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## FOREWORD

The aim of the performance indicators report is to provide users with the latest available statistics of PCT international applications and the performance of the PCT system. This report includes PCT applications statistics and a core set of indicators that provides statistical information about the various stages of the PCT international application process. All the data used in this document, along with longer time series, are available for download from the PCT statistics website:

[www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct](http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct)

Statistics reported in this document are based on:

- PCT international applications, which refer to patent applications filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). PCT filings and PCT applications are used interchangeably to refer to PCT international applications.
- The international phase of the PCT procedure (i.e. this does not include national/regional phase statistics).
- Counts are based on either the international filing date or the priority date or the publication date. The selection of the reference date depends on the indicator and what the indicator attempts to measure.
- Statistics for the most recent quarters (and recent year totals) are incomplete and provisional.
- This document reports statistics for most quarters (and recent year totals). Statistics from 2000 onwards are available for download from the PCT statistics web site.

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PCT Statistics: PCT monthly, quarterly and yearly statistics - [www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/](http://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/statistics/pct/)

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## Methodological Information

### The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) is an international treaty administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The PCT makes it possible to seek patent protection for an invention simultaneously in a large number of countries by filing a single "international application" with a single patent office (i.e. receiving Office). The PCT system simplifies the process of multi-national patent filings by reducing the requirement to file multiple patent applications for multi-national patent rights. The PCT international applications do not result in issuance of "international patents" and the International Bureau (IB) does not grant patents. The decision on whether to confer patent rights remains in the hands of the national and/or regional patent offices, and the patent rights are limited to the jurisdiction of the patent granting authority.

The PCT procedure consists of an international phase and a national/regional phase. The PCT international application process starts with the international phase and concludes with the national/regional phase. The timeline for the PCT procedure is illustrated below<sup>1</sup>. In most cases, the applicant tends to file a patent application at the national patent office in the first instance (date of the first filing is commonly referred to as the priority date), followed by a PCT international application within 12 months from the priority date. Within sixteen months from the priority date, one of the International Searching Authorities (ISA) will conduct an international search and establish an International Search Report (ISR) along with the written opinion of the ISA. The purpose of the international search is to identify all the relevant prior art. The ISR lists all the relevant prior art documents considered to be relevant, the classification of the subject matter and an indication of the field searched. The ISA also establishes a preliminary and non-binding written opinion on the questions whether the invention appears to be novel, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable. Both the ISR and the written opinion are transmitted to the applicant and the International Bureau.

The PCT international application, the ISR, and any amendments are published by the IB after the expiration of the eighteen months from the priority date. At this point the claimed invention is disclosed in the public domain.

The applicant has the option to request for international preliminary examination (IPE). The request for the IPE must be submitted within twenty-two months from the priority date. The main purpose of the IPE is to provide a preliminary non-binding opinion on the patentability (it is novel, involves an inventive step and has an industrial application) of the claimed invention. Within twenty-eight months from the priority date, one of the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEA) will establish an international preliminary report of the patentability IPRP (Chapter II), which includes a statement on the patentability of the invention and the citation of the documents believed to support that statement.

If the applicant wishes to proceed to the national/regional phase, he must enter the national/regional phase within thirty months from the priority date. Once the application enters the national (regional) phase, it is subject to the formalities of the national (or regional) patent office. The application will be processed by the national (regional) patent office to decide whether to confer (or reject) patent rights for the claimed invention.

### PCT Terminology

**International Bureau (IB):** International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization. In addition to its task as receiving Office for applicants from all Contracting States, it handles certain processing tasks in respect of all international applications filed with all receiving Offices worldwide.

**International filing date:** The date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

**International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA):** National patent office (or intergovernmental organization) appointed by the PCT Assembly to carry out the international preliminary examination procedure. IPEA establishes the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT).

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the information and timeline relating to the PCT procedure outlined here are intended for statistical purposes. Only basic information (and terminology) about the PCT procedure is provided to aid readers to understand statistics reported in this document. For comprehensive details about the PCT procedure, please refer to PCT Resources on [www.wipo.int/pct/en](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en).

**International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II of the PCT):** Preliminary, non-binding opinion established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at the request of the applicant, on the questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), and to be industrially applicable.

**International Searching Authority (ISA):** National patent office (or intergovernmental organization) appointed by the PCT Assembly to carry out international searches. It establishes International Search Reports (ISR) and the written opinion of the ISA.

**International Search Report (ISR):** Report established by the International Searching Authority containing citations of documents considered to be relevant, the classification of the subject matter of the invention and an indication of the fields searched.

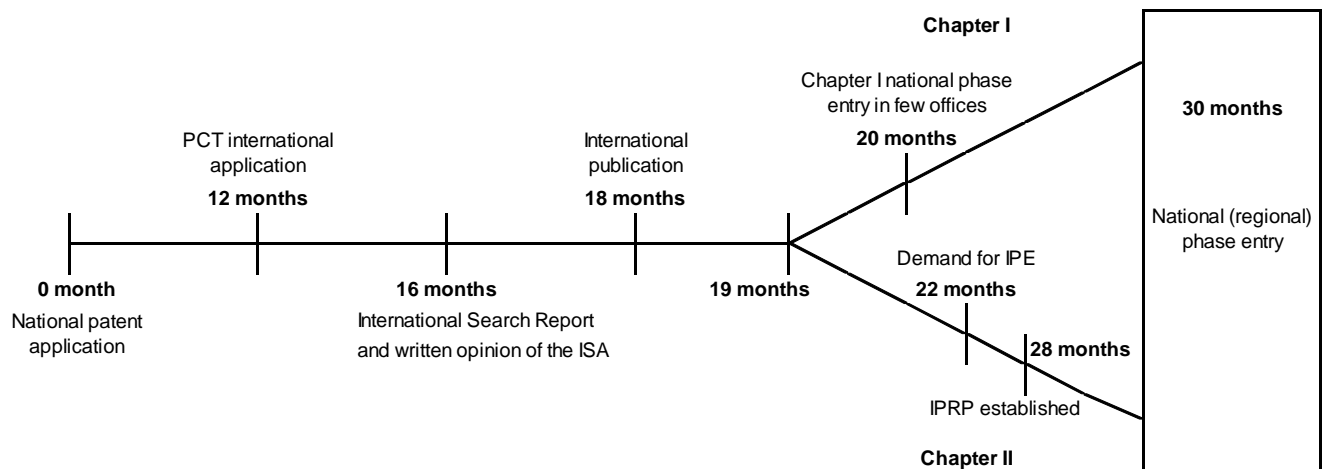
**Medium of filing:** Method used by the applicant to file PCT international application.

**Priority date:** The date of the first filing.

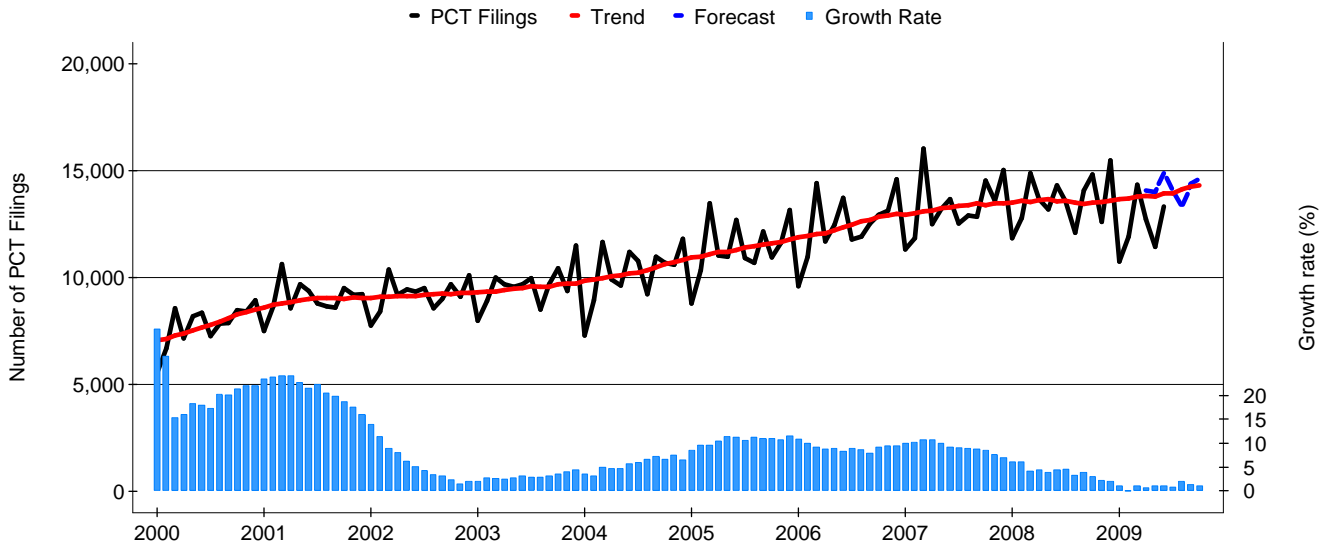
**Publication date:** The date on which the International Bureau (IB) publishes the international application.

**Receiving Office:** Patent office (national, regional, intergovernmental, or international organization) with which the international application is filed.

## PCT Timeline



**Figure 1: Trends in PCT Filings**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. The growth rate is the annualized growth rate based on the trend line. Counts are based on the international filing date.

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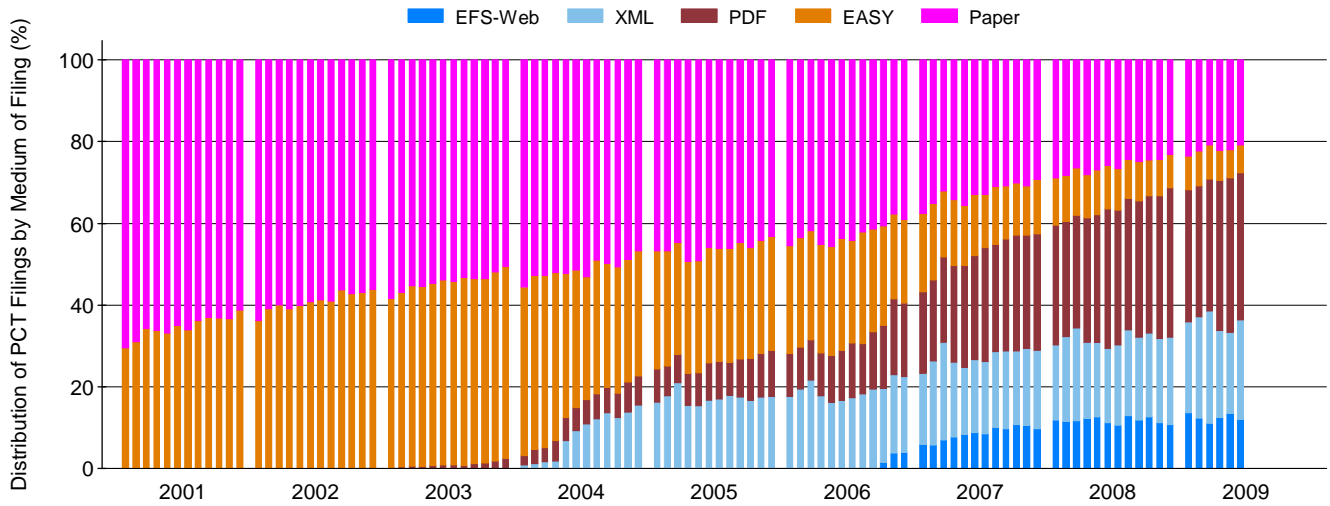
**Number of PCT Filings**

Year	Month												Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
2000	5,525	6,694	8,573	7,151	8,185	8,356	7,244	7,850	7,863	8,457	8,409	8,936	93,243
2001	7,494	8,654	10,616	8,554	9,684	9,368	8,769	8,638	8,586	9,490	9,176	9,207	108,236
2002	7,746	8,392	10,383	9,183	9,449	9,340	9,487	8,560	9,002	9,687	9,093	10,081	110,403
2003	7,971	8,896	9,982	9,685	9,563	9,672	9,953	8,511	9,680	10,433	9,371	11,489	115,206
2004	7,280	8,926	11,653	9,902	9,620	11,179	10,789	9,220	10,967	10,697	10,596	11,805	122,634
2005	8,792	10,340	13,466	11,023	10,956	12,692	10,900	10,699	12,159	10,942	11,623	13,163	136,755
2006	9,592	10,958	14,392	11,680	12,466	13,721	11,773	11,902	12,528	12,935	13,123	14,594	149,664
2007	11,301	11,843	16,023	12,483	13,200	13,648	12,535	12,914	12,826	14,540	13,585	15,038	159,936
2008	11,828	12,792	14,880	13,644	13,190	14,304	13,572	12,083	14,043	14,808	12,574	15,460	163,178
2009 (to date)	10,741	11,887	14,331	12,722	11,431	13,299							74,411

**Annualized Growth Rate of PCT Filings (based on trend line)**

Year	Month												Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
2000	34.0	28.3	15.4	16.0	18.3	18.0	17.4	20.3	20.2	21.4	22.1	22.1	22.1
2001	23.5	24.0	24.2	24.2	22.8	21.5	22.3	20.6	19.9	18.7	17.7	16.1	16.1
2002	13.9	11.4	8.8	8.0	6.1	5.1	4.2	3.4	3.1	2.3	1.4	2.0	2.0
2003	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.4
2004	3.5	3.1	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.7	6.0	6.6	7.1	6.7	7.5	6.4	6.4
2005	8.4	9.6	9.6	10.4	11.5	11.3	10.6	11.2	11.0	11.0	10.7	11.5	11.5
2006	10.8	10.0	9.2	8.8	8.8	8.3	8.9	8.6	7.9	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.4
2007	10.0	10.2	10.6	10.7	10.0	9.2	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.4	7.6	6.9	6.9
2008	6.0	6.0	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.5	3.3	3.9	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
2009 (to date)	1.0	-0.1	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0							

**Figure 2: Trends in PCT Filings by Medium of Filing**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Counts are based on the international filing date. EASY (Electronic Application System) and EFS-Web (Electronic Filing System).

