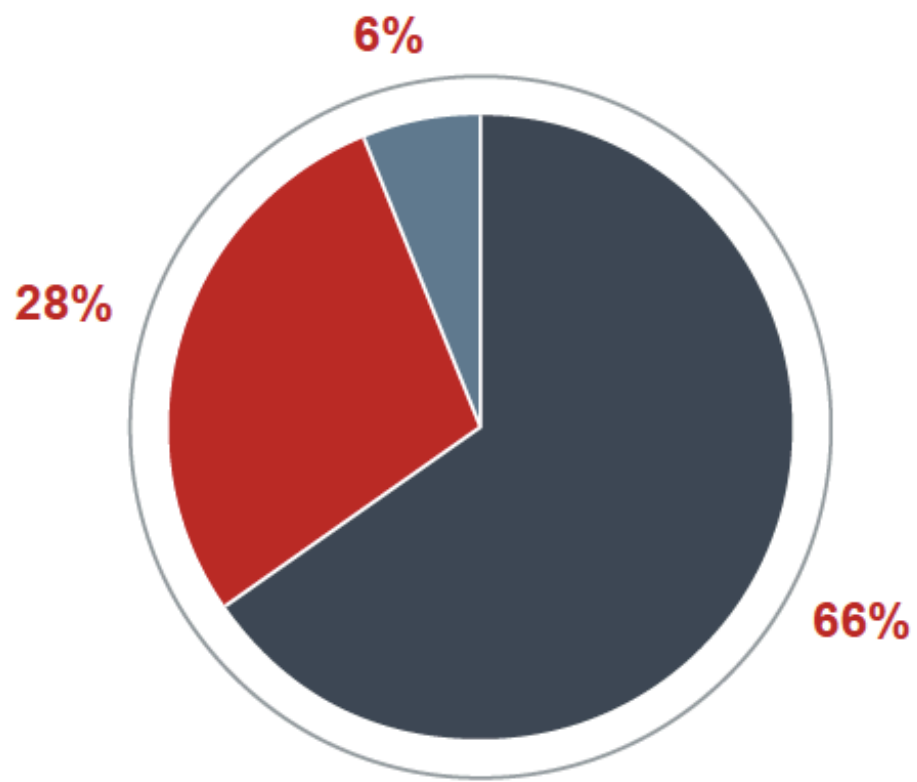


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+0.3% ↑

● EPO ● US ● JP ● CN ● KR





	2016	2015
● Large enterprises	66%	69%
● SMEs ² , individual inventors	28%	26%
● Universities and public research	6%	5%

1. Evaluation based on the analysis of a representative sample of patent applications treated by the EPO in 2016.

2. This analysis bases on the definition of SMEs of the European Commission: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/>

