

# Glossary: Invention

Statistics Explained

An **invention** is a new solution to a technical problem which satisfies the criteria of:

- novelty: the solution must be novel (new);
- inventiveness: it must involve a (non-obvious) inventive step;
- industrial applicability: it must be capable of industrial use.

## Related concepts

- Innovation
- Patent
- Research and development (R & D)

## Statistical data

- Patent statistics