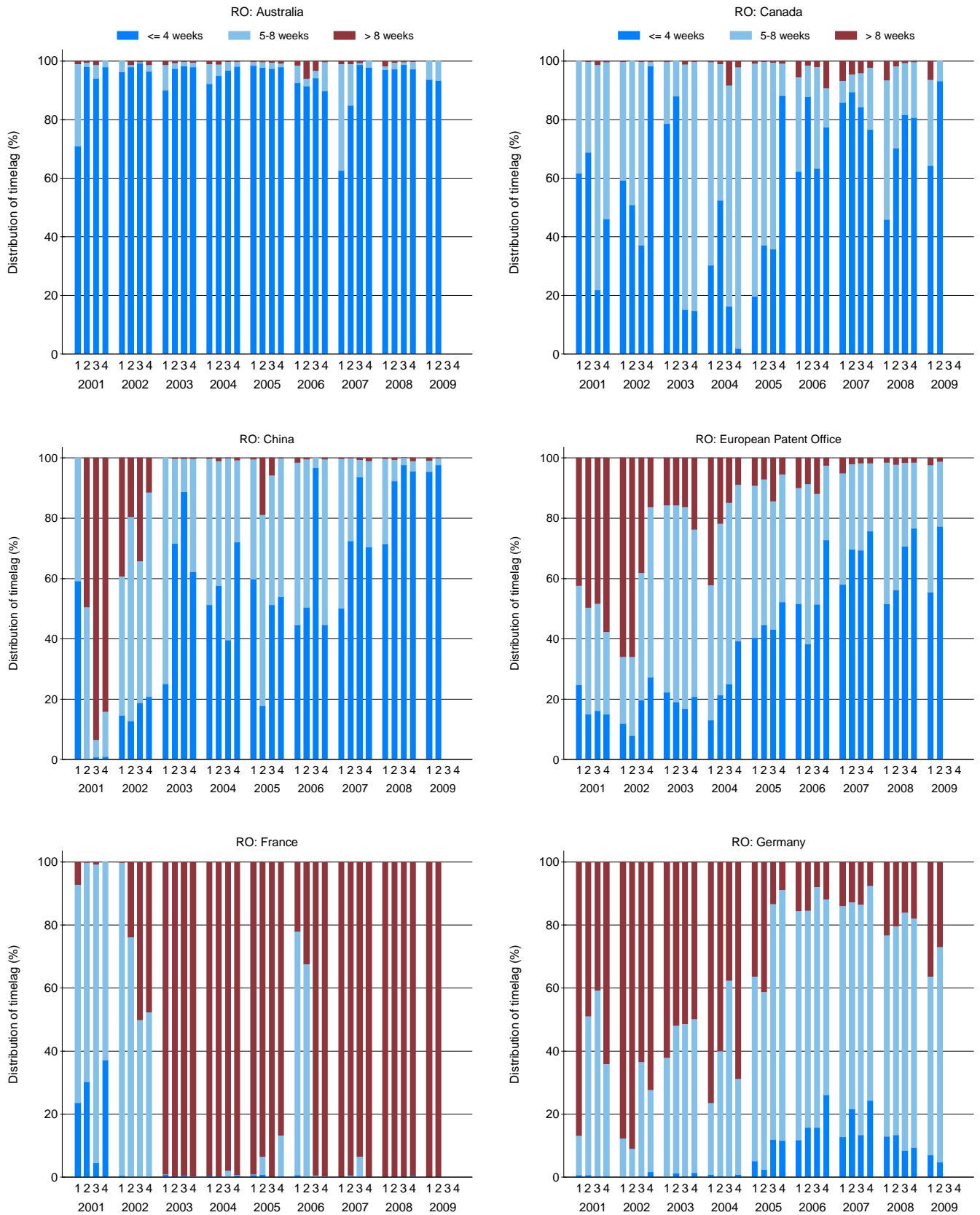
**Trends in PCT Filings by Medium of Filing (Paper, EASY, PDF, XML and EFS-Web)**

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Counts are based on the international filing date. EASY (Electronic Application System) and EFS-Web (Electronic Filing System).

		Number of PCT Filings by Medium of Filing						Share of PCT filings by Medium of Filing (%)				
Year	Month	Total	Paper	EASY	PDF	XML	EFS-Web	Paper	EASY	PDF	XML	EFS-Web
2004	-	122,634	62,713	42,582	6,724	10,615		51.1	34.7	5.5	8.7	
2005	-	136,755	62,936	38,050	12,124	23,645		46.0	27.8	8.9	17.3	
2006	-	149,664	63,479	37,738	19,695	27,495	1,257	42.4	25.2	13.2	18.4	0.8
2007	-	159,936	52,188	23,583	40,248	30,207	13,710	32.6	14.7	25.2	18.9	8.6
2008	-	163,178	42,506	16,507	52,364	32,722	19,079	26.0	10.1	32.1	20.1	11.7
2009	-	74,411	16,279	5,774	25,686	17,461	9,211	21.9	7.8	34.5	23.5	12.4
2006	4	11,680	5,282	3,109	1,221	2,068		45.2	26.6	10.5	17.7	
2006	5	12,466	5,693	3,338	1,432	2,003		45.7	26.8	11.5	16.1	
2006	6	13,721	6,011	3,744	1,677	2,289		43.8	27.3	12.2	16.7	
2006	7	11,773	5,201	2,956	1,581	2,035		44.2	25.1	13.4	17.3	
2006	8	11,902	5,023	3,254	1,447	2,178		42.2	27.3	12.2	18.3	
2006	9	12,528	5,197	3,149	1,763	2,419		41.5	25.1	14.1	19.3	
2006	10	12,935	5,259	3,149	1,997	2,332	198	40.7	24.3	15.4	18.0	1.5
2006	11	13,123	4,956	2,740	2,424	2,512	491	37.8	20.9	18.5	19.1	3.7
2006	12	14,594	5,706	2,978	2,628	2,714	568	39.1	20.4	18.0	18.6	3.9
2007	1	11,301	4,260	2,155	2,257	1,977	652	37.7	19.1	20.0	17.5	5.8
2007	2	11,843	4,177	2,205	2,346	2,447	668	35.3	18.6	19.8	20.7	5.6
2007	3	16,023	5,147	2,580	3,368	3,803	1,125	32.1	16.1	21.0	23.7	7.0
2007	4	12,483	4,275	2,020	2,948	2,299	941	34.2	16.2	23.6	18.4	7.5
2007	5	13,200	4,717	1,938	3,278	2,175	1,092	35.7	14.7	24.8	16.5	8.3
2007	6	13,648	4,496	2,053	3,473	2,433	1,193	32.9	15.0	25.4	17.8	8.7
2007	7	12,535	4,136	1,639	3,493	2,204	1,063	33.0	13.1	27.9	17.6	8.5
2007	8	12,914	4,000	1,849	3,378	2,394	1,293	31.0	14.3	26.2	18.5	10.0
2007	9	12,826	3,963	1,676	3,512	2,421	1,254	30.9	13.1	27.4	18.9	9.8
2007	10	14,540	4,403	1,843	4,126	2,618	1,550	30.3	12.7	28.4	18.0	10.7
2007	11	13,585	4,200	1,626	3,777	2,561	1,421	30.9	12.0	27.8	18.9	10.5
2007	12	15,038	4,414	1,999	4,292	2,875	1,458	29.4	13.3	28.5	19.1	9.7
2008	1	11,828	3,415	1,379	3,466	2,172	1,396	28.9	11.7	29.3	18.4	11.8
2008	2	12,792	3,611	1,457	3,598	2,657	1,469	28.2	11.4	28.1	20.8	11.5
2008	3	14,880	3,958	1,714	4,105	3,365	1,738	26.6	11.5	27.6	22.6	11.7
2008	4	13,644	3,848	1,451	4,147	2,516	1,682	28.2	10.6	30.4	18.4	12.3
2008	5	13,190	3,572	1,447	4,104	2,402	1,665	27.1	11.0	31.1	18.2	12.6
2008	6	14,304	3,706	1,520	4,886	2,606	1,586	25.9	10.6	34.2	18.2	11.1
2008	7	13,572	3,632	1,374	4,466	2,679	1,421	26.8	10.1	32.9	19.7	10.5
2008	8	12,083	2,947	1,161	3,878	2,531	1,566	24.4	9.6	32.1	20.9	13.0
2008	9	14,043	3,506	1,341	4,691	2,855	1,650	25.0	9.5	33.4	20.3	11.7
2008	10	14,808	3,648	1,293	4,983	3,026	1,858	24.6	8.7	33.7	20.4	12.5
2008	11	12,574	3,081	1,111	4,384	2,605	1,393	24.5	8.8	34.9	20.7	11.1
2008	12	15,460	3,582	1,259	5,656	3,308	1,655	23.2	8.1	36.6	21.4	10.7
2009	1	10,741	2,535	890	3,480	2,378	1,458	23.6	8.3	32.4	22.1	13.6
2009	2	11,887	2,649	1,023	3,816	2,930	1,469	22.3	8.6	32.1	24.6	12.4
2009	3	14,331	2,984	1,222	4,600	3,957	1,568	20.8	8.5	32.1	27.6	10.9
2009	4	12,722	2,825	934	4,673	2,708	1,582	22.2	7.3	36.7	21.3	12.4
2009	5	11,431	2,515	795	4,333	2,253	1,535	22.0	7.0	37.9	19.7	13.4
2009	6	13,299	2,771	910	4,784	3,235	1,599	20.8	6.8	36.0	24.3	12.0

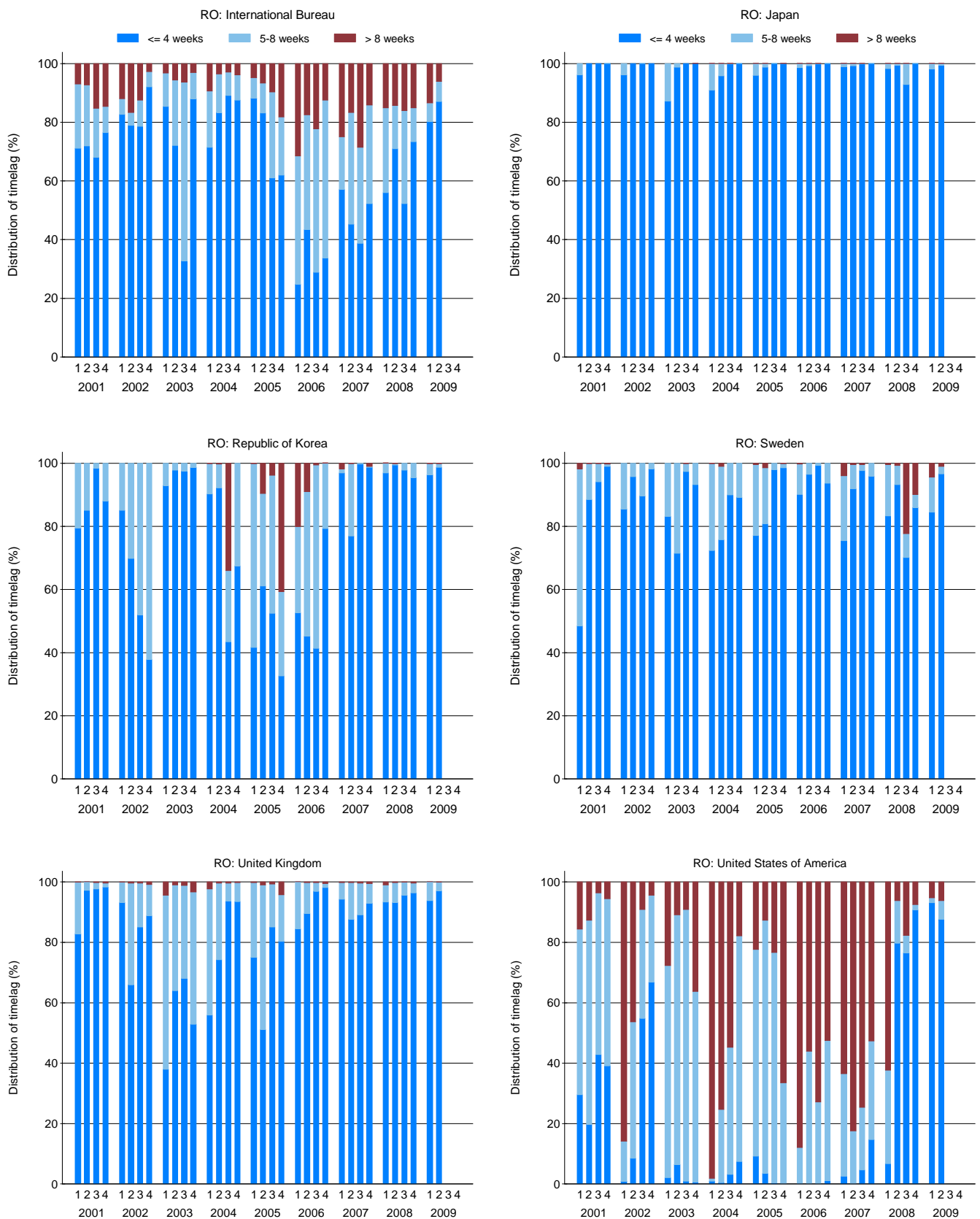
**Figure 3a: Timeliness of Receiving Offices (RO) to transmit copies of PCT applications to the International Bureau: Selected Receiving Offices**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the international filing date and the date on which the International Bureau received a copy of the PCT application from the Receiving Office.

