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Mo. ranks No. 32 for international patent applications

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Missouri is below the national average in terms of number of international patent applications filed in 2006, according to a new study on U.S.-based global intellectual property creation released Wednesday by the [Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation](#)

Missouri ranked No. 32 with 14.5 applications per 100,000 workers in 2006. The state fell five slots from when it was ranked No. 27 in 1998 with 10.8 applications per 100,000 workers.

Illinois ranked No. 17 with 29.6 applications, up four spots from its 1998 ranking of No. 21 with 15.6 applications.

According to a release, the rankings were based on Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) patents versus those submitted only to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. PCT applications arguably represent some of the most sophisticated inventions originating in this country, the release states.

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