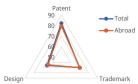


South Africa

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



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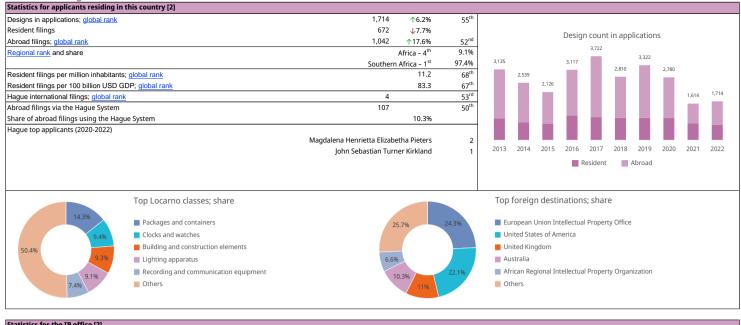
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Statistics for the IP office						
Total applications; global rank	13,990	17.6%	17 th	Country of origin of non-resident applications; share		
Resident; share	1,651	√8.5%	11.8%	China	5,762	46.9%
Non-resident; share	12,339	14.8%	88.2%	United States of America	2,670	21.7%
Patent Grants	11,267	↑84.5%		India	615	5%
Patents in force; global rank	92,226		24 th	Germany	475	3.9%
National IP office - applications per examiner				United Kingdom	272	2.2%
National IP office - grant delay in months						

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]														
Trademark filings; global rank		32,164	↓12.7%	59 th										
Resident filings		22,297	↓13.5%	55										
Abroad filings; global rank		9.867	↓10.8%	58 th			Tra	demarl	k class (count ii	n applic	ations		
Regional rank and share		-,	Africa – 3 rd	13.6%	35.212		38,025	36,004	36,469	34.031	35,172	35,389	36,851	
		Southerr	Africa – 1 st	98%		32,421				34,031				32,16
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank			372	76 th										
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			2,764	75 th										
Madrid international applications; global rank		1	↓50%	102 nd										
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank														
Abroad filings via the Madrid System		10	↓44.4%	111 th										
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System			0.1%											
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Statistics for the IP office [1]						
Total filings; global rank	39,120	↓1.9%	39 th	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share	-	
Resident; share	22,297	↓ 13.5%	57%	United States of America	4,767	28.8%
Non-resident; share	16,823	↑ 19.5%	43%	United Kingdom	1,478	8.9%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	32,998	195.6%		Germany	1,457	8.8%
Trademarks in force; global rank	398,390		26 th	China	1,321	8%
National IP office - applications per examiner				France	855	5.2%
National IP office - registration delay in days						

Industrial design



statistics for the fit office [2]						
Total filings; global rank	1,700	↑8.9%	32 nd	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share	-	-
Resident; share	672	↓7.7%	39.5%	United States of America	270	26.4%
Non-resident; share	1,028	↑23.4%	60.5%	Germany	205	20%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	1,594	↓4.4%		Switzerland	114	11.1%
Industrial designs in force; global rank	18,361		21 st	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	58	5.7%
National IP office - applications per examiner				Australia	51	5%
National IP office - registration delay in days						

Geographical indications

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	47	National	3,637
Abroad	239		
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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.

Source: WIPO statistics database; last updated: 12/2023