**Figure 3b: Timeliness of Receiving Offices (RO) to transmit copies of PCT applications to the International Bureau: Selected Receiving Offices**



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## Timeliness of Receiving Offices (RO) to Transmit Copies of PCT Application to the International Bureau (IB)

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Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. This indicator shows the timeliness of the RO to transmit copies of PCT application to the International Bureau (IB). Delay is calculated as the time difference between the international filing date and the date on which the IB received a copy of the PCT application from the RO.

RO_Name / Delay Year / Quarter		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 to date	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
		-	-	-	-	-	-		3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Australia	<= 4 weeks	1,649	1,724	1,928	1,760	1,836	1,897	796	505	446	415	449	462	434	326	439	513	558	435	493	524	445	382	414
	Between 5-8 weeks	55	68	35	101	280	33	56	11	6	27	13	13	48	190	74	3	13	5	11	5	12	26	30
	> 8 weeks	11	12	10	55	14	14		3	4	7	30	16	2	5	5	4		8	3	2	1		
	Total	1,715	1,804	1,973	1,916	2,130	1,944	852	519	456	449	492	491	484	521	518	520	571	448	507	531	458	408	444
Canada	<= 4 weeks	959	473	908	1,543	1,918	1,621	781	177	428	294	513	346	390	490	574	465	389	318	470	385	448	295	486
	Between 5-8 weeks	988	1,348	1,125	472	252	708	171	314	54	152	63	190	67	43	38	64	107	331	187	84	106	135	36
	> 8 weeks	7	53	13	93	103	62	29	3	4	26	9	11	47	38	30	23	12	45	12	3	2	29	
	Total	1,954	1,874	2,046	2,108	2,273	2,391	981	494	486	472	585	547	504	571	642	552	508	694	669	472	556	459	522
China	<= 4 weeks	723	814	1,055	2,193	3,863	5,477	3,398	385	329	330	458	1,047	358	714	900	1,287	962	1,178	1,366	1,442	1,491	1,606	1,792
	Between 5-8 weeks	410	676	1,073	1,321	1,518	660	106	323	281	398	447	35	441	709	340	80	389	468	105	35	52	63	43
	> 8 weeks	3	9	135	19	29	33	18	44	1	11	4		4	5	2	8	14	5	10	1	17	16	2
	Total	1,136	1,499	2,263	3,533	5,410	6,170	3,522	752	611	739	909	1,082	803	1,428	1,242	1,375	1,365	1,651	1,481	1,478	1,560	1,685	1,837
European Patent Office	<= 4 weeks	2,888	4,821	9,561	12,732	17,342	18,895	9,316	2,323	2,844	2,864	1,584	3,974	4,310	3,614	4,491	4,628	4,609	3,868	3,932	5,280	5,815	4,098	5,218
	Between 5-8 weeks	9,250	10,302	9,683	8,657	7,437	10,184	4,574	2,286	2,305	2,134	2,200	2,848	1,475	2,317	1,822	1,928	1,370	3,529	2,917	2,068	1,670	3,114	1,460
	> 8 weeks	2,633	4,191	1,913	1,975	674	512	262	774	300	553	356	919	147	314	134	117	109	115	158	127	112	182	80
	Total	14,771	19,314	21,157	23,364	25,453	29,591	14,152	5,383	5,449	5,551	4,140	7,741	5,932	6,245	6,447	6,673	6,088	7,512	7,007	7,475	7,597	7,394	6,758
France	<= 4 weeks	15	14	20	9	7	6	1	2	4	6	1	1	1	2	4	1			1	1	4		1
	Between 5-8 weeks	4	21	221	1,415	55	1			167	831	578	3	3			3	52					1	
	> 8 weeks	3,743	3,697	3,942	2,247	3,512	3,439	1,900	952	1,115	237	279	606	1,125	874	1,134	760	744	643	846	951	999	793	1,107
	Total	3,762	3,732	4,183	3,671	3,574	3,446	1,901	954	1,286	1,074	858	610	1,129	876	1,141	813	744	643	847	952	1,004	793	1,108
Germany	<= 4 weeks	31	14	193	394	421	234	59	76	67	64	86	97	147	77	116	84	144	68	72	43	51	36	23
	Between 5-8 weeks	1,926	1,192	1,695	1,600	1,660	1,478	618	481	464	398	378	474	350	443	353	459	405	336	359	383	400	292	326
	> 8 weeks	2,258	1,866	641	286	283	413	316	86	51	85	85	49	67	84	69	85	45	123	110	81	99	187	129
	Total	4,215	3,072	2,529	2,280	2,364	2,125	993	643	582	547	549	620	564	604	538	628	594	527	541	507	550	515	478
International Bureau	<= 4 weeks	4,342	5,923	5,371	2,848	4,593	5,971	3,917	1,063	1,088	467	999	516	866	1,374	931	839	1,449	1,154	1,759	1,082	1,976	1,953	1,964
	Between 5-8 weeks	1,674	862	1,182	3,985	2,857	1,927	305	511	350	824	897	878	1,386	431	785	709	932	597	366	655	309	153	152
	> 8 weeks	292	344	713	1,725	1,966	1,418	473	172	320	596	405	400	324	602	347	622	395	314	357	336	411	331	142
	Total	6,308	7,129	7,266	8,558	9,416	9,316	4,695	1,746	1,758	1,887	2,301	1,794	2,576	2,407	2,063	2,170	2,776	2,065	2,482	2,073	2,696	2,437	2,258
Japan	<= 4 weeks	16,138	19,247	24,233	26,034	26,223	27,625	14,864	5,894	6,093	6,376	6,715	6,206	6,737	6,825	7,127	5,693	6,578	7,150	6,471	6,594	7,410	7,554	7,310
	Between 5-8 weeks	555	638	361	170	162	684	202	4	4	97	61	8	4	84	64	10	4	133	43	503	5	154	48
	> 8 weeks	1	3	4	6	8	6	3		2	2	2	2		1	3	4		2	1	3		1	2
	Total	16,694	19,888	24,598	26,210	26,393	28,315	15,069	5,898	6,099	6,475	6,778	6,216	6,741	6,910	7,194	5,707	6,582	7,285	6,515	7,100	7,415	7,709	7,360
Republic of Korea	<= 4 weeks	2,846	2,282	1,951	3,896	6,541	7,580	3,646	515	264	1,076	508	573	1,739	1,574	1,171	1,627	2,169	1,957	1,691	2,063	1,869	1,750	1,896
	Between 5-8 weeks	89	602	1,578	2,328	381	210	87	430	217	556	513	807	452	21	349	6	5	62	8	48	92	64	23
	> 8 weeks		329	493	525	56	4	5	38	331	413	102	8	2	30	2		24	2	2			3	2
	Total	2,935	3,213	4,022	6,749	6,978	7,794	3,738	983	812	2,045	1,123	1,388	2,193	1,625	1,522	1,633	2,198	2,021	1,701	2,111	1,961	1,817	1,921
Sweden	<= 4 weeks	1,796	1,638	1,869	1,949	2,008	1,907	1,068	469	550	472	520	407	550	448	525	455	580	553	383	451	520	512	556
	Between 5-8 weeks	295	377	237	110	200	207	81	10	7	50	19	3	38	122	44	9	25	108	25	49	25	67	14
	> 8 weeks	1	7	11	2	29	210	33		1	2				24	3	2		3	144	60	27	6	
	Total	2,092	2,022	2,117	2,061	2,237	2,324	1,182	479	558	524	539	410	588	594	572	466	605	664	411	644	605	606	576
United Kingdom	<= 4 weeks	3,038	4,316	3,663	4,869	4,991	5,077	2,288	1,083	976	1,159	1,154	1,327	1,229	1,224	1,328	1,278	1,161	1,310	1,256	1,291	1,220	1,170	1,118
	Between 5-8 weeks	2,275	1,171	1,384	400	490	268	109	180	186	213	132	38	17	72	184	151	83	78	89	59	42	77	32
	> 8 weeks	139	54	84	17	21	28	3	10	53	1	4	5	7	4	4	6	7	16	4	2	6	1	2
	Total	5,452	5,541	5,131	5,286	5,502	5,373	2,400	1,273	1,215	1,373	1,290	1,370	1,253	1,300	1,516	1,435	1,251	1,404	1,349	1,352	1,268	1,248	1,152
United States of America	<= 4 weeks	1,103	1,311	1,592	197	2,728	36,975	20,320	29	10	24	21	25	127	265	13	763	1,687	1,239	12,470	11,203	12,063	10,499	9,821
	Between 5-8 weeks	29,923	15,886	29,130	16,977	13,090	9,044	887	7,804	3,736	1,360	6,050	3,707	5,860	3,527	2,334	3,488	3,741	5,756	2,204	841	243	190	697
	> 8 weeks	7,712	26,417	14,083	34,557	36,334	16,187	1,297	2,400	7,421	10,132	7,761	10,032	6,632	6,599	11,100	12,576	6,059	11,596	967	2,613	1,011	597	700
	Total	38,738	43,614	44,805	51,731	52,152	62,206	22,504	10,233	11,167	11,516	13,832	13,764	12,619	10,391	13,447	16,827	11,487	18,591	15,641	14,657	13,317	11,286	11,218

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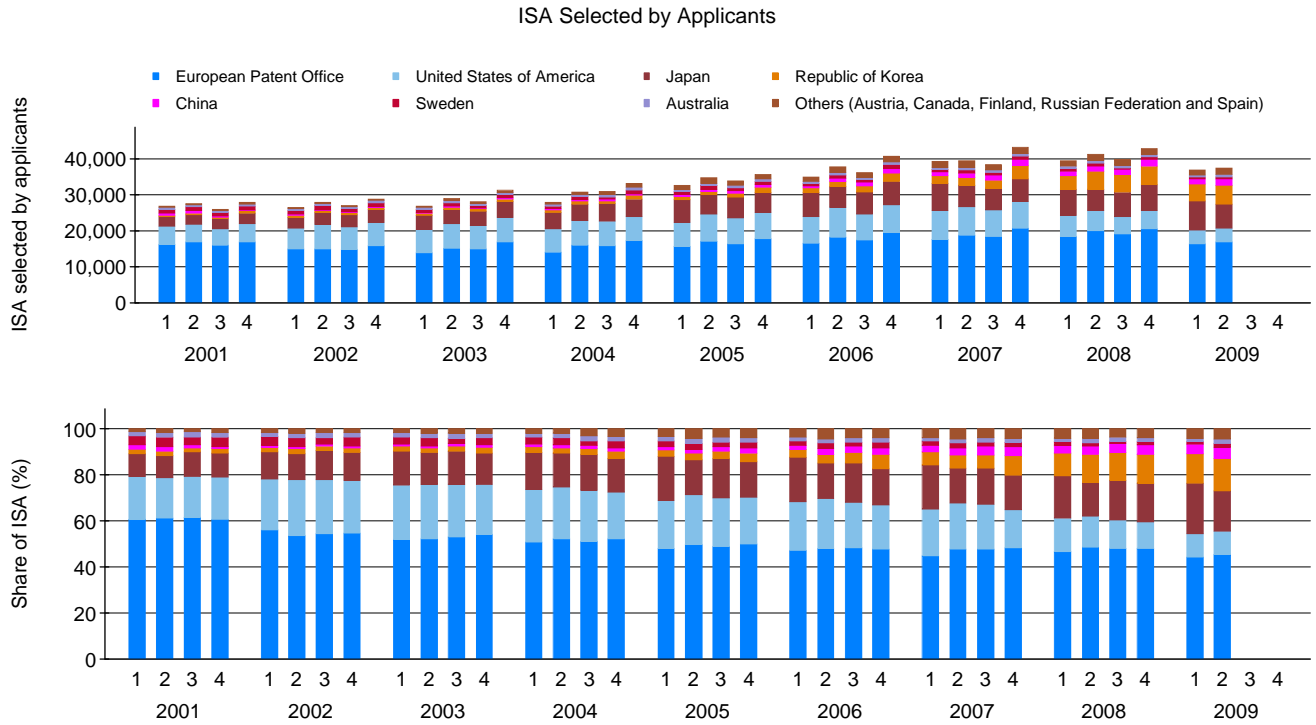
Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

