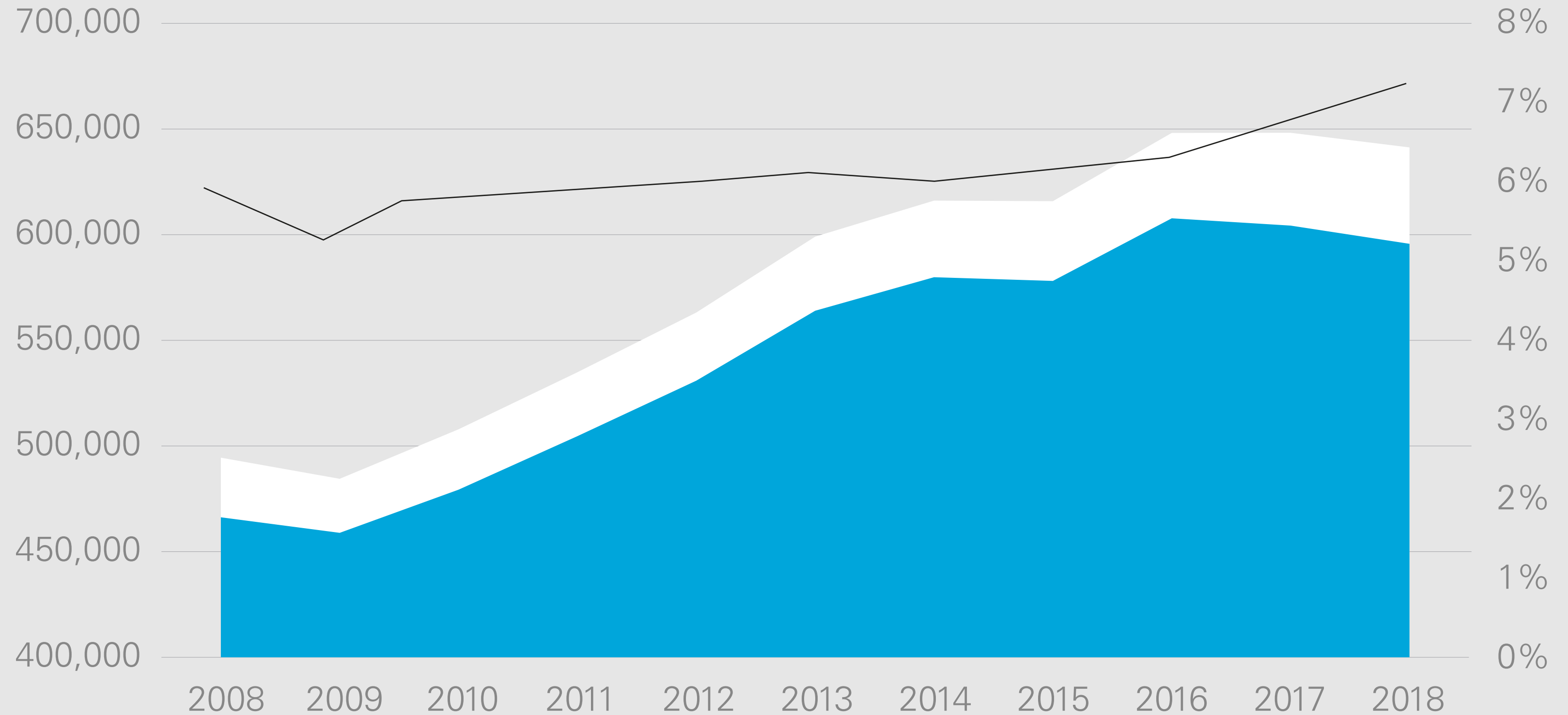


**Figure 1: Application trends**

**Quantity**



■ Design patent applications    ■ Utility patent applications

— Ratio of design patent applications to total patent applications  
(Utility, Design, Plant and Reissue)