

Republic of Korea

Rankings are delineated on a scale of 0 to 100, designating first place as 100, last place as 0, and 50 indicating the midpoint.



2019 2020 2021 2022

260,614 267,527 272,675

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Patent										
Statistics for applicants residing in this country										
Patent applications; global rank	272,675	1.9%	4 th							
Resident applications	183,748	↓1.3%					D	atent a	nnlicat	ions
Abroad applications; global rank	88,927	10.4%	5 th				r	aterit a	pplicat	lions
Regional rank and share		Asia – 3 rd	11.4%							248.55
	Eas	st Asia – 3 rd	12%	223,560	230,583	238,229	233,834	226,614	232,022	248,550
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank		3,559	1 st							
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank		7,828	1 st							
Utility model applications; global rank	4,019	↓ 14.7%	7 th							
PCT international applications; global rank	22,022	↑6.2%	4 th							
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank		427	3 rd							
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2020-2022)		909	1.5%							
Share of university applications (2020-2022)		7.8%								
Share of women inventors (2020-2022)		15.9%		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PCT national phase entries; global rank	39,855	↑7.9%	5 th				F	lesident		Abroad
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System		42.3%								
PCT top applicants (2020-2022)										
	Samsung Electron	ics Co., Ltd.	10,521							
	LG Elec	tronics Inc.	7,437							
	LG	Chem, Ltd.	2,785							
	LG Energy Sc	lution, Ltd.	1,734							
	LG Inno	tek Co. Ltd.	812							
Top technical fields; share				Тор	foreig	n dest	inatior	ns; shar	'e	
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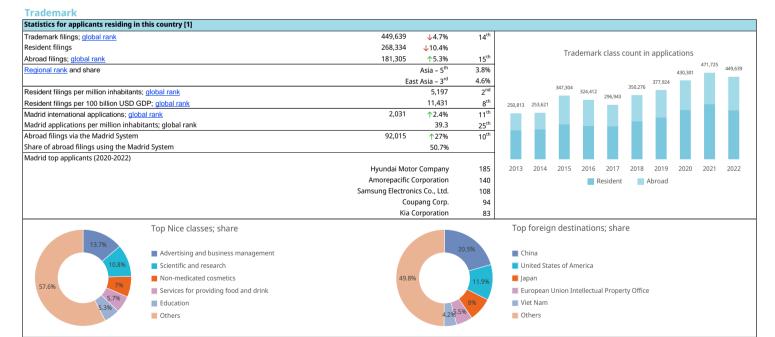
Computer technology 📕 Electrical machinery, apparatus, energy

- Semiconductors
- Audio-visual technology
- Digital communication
- Others



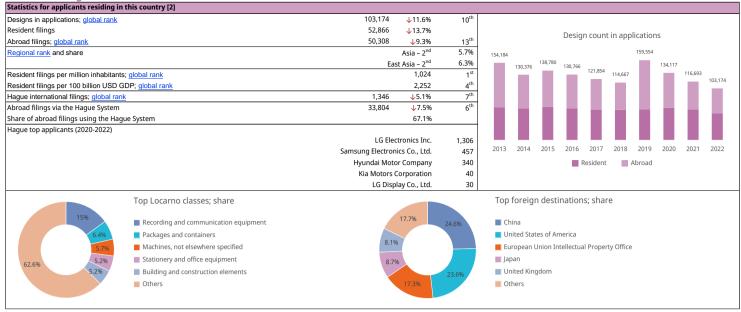
- United States of America China
- European Patent Office
- 📕 Japan
- 📕 India (3.2%)
- Others

Statistics for the IP office						
Total applications; global rank	237,633	↓0.2%	4 th	Country of origin of non-resident applications; share		
Resident; share	183,748	↓1.3%	77.3%	United States of America	17,683	33.5%
Non-resident; share	53,885	↑4.1%	22.7%	Japan	13,861	26.2%
Patent Grants	135,180	√7.3%		China	6,320	12%
Patents in force; global rank	1,214,146		4 th	Germany	3,697	7%
National IP office - applications per examiner		243.0		France	1,690	3.2%
National IP office - grant delay in months		18.4				



Statistics for the IP office [1]						
Total filings; global rank	324,801	√9.9%	11 th	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		-
Resident; share	268,334	↓10.4%	82.6%	United States of America	13,629	24.5%
Non-resident; share	56,467	√7.2%	17.4%	China	9,394	16.9%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	184,354	10.1%		Japan	6,204	11.1%
Trademarks in force; global rank	1,546,679		9 th	Germany	4,048	7.3%
National IP office - applications per examiner		1,944.9		United Kingdom	3,669	6.6%
National IP office - registration delay in days		495.0				

Industrial design



statistics for the P office [2]						
Total filings; global rank	61,136	↓ 11.7%	5 th	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
Resident; share	52,866	↓ 13.7%	86.5%	United States of America	2,183	26.6%
Non-resident; share	8,270	13.2%	13.5%	China	1,649	20.1%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	55,443	↓ 4.1%		Japan	996	12.1%
Industrial designs in force; global rank	406,009		2 nd	Switzerland	634	7.7%
National IP office - applications per examiner		1,455.6		Germany	605	7.4%
National IP office - registration delay in days		180.0				

Geographical indications

Statistics for the IB office [2]

Geographical indications in force by product category	Geographical indications in force by legal means

Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country		Plant variety in force	
Resident	432	National	6,238
Abroad	106		
Regional	Community Plant Variety Office 3		

Note

(1) For trademarks, filings refer to the number of classes specified in applications.

(2) For industrial designs, filings refer to number of designs contained in applications.

(3) Statistics are produced regardless of whether the home office of the applicants supplied statistics or not. An asterisk symbol indicates that the home IP office did not supply statistics.

(4) Statistics relating to "technical fields" are extracted from the Patstat database and are based on the publication date.

(5) The indicator "resident applications per million population" is available for countries with a polulation greater than one million. The "indicator per GDP" is available for countries whose total GDP exceeds 10 billion US Dollar.

(6) Shares of the top foreign destinations are based on absolute count of applications, that is, one application filed at a regional office is counted as one application only. (7) One application filed at the Eurasian Patent Organization, the African Intellectual Property Organization, the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property, the European Union Intellectual Property Office or the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf is multiplied by the corresponding number of member states. One application field at the European Patent Office or the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization is counted as one application abroad if the applicant does not reside in a respective member state, or as one resident application abroad if the applicant resides in a respective member state.

(8) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year. (9) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.

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