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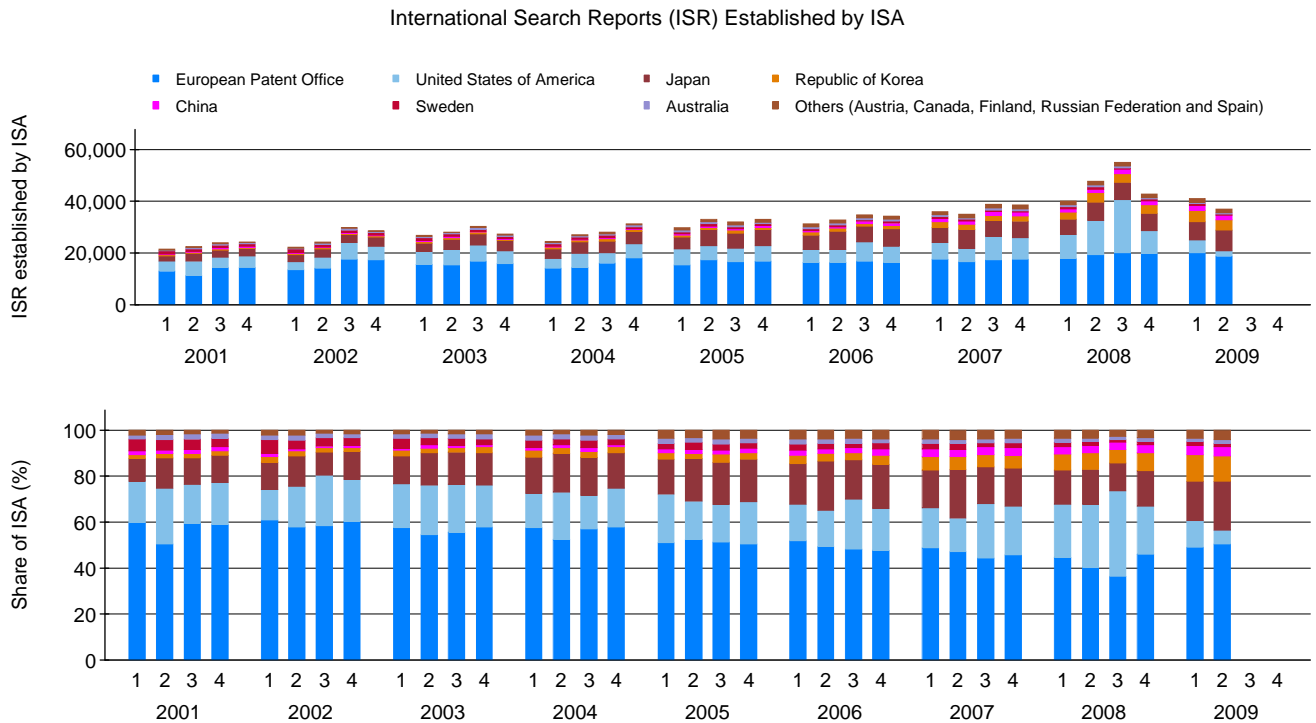
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RO_Name / Delay Year / Quarter		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	
		-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Australia	<= 4 weeks	96.2	95.6	97.7	91.9	86.2	97.6	93.4	97.3	97.8	92.4	91.3	94.1	89.7	62.6	84.7	98.7	97.7	97.1	97.2	98.7	97.2	93.6	93.2
	Between 5-8 weeks	3.2	3.8	1.8	5.3	13.1	1.7	6.6	2.1	1.3	6.0	2.6	2.6	9.9	36.5	14.3	0.6	2.3	1.1	2.2	0.9	2.6	6.4	6.8
	> 8 weeks	0.6	0.7	0.5	2.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.6	6.1	3.3	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.6	0.4	0.2			
Canada	<= 4 weeks	49.1	25.2	44.4	73.2	84.4	67.8	79.6	35.8	88.1	62.3	87.7	63.3	77.4	85.8	89.4	84.2	76.6	45.8	70.3	81.6	80.6	64.3	93.1
	Between 5-8 weeks	50.6	71.9	55.0	22.4	11.1	29.6	17.4	63.6	11.1	32.2	10.8	34.7	13.3	7.5	5.9	11.6	21.1	47.7	28.0	17.8	19.1	29.4	6.9
	> 8 weeks	0.4	2.8	0.6	4.4	4.5	2.6	3.0	0.6	0.8	5.5	1.5	2.0	9.3	6.7	4.7	4.2	2.4	6.5	1.8	0.6	0.4	6.3	
China	<= 4 weeks	63.6	54.3	46.6	62.1	71.4	88.8	96.5	51.2	53.8	44.7	50.4	96.8	44.6	50.0	72.5	93.6	70.5	71.4	92.2	97.6	95.6	95.3	97.6
	Between 5-8 weeks	36.1	45.1	47.4	37.4	28.1	10.7	3.0	43.0	46.0	53.9	49.2	3.2	54.9	49.6	27.4	5.8	28.5	28.3	7.1	2.4	3.3	3.7	2.3
	> 8 weeks	0.3	0.6	6.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	5.9	0.2	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.9	0.1	
European Patent Office	<= 4 weeks	19.6	25.0	45.2	54.5	68.1	63.9	65.8	43.2	52.2	51.6	38.3	51.3	72.7	57.9	69.7	69.4	75.7	51.5	56.1	70.6	76.5	55.4	77.2
	Between 5-8 weeks	62.6	53.3	45.8	37.1	29.2	34.4	32.3	42.5	42.3	38.4	53.1	36.8	24.9	37.1	28.3	28.9	22.5	47.0	41.6	27.7	22.0	42.1	21.6
	> 8 weeks	17.8	21.7	9.0	8.5	2.6	1.7	1.9	14.4	5.5	10.0	8.6	11.9	2.5	5.0	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.5	2.5	1.2
France	<= 4 weeks	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1			0.1	0.1	0.4		0.1
	Between 5-8 weeks	0.1	0.6	5.3	38.5	1.5	0.0			13.0	77.4	67.4	0.5	0.3									0.1	
	> 8 weeks	99.5	99.1	94.2	61.2	98.3	99.8	99.9	99.8	86.7	22.1	32.5	99.3	99.6	99.8	99.4	93.5	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.5	100.0	99.9
Germany	<= 4 weeks	0.7	0.5	7.6	17.3	17.8	11.0	5.9	11.8	11.5	11.7	15.7	15.6	26.1	12.7	21.6	13.4	24.2	12.9	13.3	8.5	9.3	7.0	4.8
	Between 5-8 weeks	45.7	38.8	67.0	70.2	70.2	69.6	62.2	74.8	79.7	72.8	68.9	76.5	62.1	73.3	65.6	73.1	68.2	63.8	66.4	75.5	72.7	56.7	68.2
	> 8 weeks	53.6	60.7	25.3	12.5	12.0	19.4	31.8	13.4	8.8	15.5	15.5	7.9	11.9	13.9	12.8	13.5	7.6	23.3	20.3	16.0	18.0	36.3	27.0
International Bureau	<= 4 weeks	68.8	83.1	73.9	33.3	48.8	64.1	83.4	60.9	61.9	24.7	43.4	28.8	33.6	57.1	45.1	38.7	52.2	55.9	70.9	52.2	73.3	80.1	87.0
	Between 5-8 weeks	26.5	12.1	16.3	46.6	30.3	20.7	6.5	29.3	19.9	43.7	39.0	48.9	53.8	17.9	38.1	32.7	33.6	28.9	14.7	31.6	11.5	6.3	6.7
	> 8 weeks	4.6	4.8	9.8	20.2	20.9	15.2	10.1	9.9	18.2	31.6	17.6	22.3	12.6	25.0	16.8	28.7	14.2	15.2	14.4	16.2	15.2	13.6	6.3
Japan	<= 4 weeks	96.7	96.8	98.5	99.3	99.4	97.6	98.6	99.9	99.9	98.5	99.1	99.8	99.9	98.8	99.1	99.8	99.9	98.1	99.3	92.9	99.9	98.0	99.3
	Between 5-8 weeks	3.3	3.2	1.5	0.6	0.6	2.4	1.3	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.9	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	1.8	0.7	7.1	0.1	2.0	0.7
	> 8 weeks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Republic of Korea	<= 4 weeks	97.0	71.0	48.5	57.7	93.7	97.3	97.5	52.4	32.5	52.6	45.2	41.3	79.3	96.9	76.9	99.6	98.7	96.8	99.4	97.7	95.3	96.3	98.7
	Between 5-8 weeks	3.0	18.7	39.2	34.5	5.5	2.7	2.3	43.7	26.7	27.2	45.7	58.1	20.6	1.3	22.9	0.4	0.2	3.1	0.5	2.3	4.7	3.5	1.2
	> 8 weeks		10.2	12.3	7.8	0.8	0.1	0.1	3.9	40.8	20.2	9.1	0.6	0.1	1.8	0.1		1.1	0.1	0.1			0.2	0.1
Sweden	<= 4 weeks	85.9	81.0	88.3	94.6	89.8	82.1	90.4	97.9	98.6	90.1	96.5	99.3	93.5	75.4	91.8	97.6	95.9	83.3	93.2	70.0	86.0	84.5	96.5
	Between 5-8 weeks	14.1	18.6	11.2	5.3	8.9	8.9	6.9	2.1	1.3	9.5	3.5	0.7	6.5	20.5	7.7	1.9	4.1	16.3	6.1	7.6	4.1	11.1	2.4
	> 8 weeks	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	1.3	9.0	2.8		0.2	0.4				4.0	0.5	0.4		0.5	0.7	22.4	9.9	4.5	1.0
United Kingdom	<= 4 weeks	55.7	77.9	71.4	92.1	90.7	94.5	95.3	85.1	80.3	84.4	89.5	96.9	98.1	94.2	87.6	89.1	92.8	93.3	93.1	95.5	96.2	93.8	97.0
	Between 5-8 weeks	41.7	21.1	27.0	7.6	8.9	5.0	4.5	14.1	15.3	15.5	10.2	2.8	1.4	5.5	12.1	10.5	6.6	5.6	6.6	4.4	3.3	6.2	2.8
	> 8 weeks	2.5	1.0	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	4.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2
United States of America	<= 4 weeks	2.8	3.0	3.6	0.4	5.2	59.4	90.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	2.6	0.1	4.5	14.7	6.7	79.7	76.4	90.6	93.0	87.5
	Between 5-8 weeks	77.2	36.4	65.0	32.8	25.1	14.5	3.9	76.3	33.5	11.8	43.7	26.9	46.4	33.9	17.4	20.7	32.6	31.0	14.1	5.7	1.8	1.7	6.2
	> 8 weeks	19.9	60.6	31.4	66.8	69.7	26.0	5.8	23.5	66.5	88.0	56.1	72.9	52.6	63.5	82.5	74.7	52.7	62.4	6.2	17.8	7.6	5.3	6.2

**Figure 4a: International Searching Authorities (ISA) Selected by PCT Applicants**



**Figure 4b: International Search Reports (ISR) Established by International Searching Authorities (ISA)**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Counts are based on the date of establishment of the International Search Report. NPI (Nordic Patent Institute).

### International Search Authorities (ISAs) Selected by PCT Applicants

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

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#### ISA selected by applicants

ISA_Name Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 to date	2005 3	2005 4	2006 1	2006 2	2006 3	2006 4	2007 1	2007 2	2007 3	2007 4	2008 1	2008 2	2008 3	2008 4	2009 1	2009 2
Australia	2,249	2,503	2,737	2,752	2,809	2,749	1,243	756	662	587	700	688	777	580	699	760	770	619	715	719	696	565	678
Austria	748	824	915	1,098	1,172	1,190	709	267	216	243	268	277	310	261	293	310	308	299	262	307	322	346	363
Canada	855	2,105	2,314	2,525	2,469	982	506	503	513	667	550	584	554	697	610	664	643	661	557	614	443	539	
China	1,225	1,650	2,482	3,890	5,492	6,187	3,349	686	814	595	963	1,095	1,237	1,078	1,235	1,487	1,692	1,326	1,482	1,561	1,818	1,494	1,855
European Patent Office	60,854	63,207	67,109	71,528	75,399	77,900	33,354	16,443	17,863	16,505	18,151	17,434	19,438	17,606	18,755	18,267	20,771	18,393	19,908	19,041	20,558	16,384	16,970
Finland	426	642	718	660	500	104	179	142	197	130	173	177	241	108	192	131	205	119	205	205	295		
Japan	16,142	18,695	23,020	25,146	25,946	27,116	14,660	5,765	5,624	6,750	5,797	6,181	6,418	7,539	5,953	6,061	6,393	7,201	6,025	6,723	7,167	8,146	6,514
Nordic Patent Institute						101	104											30	28	17	26	34	70
Republic of Korea	2,595	3,211	4,230	6,672	10,236	19,000	9,903	1,048	1,301	1,171	1,416	1,593	2,492	2,207	2,202	2,176	3,651	3,855	4,980	4,808	5,357	4,702	5,201
Russian Federation	641	616	723	805	853	895	317	135	232	163	205	197	240	182	214	186	271	214	235	236	210	179	138
Spain	746	772	986	1,063	1,142	1,200	568	218	258	215	313	254	281	296	298	215	333	285	361	245	309	273	295
Sweden	3,518	3,400	3,381	3,191	3,134	2,341	1,057	662	896	688	930	587	986	770	842	663	859	677	667	399	598	437	620
United States of America	26,482	26,897	28,629	30,553	30,507	21,359	7,545	7,167	7,178	7,366	8,257	7,216	7,714	7,916	7,901	7,432	7,258	5,825	5,606	4,971	4,957	3,732	3,813
Total	115,200	122,630	136,743	149,654	159,933	163,167	74,291	33,757	35,726	34,938	37,864	36,202	40,650	39,166	39,330	38,275	43,162	39,498	41,135	39,697	42,837	36,940	37,351

#### Distribution of ISA selected by the applicants (%)

ISA_Name Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 to date	2005 3	2005 4	2006 1	2006 2	2006 3	2006 4	2007 1	2007 2	2007 3	2007 4	2008 1	2008 2	2008 3	2008 4	2009 1	2009 2
Australia	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.8	2	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.8
Austria	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1
Canada	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4
China	1.1	1.3	1.8	2.6	3.4	3.8	4.5	2	2.3	1.7	2.5	3	3	2.8	3.1	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.2	4	5
European Patent Office	52.8	51.5	49.1	47.8	47.1	47.7	44.9	48.7	50	47.2	47.9	48.2	47.8	45	47.7	47.7	48.1	46.6	48.4	48	48	44.4	45.4
Finland	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8
Japan	14.0	15.2	16.8	16.8	16.2	16.6	19.7	17.1	15.7	19.3	15.3	17.1	15.8	19.2	15.1	15.8	14.8	18.2	14.6	16.9	16.7	22.1	17.4
Nordic Patent Institute						0.1	0.1											0.1	0.1			0.1	0.2
Republic of Korea	2.3	2.6	3.1	4.5	6.4	11.6	13.3	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.4	6.1	5.6	5.6	5.7	8.5	9.8	12.1	12.1	12.5	12.7	13.9
Russian Federation	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Spain	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Sweden	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.4	2	2.5	2	2.5	1.6	2.4	2	2.1	1.7	2	1.7	1.6	1	1.4	1.2	1.7
United States of America	23.0	21.9	20.9	20.4	19.1	13.1	10.2	21.2	20.1	21.1	21.8	19.9	19	20.2	20.1	19.4	16.8	14.7	13.6	12.5	11.6	10.1	10.2

### International Search Reports (ISRs) Established by International Searching Authorities (ISA)

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Counts are based on the date of establishment of ISR.

