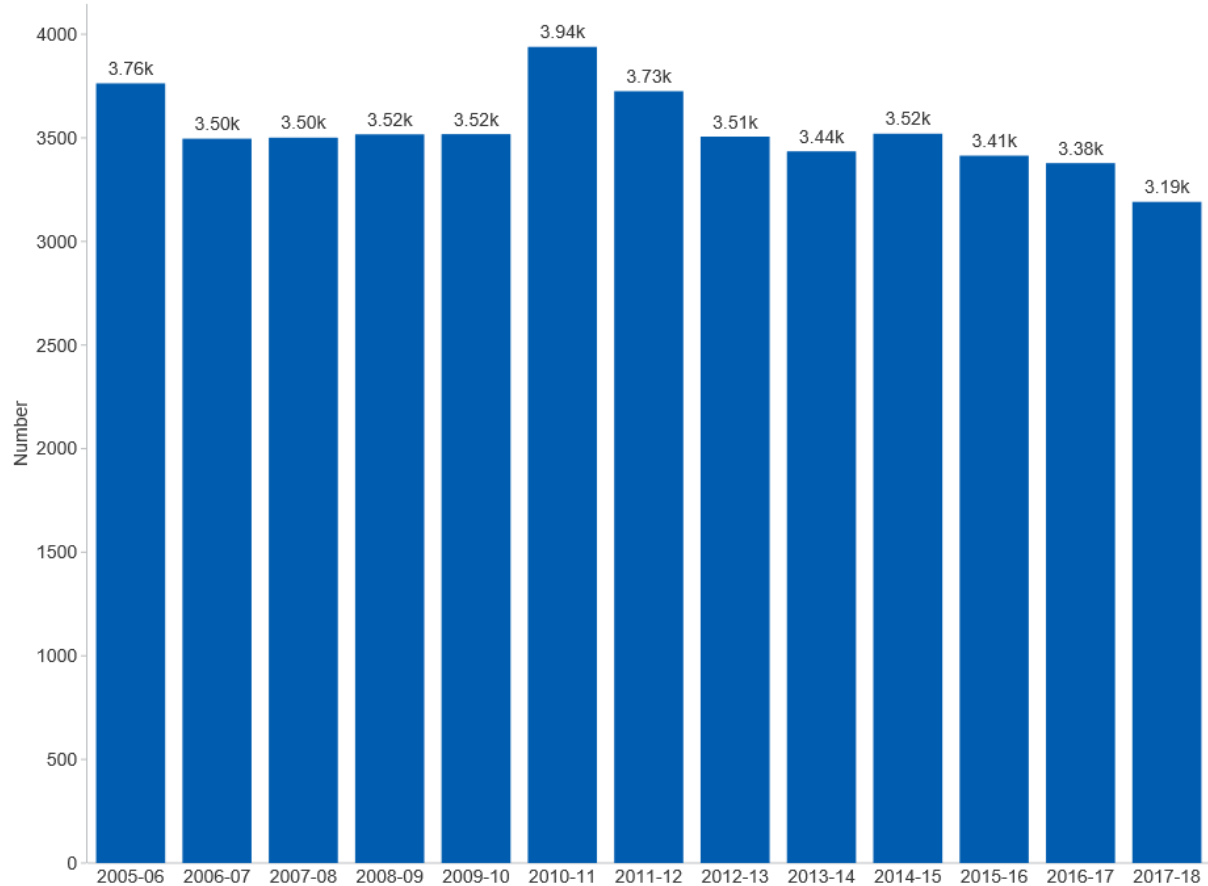


5.3.4 Patent family filings involving Australian applicants

Patent filings are a key indicator of inventive activity. Applications filed in different jurisdictions but claiming the same priority make up a patent family. IP Australia reports that 2,637 resident patent applications were filed in 2019, a slight decrease of 4.3 per cent from 2018 (data not shown).¹ The European Patent Office data shows that, for Australia, the number of patent family filings has remained relatively stable since 2006.²

Figure: Patent family filings involving Australian applicants, total, number, latest 2018



¹ IP Australia (2020) *Australian Intellectual Property Report 2020* (<https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/ip-report-2020>)

² European Patent Office (2020) *PATSTAT 2020: Autumn edition* (<https://www.epo.org/searching-for-patents/business/patstat.html>)