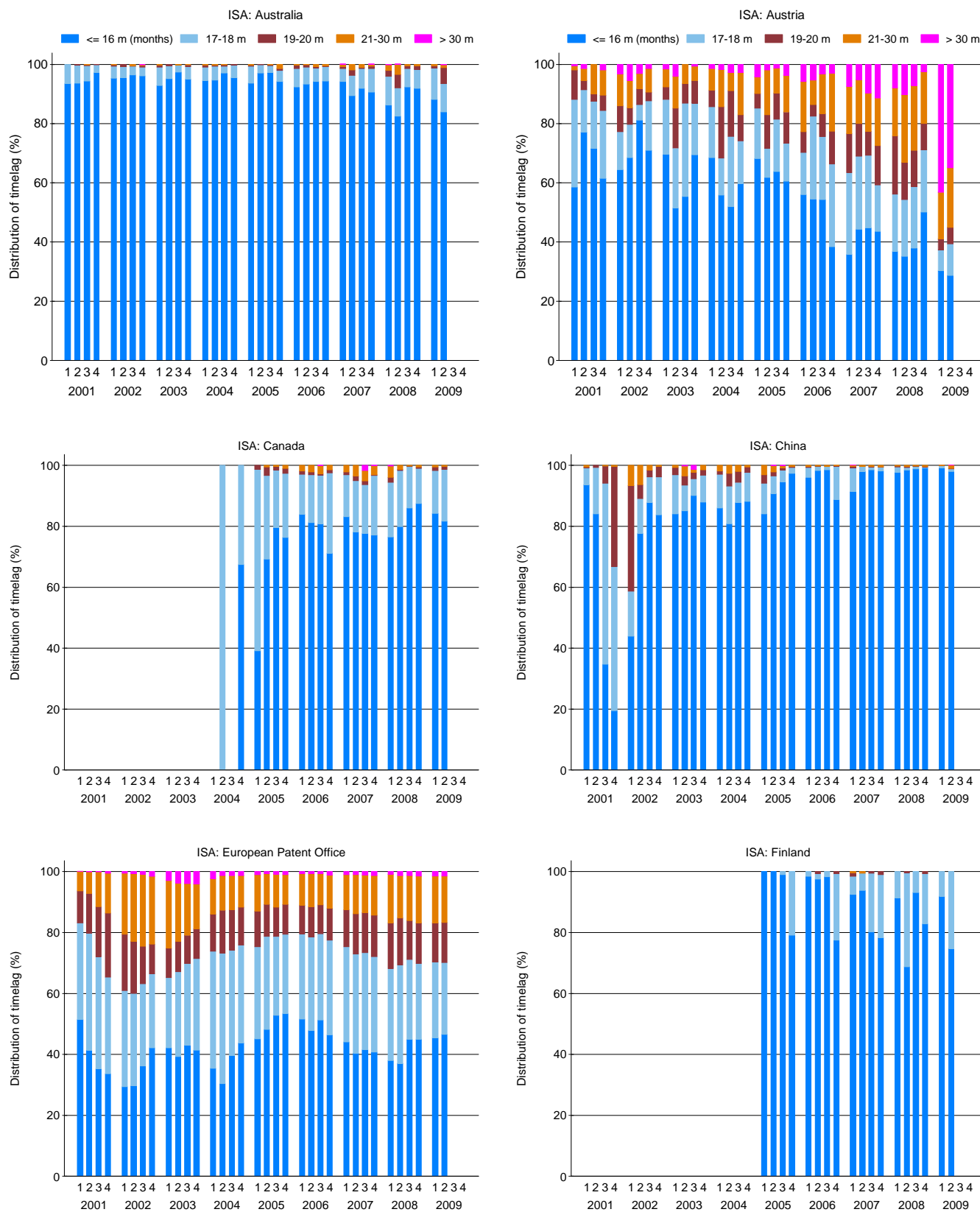
#### Number of ISR established by ISA

ISA_Name Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 to date	2005 3	2005 4	2006 1	2006 2	2006 3	2006 4	2007 1	2007 2	2007 3	2007 4	2008 1	2008 2	2008 3	2008 4	2009 1	2009 2
Australia	2,202	2,363	2,659	2,604	2,795	2,767	1,179	713	651	662	586	711	645	728	613	696	758	614	748	705	700	593	586
Austria	535	788	781	843	938	942	672	219	212	192	286	187	178	271	248	198	221	253	273	209	207	298	374
Canada	99	2,111	2,116	2,307	2,490	963	560	490	498	488	572	558	521	568	667	551	607	640	737	506	511	452	
China	1,164	1,319	2,147	3,109	4,953	5,891	3,172	539	608	712	607	836	954	1,176	1,132	1,302	1,343	1,283	1,419	1,667	1,522	1,630	1,542
European Patent Office	63,255	62,243	65,642	65,486	68,985	76,922	38,809	16,390	16,670	16,203	16,157	16,799	16,327	17,618	16,560	17,194	17,613	17,841	19,295	20,052	19,734	20,123	18,686
Finland	217	596	707	625	419	95	105	190	121	161	124	184	162	168	193	139	202	144	140	170	249		
Japan	15,391	17,947	22,810	25,016	26,058	26,523	15,024	5,842	6,225	5,482	6,942	6,005	6,587	5,952	7,470	6,215	6,421	5,932	7,226	6,772	6,593	7,014	8,010
Nordic Patent Institute						67	64											25	24	18	28	36	
Republic of Korea	2,330	2,931	3,657	4,767	8,346	13,003	8,696	1,179	900	1,204	1,157	1,004	1,402	2,118	1,969	2,079	2,180	2,818	3,573	3,249	3,363	4,710	3,986
Russian Federation	558	609	592	693	757	797	382	164	137	138	177	174	204	158	201	190	208	161	206	194	236	188	194
Spain	684	715	855	857	1,076	1,184	531	197	218	230	215	191	221	292	298	247	239	285	304	241	354	282	249
Sweden	3,691	3,115	3,411	2,960	2,981	2,827	1,163	841	800	754	796	593	817	798	807	668	708	791	826	660	550	661	502
United States of America	22,481	18,656	22,976	23,973	28,650	51,632	6,950	5,257	6,019	5,003	5,211	7,512	6,247	6,315	5,096	9,120	8,119	9,201	13,108	20,425	8,898	4,770	2,180
Total	112,291	110,785	127,858	133,020	148,553	185,670	78,024	31,996	33,035	31,268	32,743	34,745	34,264	36,131	35,124	38,744	38,554	39,925	47,845	55,079	42,821	40,978	37,046

#### Distribution of ISR established by ISA (%)

ISA_Name Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 to date	2005 3	2005 4	2006 1	2006 2	2006 3	2006 4	2007 1	2007 2	2007 3	2007 4	2008 1	2008 2	2008 3	2008 4	2009 1	2009 2
Australia	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.5	2.2	2	2.1	1.8	2	1.9	2	1.7	1.8	2	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.6
Austria	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	1
Canada	0.1	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	
China	1.0	1.2	1.7	2.3	3.3	3.2	4.1	1.7	1.8	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.8	3.3	3.2	3							

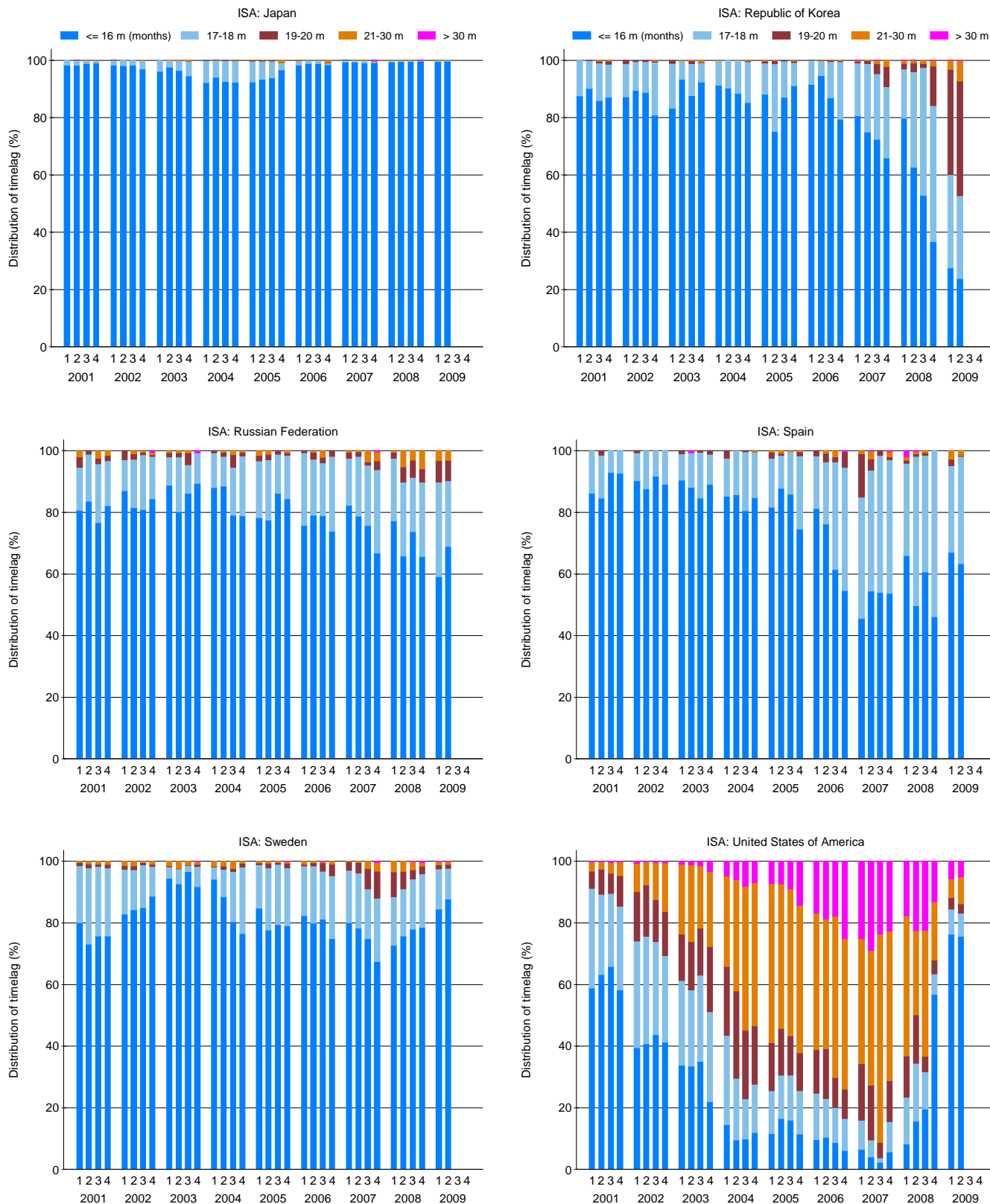
**Figure 5a: Timeliness of International Searching Authorities (ISAs) to transmit International Search Reports (ISRs) to the International Bureau**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the International Bureau received a copy of the International Search Report from ISA.

**Figure 5b: Timeliness of International Searching Authorities (ISAs) to transmit International Search Reports (ISRs) to the International Bureau**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the International Bureau received a copy of the International Search Report from ISA.

### Timeliness of International Searching Authorities (ISAs) to Transmit International Search Reports (ISRs) to the International Bureau (IB)

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the IB received a copy of the ISR from the ISA.

#### Number of ISR transmitted by ISA to the IB, by delay

Year / Quarter / Delay	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005		2006		2006		2007		2007		2008		2008		2009		2009					
	ISA Name	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2					
Australia	<= 16 months	2,092	2,252	2,536	2,428	2,546	2,434	1,011	693	611	610	546	667	605	683	545	635	683	527	616	649	642	522	489	642	522	489	642	522	489	642	522				
	Between 17-18 months	94	93	95	137	181	218	119	119	66	24	41	33	32	31	32	42	47	60	60	71	43	44	63	56	60	60	71	43	44	63	56	60	60		
	Between 19-20 months	10	10	9	18	26	62	36	2	4	7	5	4	2	5	11	3	7	12	34	7	9	5	31	7	9	5	31	7	9	5	31	7	9	5	
	Between 21-30 months	5	5	14	14	28	45	9	2	10	3	1	6	4	5	12	7	4	12	25	4	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	
	> 30 months					2	2	1											1	1	1															
Total	2,201	2,360	2,654	2,597	2,783	2,761	1,176	713	649	661	585	709	642	726	610	692	755	612	747	703	699	593	583	703	699	593	583	703	699	593	583	703	699	593	583	
Austria	<= 16 months	329	454	486	422	386	364	194	137	127	105	151	100	66	96	108	87	95	91	95	78	100	90	104	91	95	78	100	90	104	91	95	78	100	90	104
	Between 17-18 months	124	142	109	191	216	185	60	38	27	27	77	39	48	74	60	48	34	48	52	43	42	21	39	43	42	21	39	43	42	21	39	43	42	21	39
	Between 19-20 months	39	89	71	57	107	126	31	19	22	13	11	14	19	35	27	16	29	49	34	25	18	11	20	25	18	11	20	25	18	11	20	25	18	11	20
	Between 21-30 months	35	72	83	114	139	182	120	18	26	32	23	25	34	43	36	25	35	40	62	45	35	47	73	45	35	47	73	45	35	47	73	45	35	47	73
	> 30 months	6	18	21	37	77	68	256	3	8	11	15	6	5	20	13	19	25	20	28	15	5	129	127												
Total	533	775	770	821	925	925	661	215	210	188	277	184	172	268	244	195	218	248	271	206	200	298	363													
Canada	<= 16 months		66	1,372	1,667	1,816	2,047	799	445	374	414	395	461	397	432	442	518	424	464	511	631	441	430	369												
	Between 17-18 months		33	691	380	380	386	149	105	103	65	77	91	147	72	95	106	107	109	117	101	59	72	77												
	Between 19-20 months			35	18	23	16	10	6	8	5	4	3	6	4	9	8	2	10	3	1	2	6	4												
	Between 21-30 months			11	44	71	36	5	3	5	10	11	15	8	12	20	23	16	22	9	2	3	3	2												
	> 30 months				1	13	2																													
Total		99	2,109	2,110	2,303	2,487	963	559	490	494	487	571	558	520	566	667	550	607	640	735	505	511	452													
China	<= 16 months	1,002	1,127	1,966	2,935	4,771	5,789	3,118	508	590	677	593	821	844	1,073	1,101	1,281	1,316	1,248	1,393	1,645	1,503	1,612	1,506												
	Between 17-18 months	102	124	109	142	139	50	25	21	11	23	8	9	102	91	18	12	18	22	13	11	4	10	15												
	Between 19-20 months	27	36	26	6	8	16	3	4	2	2	1	3	5	1	2	1	4	4	4	4	1	2													
	Between 21-30 months	20	25	33	11	24	22	18	4	3	3	2	4	2	4	6	6	8	4	7	5	6	3	15												
	> 30 months	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1												
Total	1,156	1,312	2,136	3,094	4,943	5,877	3,165	538	606	705	604	834	951	1,174	1,125	1,301	1,343	1,278	1,417	1,665	1,517	1,626	1,539													
European Patent Office	<= 16 months	25,950	23,341	32,575	32,105	28,607	31,856	17,753	8,603	8,847	8,309	7,885	8,577	7,534	7,733	6,638	7,100	7,136	6,739	7,120	8,977	8,820	9,092	8,661												
	Between 17-18 months	16,907	22,659	18,367	19,192	21,806	21,730	9,421	4,230	4,316	4,500	4,928	4,715	5,049	5,471	5,367	5,460	5,508	5,391	6,216	5,226	4,897	5,014	4,407												
	Between 19-20 months	6,020	7,990	6,797	6,369	8,912	10,826	5,029	1,559	1,641	1,499	1,599	1,586	1,685	2,128	2,154	2,253	2,377	2,673	2,955	2,572	2,626	2,570	2,459												
	Between 21-30 months	11,403	6,879	6,955	6,886	8,563	11,490	5,921	1,779	1,622	1,685	1,730	1,703	1,768	2,025	2,123	2,116	2,299	2,823	2,692	2,944	3,031	3,095	2,826												
	> 30 months	2,361	992	603	565	805	1,013	592	140	169	114	117	133	201	194	184	196	231	175	263	275	300	308	284												
Total	62,641	61,861	85,297	85,117	88,693	76,715	38,716	16,311	16,595	16,107	16,059	16,714	16,237	17,551	16,466	17,125	17,551	17,801	19,248	19,994	19,674	20,079	18,637													
Finland	<= 16 months			194	558	606	512	342	94	83	187	118	157	96	170	152	133	151	126	136	134	116	156	186												
	Between 17-18 months			23	35	92	106	77	1	22	3	2	3	27	11	9	32	40	12	61	10	23	14	63												
	Between 19-20 months			2	5	2	2	2																												
	Between 21-30 months																																			
	Total			217	595	705	620	419	95	105	190	121	160	124	184	162	166	193	138	198	144	140	170	249												
Japan	<= 16 months	14,765	16,621	21,437	24,631	25,836	26,365	14,943	5,473	6,002	5,376	6,859	5,935	6,461	5,906	7,414	6,153	6,363	5,887	7,185	6,731	6,562	6,974	7,969												
	Between 17-18 months	580	1,274	1,237	276	162	126	68	347	163	91	72	64	49	37	44	56	25	39	32	29	26	34	34												
	Between 19-20 months	2	29	52	18	8	9	1	15	2	4	5	3	6	3	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	1													
	Between 21-30 months	15	1	60	69	29	4	3	3	53	6	3	1	59	3	1	27	1	27	1	2	1	2	1												
	> 30 months					1	1																													
Total	15,362	17,925	22,786	24,994	26,036	26,505	15,015	5,838	6,220	5,477	6,939	6,003	6,575	5,946	7,461	6,212	6,417	5,929	7,220	6,765	6,591	7,011	8,004													
Nordic Patent Institute	<= 16 months						64	62											25	23	16	26	36			</										

### Timeliness of International Searching Authorities (ISAs) to Transmit International Search Reports (ISRs) to the International Bureau (IB)

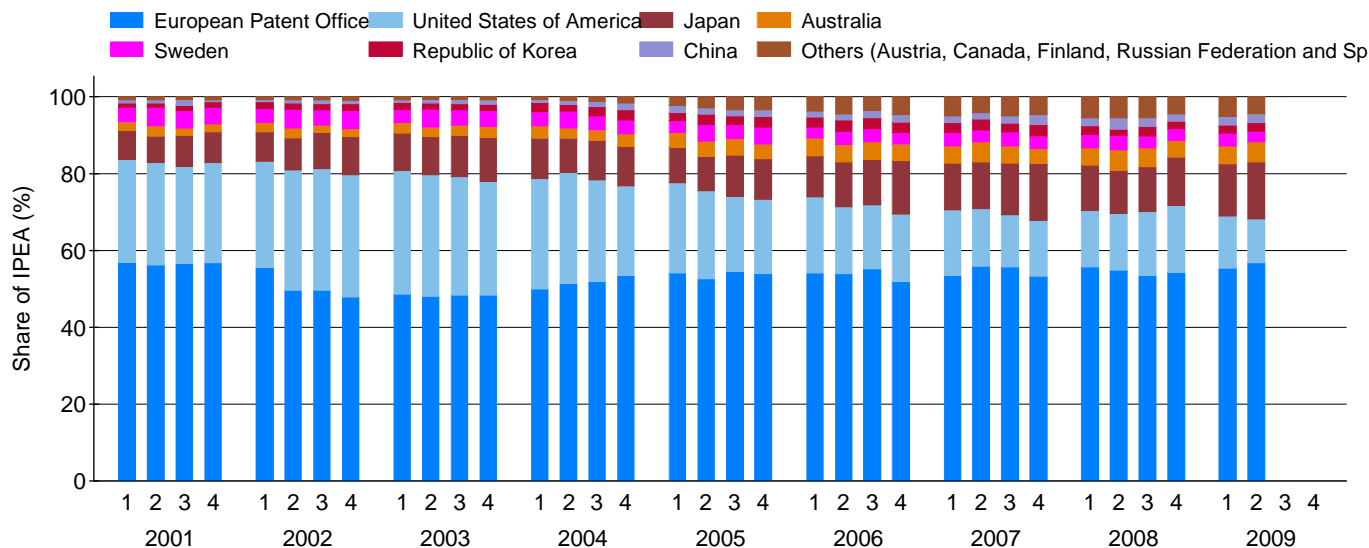
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Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the IB received a copy of the ISR from the ISA.

#### Distribution of ISR delay by ISA (%)

ISA_Name Year / Quarter / Delay	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	
Australia	<= 16 months	95.0	95.4	95.6	93.5	91.5	88.2	86.0	97.2	94.1	92.3	93.3	94.1	94.2	94.1	89.3	91.8	90.5	86.1	82.5	92.3	91.8	88	83.9
	Between 17-18 months	4.3	3.9	3.6	5.3	6.5	7.9	10.1	1.8	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.6	3	5.1	5.5	4.9	6.7	4.8	5.7	4.6	7.6	5.7
	Between 19-20 months	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	3.1	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.4	1	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.9
	Between 21-30 months	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.1	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.6	0.3	1.8	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9
	> 30 months					0.1	0.1	0.1							0.1		0.1	0.2	0.1				0.2	
Austria	<= 16 months	61.7	58.6	63.1	51.4	41.7	39.4	29.3	63.7	60.5	55.9	54.5	54.3	38.4	35.8	44.3	44.6	43.6	36.7	35.1	37.9	50	30.2	28.7
	Between 17-18 months	23.3	18.3	14.2	23.3	23.4	20.0	9.1	9.3	9	8	15.2	11.4	15.7	15.7	16.4	14.4	8.7	9.7	10	11.2	14.5	4.4	5.5
	Between 19-20 months	7.3	11.5	9.2	6.9	11.6	13.6	4.7	5.1	6.7	3.7	3.6	4.3	9.3	9.3	7.8	4.6	7.8	10.1	7.7	6.3	4.5	2	4.4
	Between 21-30 months	6.6	9.3	10.8	13.9	15.0	19.7	18.2	5.1	8.6	14.9	4.7	8.7	13.4	10.4	12.3	9.7	11	9.3	12.2	18.4	13.5	11.7	17.1
	> 30 months	1.1	2.3	2.7	4.5	8.3	7.4	38.7	1.4	3.8	5.9	5.4	3.3	2.9	7.5	5.3	9.7	11.5	8.1	10.3	7.3	2.5	43.3	35
Canada	<= 16 months		66.7	65.1	79.0	78.9	82.3	83.0	79.6	76.3	83.8	81.1	80.7	71.1	83.1	78.1	77.7	77.1	76.4	79.8	85.9	87.3	84.1	81.6
	Between 17-18 months		33.3	32.8	18.0	16.5	15.5	15.5	16.6	17.8	10.9	13.6	14.5	22.6	11.9	14.3	14.8	16.2	14.5	15.9	12	8.9	12.1	15.3
	Between 19-20 months			1.7	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.5	1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6	1.2	1	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	1	0.7
	Between 21-30 months			0.5	2.1	3.1	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.3	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.5	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2
	> 30 months			0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2			0.2				1.8	0.2	0.3					
China	<= 16 months	86.7	85.9	92.0	94.9	96.5	98.5	98.5	94.4	97.4	96	98.2	98.4	88.7	91.4	97.9	98.5	98	97.7	98.3	98.8	99.1	99.1	97.9
	Between 17-18 months	8.8	9.5	5.1	4.6	2.8	0.9	0.8	3.2	1.7	2.8	0.8	1	10.1	7	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7
	Between 19-20 months	2.3	2.7	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2		0.3	0.3		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Between 21-30 months	1.7	1.9	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.9
	> 30 months	0.4		0.1		0.0		0.0	0.2							0.1								0.1
European Patent Office	<= 16 months	41.4	37.7	49.9	49.3	41.6	41.3	45.9	52.7	53.3	51.6	47.9	51.3	46.4	44.1	40.3	41.5	40.7	37.9	37	44.9	44.8	45.3	46.5
	Between 17-18 months	27.0	36.6	28.1	29.5	31.7	28.3	24.3	16.9	16.8	19	19.6	18.8	19.9	19.1	17.6	17.1	16.2	15.6	17.6	15.7	14.3	14.8	14
	Between 19-20 months	9.6	12.9	10.4	9.8	13.0	14.1	13.0	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.9	5.4	6	7.1	8.2	7.9	8.6	8.9	9.5	7.5	7.3	7.1	7.5
	Between 21-30 months	18.2	11.1	10.7	10.6	12.5	15.0	15.3	7.4	6.7	7.2	7.8	7.2	7.8	7.7	9	8.4	9.4	10.3	9.6	10.3	11	10.9	10.1
	> 30 months	3.8	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.9	1	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
Finland	<= 16 months			89.4	93.8	86.0	82.6	81.6	98.9	79	98.4	97.5	98.1	77.4	92.4	93.8	80.1	78.2	91.3	68.7	93.1	82.9	91.8	74.7
	Between 17-18 months			10.6	5.9	13.0	17.1	18.4	1.1	15.2	1.6	1.7	1.9	21.8	3.8	3.7	17.5	19.7	8.7	29.8	6.3	15	7.1	24.1
	Between 19-20 months				0.3	0.7	0.3					0.8		0.8	0.5		0.6	1		0.5		0.7		
	Between 21-30 months					0.3									0.5	0.6								
	> 30 months					0.0																		
Japan	<= 16 months	96.1	92.7	94.1	98.5	99.2	99.5	99.5	93.7	96.5	98.2	98.8	98.9	98.3	99.3	99.4	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.6
	Between 17-18 months	3.8	7.1	5.4	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	5	2.1	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
	Between 19-20 months	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2		0.1			0.1	0.1						0.1			
	Between 21-30 months	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0		0.9	0.1							0.4						
	> 30 months					0.0	0.0							0.9										
Nordic Patent Institute	<= 16 months						95.5	96.9											100	95.8	88.9	92.9	100	
	Between 17-18 months						4.5	3.1											4.2	11.1	3.6			
Republic of Korea	<= 16 months	89.0	88.6	85.8	87.7	73.4	57.1	25.8	87	91	91.6	94.6	86.7	79.3	80.7	74.9	72.4	65.9	79.7	62.7	52.8	36.5	27.5	23.8
	Between 17-18 months	10.1	11.2	13.4	12.0	22.5	36.3	30.9	11.3	7.3	7	3.9	9.6	15.6	13.1	16.1	12.5	13	10.5	20.7	32.9	28.4	22.4	18.9
	Between 19-20 months	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.2	3.0	5.2	38.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	2.6	5.9	1.5	2	1.1	12.3	32.2	25
	Between 21-30 months	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.1	1.4	5.0		0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.7	2	4.1
	> 30 months					0.0	0.0	0.1														0.1	0.1	0.2
Russian Federation	<= 16 months	86.1	83.4	81.6	76.7	75.3	69.9	64.1	86	84.3	75.7	79	78.7	73.8	82.2	78.6	75.7	66.7	77.2	65.7	73.6	65.7	59.1	68.9
	Between 17-18 months	11.6	14.1	16.2	20.8	20.7	21.7	25.9	10.4	9	16.9	11.4	13.2	17.8	12.7	13.9	16.4	20.3	17.1	14.2	12.4	16.3	18.8	11.4
	Between 19-20 months	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.9	4.3	6.9	1.2	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.1	2	1.9	1	1.1	2.9	1.3	4.4	3.1	2.6	3.8	5.7
	Between 21-30 months	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.7	2.0	4.1	3.2		0.7		0.6	2.3		0.6	0.5	2.1	1.4	0.6	4.9	2.1	3.4	2.7	2.1
	> 30 months	0.2				0.1												0.5						
Spain	<= 16 months	88.1	83.9	82.5	68.6	51.7	54.7	65.3	85.8	74.5	81.2	76.2	61.3	54.5	45.5	54.4	53.9	53.6	65.8	49.7	60.6	46	67	63.3
	Between 17-18 months	11.0	15.1	15.9	27.8	41.4	43.4	31.1	11.2	20.8	14.8	16.4	29.8	31.4	19.7	21.8	40.4	37.1	25.4	30.6	21.2	42.7	21.3	28.6
	Between 19-20 months	0.7	0.8	1.1	2.8	5.4	0.7	1.3		0.9	1.7	1.9	1.6	4.5	13.4	2.3	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.4		1.4	0.4
	Between 21-30 months		0.1	0.6	0.7	1.3	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5		0.5	1		0.7	1.7		0.8	1.1	0.3	0.4		1.8	1.2
	> 30 months	0.1				0.2	0.6							0.5		0.3		0.4	2.1	0.3				
Sweden	<= 16 months	94.0	84.9	79.9	79.3	75.4	75.9	85.8	79.4	78.9	82.2	79.8	81.2	74.8	80.1	78.3	74.7	67.3	72.7	75.6	77.8	78.5	84.4	87.6
	Between 17-18 months	4.1	12.6	18.4	17.9	17.9	16.1	11.7	15.6	14.9	13.3	13.5	10.8	10.2	10.1	10.1	9.3							

**Figure 6: Demand for International Preliminary Examination (IPE) by International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs)**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Counts are based on the date of filing of the Chapter II demand.

**Demand for International Preliminary Examination (IPE), by International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs)**

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Counts are based on the date of filing of the Chapter II demand.

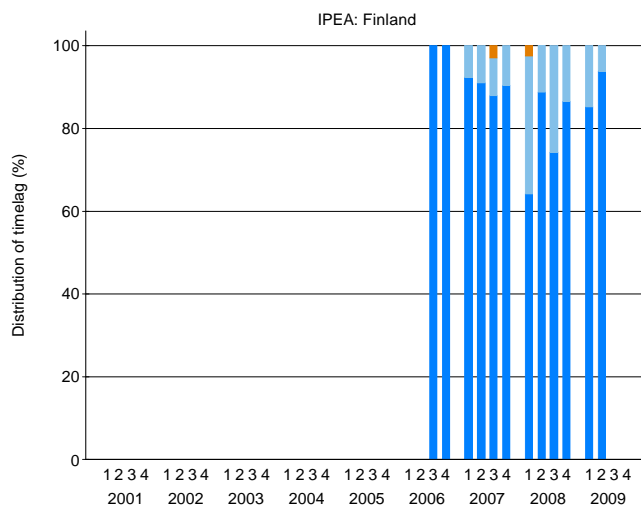
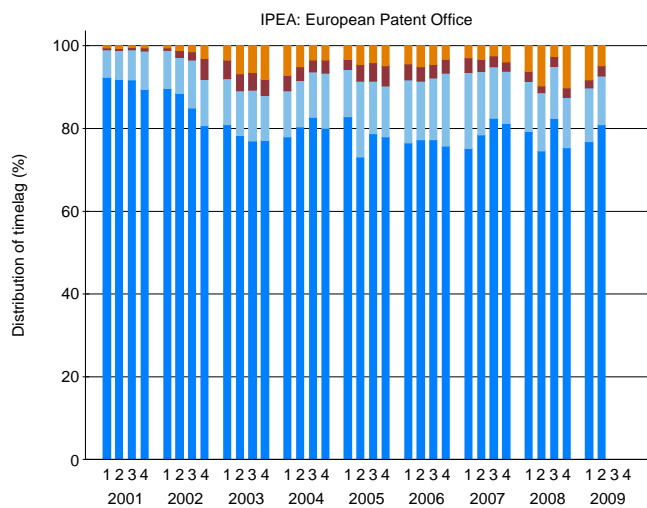
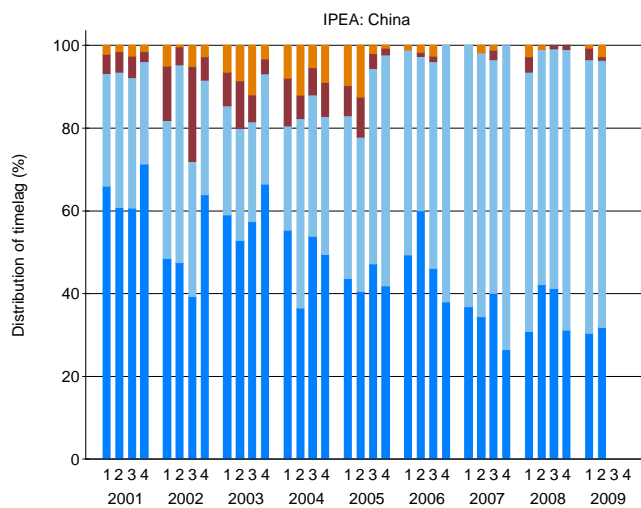
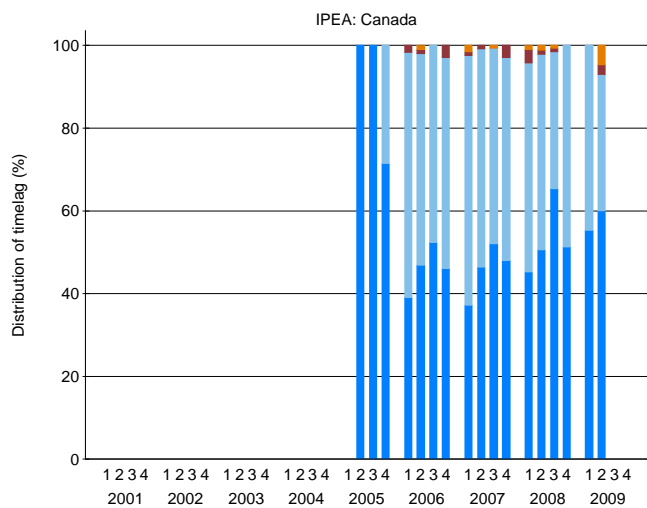
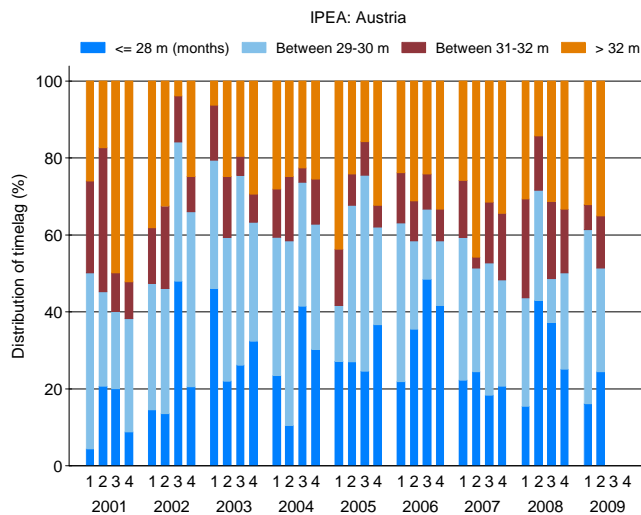
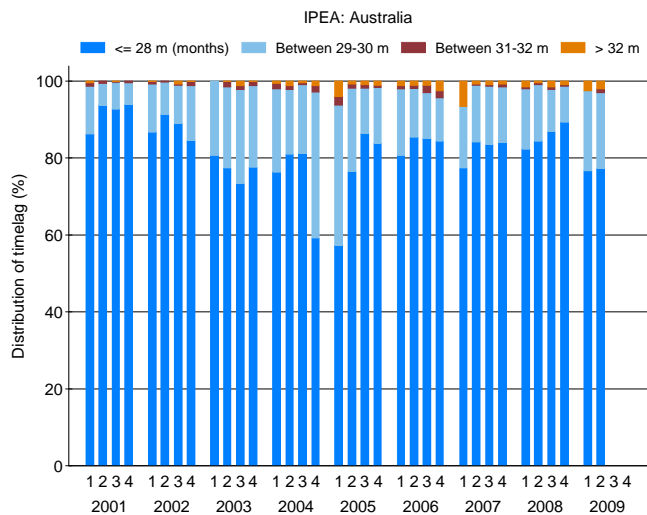
**Number of demand by IPEA**

IPEA_Name Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Australia	1,693	1,249	1,035	970	872	865	383	268	223	272	241	230	227	235	260	202	175	202	243	220	200	191	192
Austria	239	150	160	114	100	103	33	35	24	28	26	27	33	33	22	23	22	29	30	21	23	26	7
Canada	1	328	431	413	413	479	152	108	121	101	128	80	122	121	91	102	99	130	120	122	107	81	71
China	670	501	436	364	383	418	170	98	100	90	86	91	97	89	85	93	116	96	133	106	83	89	81
European Patent Office	31,433	21,642	13,878	11,610	10,606	9,867	4,275	3,376	3,144	3,188	2,876	2,830	2,716	2,767	2,792	2,573	2,474	2,538	2,497	2,368	2,464	2,185	2,090
Finland			4	125	151	154	66		4	28	26	41	30	38	33	41	39	45	45	34	30	31	35
Japan	6,810	4,208	2,526	2,580	2,556	2,123	1,081	651	624	630	615	607	728	631	607	626	692	538	508	511	566	534	547
Nordic Patent Institute							12															6	6
Republic of Korea	1,079	932	652	598	511	360	168	144	159	151	155	147	145	132	142	99	138	103	71	102	84	83	85
Russian Federation	210	162	138	114	121	98	28	34	27	35	27	13	39	38	29	25	29	21	27	32	18	14	14
Spain	8	129	128	111	125	107	76	31	28	34	29	26	22	30	29	38	28	23	26	32	26	44	32
Sweden	2,617	1,617	986	686	666	620	230	228	248	165	189	179	153	177	159	174	156	159	181	137	143	129	101
United States of America	20,183	11,565	5,543	3,871	2,939	2,857	957	1,212	1,128	1,162	933	850	926	883	750	624	682	664	666	740	787	538	419
Total	64,942	42,156	25,814	21,574	19,443	18,051	7,631	6,185	5,830	5,884	5,331	5,121	5,238	5,174	4,999	4,620	4,650	4,548	4,547	4,425	4,531	3,951	3,680

**Distribution of IPE demand by IPEA (%)**

IPEA_Name Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Australia	2.6	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.3	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.5	5.2	4.4	3.8	4.4	5.3	5	4.4	4.8	5.2
Austria	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.2
Canada	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.0	2.1	2.7	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.1	1.9
China	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	2	2.5	2.1	2.9	2.4	1.8	2.3	2.2
European Patent Office	48.4	51.3	53.8	53.8	54.5	54.7	56.0	54.6	53.9	54.2	53.9	55.3	51.9	53.5	55.9	55.7	53.2	55.8	54.9	53.5	54.4	55.3	56.8
Finland			0.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9		0.1	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	1	1	0.8	0.7	0.8	1
Japan	10.5	10.0	9.8	12.0	13.1	11.8	14.2	10.5	10.7	10.7	11.5	11.9	13.9	12.2	12.1	13.5	14.9	11.8	11.2	11.5	12.5	13.5	14.9
Nordic Patent Institute							0.2															0.2	0.2
Republic of Korea	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.1	3	2.3	1.6	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.3
Russian Federation	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
Spain	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.9
Sweden	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.7	4.3	2.8	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.5	4	3.1	3.2	3.3	2.7
United States of America	31.1	27.4	21.5	17.9	15.1	15.8	12.5	19.6	19.3	19.7	17.5	16.6	17.7	17.1	15	13.5	14.7	14.6	14.6	16.7	17.4	13.6	11.4

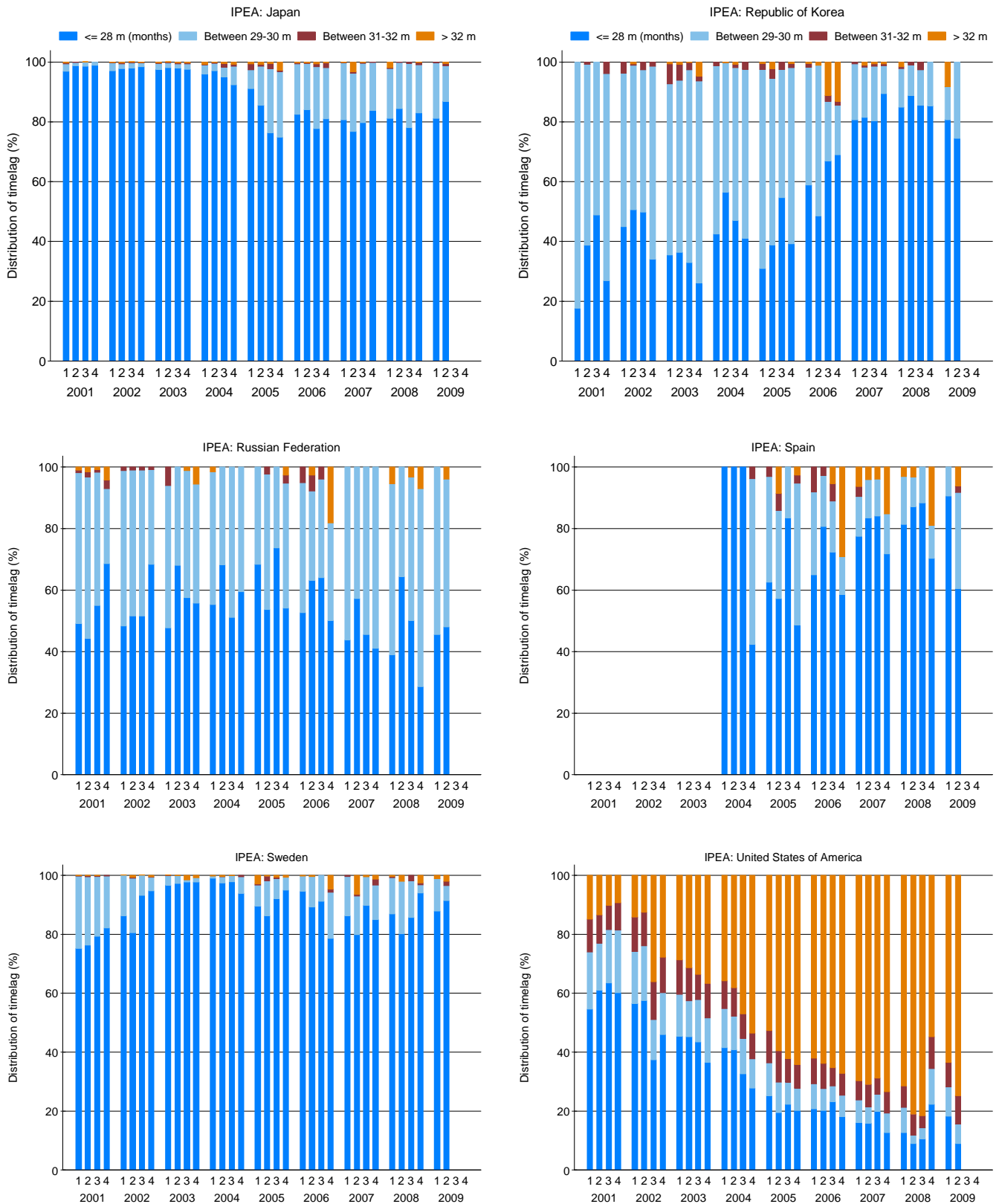
**Figure 7a: Timeliness of International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) to transmit International Preliminary Examination Reports (IPERs) to the International Bureau**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the International Bureau received a copy of the IPER from IPEA.

**Figure 7b: Timeliness of International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) to transmit International Preliminary Examination Reports (IPERs) to the International Bureau**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the International Bureau received a copy of the IPER from IPEA.

## Timeliness of International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) to Transmit International Preliminary Examination Reports (IPERs) to the International Bureau (IB)

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the IB received a copy of the IPER from IPEA.

### Number of IPER transmitted by IPEA to the IB, by delay

IPEA_Name	Year / Quarter / Delay	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
		-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Australia	<= 28 months	1,165	1,112	964	859	836	710	293	259	220	229	220	221	189	208	199	226	203	152	161	216	181	147	146
	Between 29-30 months	329	337	289	138	154	103	77	35	38	49	33	31	25	43	35	41	35	29	28	27	19	40	37
	Between 31-32 months	14	17	18	13	4	5	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
	> 32 months	8	14	25	16	25	10	9	3	3	4	3	3	6	18	2	3	2	3	1	4	2	5	4
	Total	1,516	1,480	1,296	1,026	1,019	828	381	300	263	284	258	260	224	269	237	271	242	185	191	249	203	192	189
Austria	<= 28 months	74	55	63	48	28	28	14	14	26	10	17	16	5	6	9	7	6	6	6	13	3	5	9
	Between 29-30 months	84	77	69	38	41	22	24	29	18	19	11	6	2	10	10	13	8	11	4	4	3	14	10
	Between 31-32 months	22	23	19	15	16	21	7	5	4	6	5	3	1	4	1	6	5	10	2	7	2	2	5
	> 32 months	44	53	62	38	46	29	23	9	23	11	15	8	4	7	17	12	10	12	2	11	4	10	13
	Total	224	208	213	139	131	100	68	57	71	46	48	33	12	27	37	38	29	39	14	35	12	31	37
Canada	<= 28 months			33	195	212	225	139	7	25	45	45	59	46	45	51	67	49	42	44	79	60	64	75
	Between 29-30 months			10	222	242	185	93	10	68	49	54	51	73	58	61	50	47	41	40	57	52	41	
	Between 31-32 months				6	5	5	3		2	1		3	1	1		3	3	1	1			3	
	> 32 months				1	3	3	6				1			2		1		1	1				6
	Total			43	424	462	418	241	7	35	115	96	113	100	121	110	129	102	93	87	121	117	116	125
China	<= 28 months	392	277	281	163	126	143	76	66	51	40	66	35	22	39	34	34	19	33	40	42	28	42	34
	Between 29-30 months	173	186	284	155	231	241	160	66	68	40	41	38	36	67	63	48	53	67	54	59	61	91	69
	Between 31-32 months	49	45	40	2	2	6	5	5	2	2	1	1			2	2	4	4	1	1	4	1	
	> 32 months	53	45	48	5	3	4	4	3	1	1	2	2			2	1		3	1		1	1	3
	Total	667	553	653	325	362	394	245	140	122	81	110	76	58	106	99	85	72	107	95	102	90	138	107
European Patent Office	<= 28 months	27,702	22,057	14,580	9,815	8,887	8,436	4,066	3,589	2,968	2,704	2,645	2,387	2,079	2,370	2,181	2,313	2,023	2,367	2,048	2,088	1,933	2,164	1,902
	Between 29-30 months	4,008	3,173	2,479	1,974	1,670	1,371	646	588	468	536	489	462	487	575	430	349	316	357	384	319	311	369	277
	Between 31-32 months	1,482	891	694	446	322	244	111	198	185	139	115	98	94	115	77	77	53	75	46	61	62	52	59
	> 32 months	2,181	1,421	763	569	361	790	351	193	188	156	179	145	89	93	97	70	101	188	269	69	264	236	115
	Total	35,373	27,542	18,516	12,804	11,240	10,841	5,174	4,568	3,809	3,535	3,428	3,092	2,749	3,153	2,785	2,809	2,493	2,987	2,747	2,537	2,570	2,821	2,353
Finland	<= 28 months				51	125	148	53					36	15	48	20	29	28	25	55	23	45	23	30
	Between 29-30 months					12	35	6							4	2	3	3	13	7	8	7	4	2
	> 32 months				1	1	1											1						
	Total				51	138	184	59					36	15	52	22	33	31	39	62	31	52	27	32
	Japan	<= 28 months	6,981	5,411	2,673	2,242	2,179	1,936	890	532	512	572	632	503	535	544	542	530	563	539	458	478	461	398
Between 29-30 months		126	200	468	479	504	415	158	150	150	117	116	133	113	128	137	131	108	110	84	132	89	91	67
Between 31-32 months		16	35	42	20	11	12	7	12	4	2	1	6	11	2	4	3	2	3	1	3	5	2	5
> 32 months		23	33	37	13	25	14	3	4	19	3	3	5	2	1	23	1		13			1		3
Total		7,146	5,679	3,220	2,754	2,719	2,377	1,058	698	685	694	752	647	661	675	706	665	673	665	543	613	556	491	567
Nordic Patent Institute	<= 28 months							1																1
	Total							1																1
	<= 28 months	423	463	352	408	496	409	151	89	81	96	77	131	104	120	136	106	134	106	87	129	87	87	64
	Between 29-30 months	804	512	524	208	94	59	34	70	122	64	80	39	25	28	28	24	14	16	10	18	15	12	22
	Between 31-32 months	51	12	20	8	4	6		4	3	2		4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			
> 32 months	21	3	8	45	4	2	9		1	1	2	22	20		2	1	1	2				9		
Total	1,299	990	904	669	598	476	194	163	207	163	159	196	151	149	167	132	150	125	98	151	102	108	86	
Russian Federation	<= 28 months	186	107	98	71	49	44	27	28	20	20	24	16	11	7	16	10	16	7	18	15	4	15	12
	Between 29-30 months	124	76	56	42	56	43	30	10	15	16	11	8	7	9	12	12	23	10	10	14	9	18	12
	Between 31-32 months	4		2	5						2	2	1											
	> 32 months	5	1	1	5		3	1		1		1		4					1		1	1		1
	Total	319	184	157	123	105	90	58	38	37	38	38	25	22	16	28	22	39	18	28	30	14	33	25
Spain	<= 28 months		23	73	90	98	94	48	15	18	24	29	13	24	24	20	21	33	26	27	15	26	19	29
	Between 29-30 months		14	41	24	16	14	17	3	17	10	6	3	5	4	3	3	6	5	3	2	4	2	15
	Between 31-32 months		1	4	5	1		1		1	3	1	1		1									1
	> 32 months			4	13	11	9	3		1		1	12	2	1	1	1	7	1	1		7		3
	Total		38	122	132	126	117	69	18	37	37	36	18	41	31	24	25	46	32	31	17	37	21	48
Sweden	<= 28 months	3,205	2,249	1,187	734	606	627	266	240	243	259	213	112	150	193	158	132	123	177	149	131	170	138	128
	Between 29-30 months	71	54	103	80	87	82	24	18	11	14	25	11	30	30	26	14	17	25	33	19	5	17	7
	Between 31-32 months	1	4	9	2	5	5	2	1					2	1	1		3	1		3	1	2	2
	> 32 months	21	5	18	11	16	10	5	2	2	1	1		9		13	1	2	1	4		5	2	3
	Total	3,298	2,312	1,317	827	714	724	297	261	256	274	239	123	191	224	198	147	145	204	186	153	181	157	140
United States of America	<= 28 months	8,999	6,182	2,563	1,444	838	324	183	547	372	458	382	341	263	288	236	205	109	38	47	56	183	135	48
	Between 29-30 months	2,959	2,028	1,116	508	341	161	110	186	137	185	141	78	104	139	83	61	58	26	15	20	100	73	37
	Between 31-32 months	2,294	1,560	1,145	556	354	171	113	194	148	193	163	92	108	119	116	56	63	22	38	22	89	61	52
	> 32 months	6,910	7,579	6,884	4,516	3,668	1,530	877	1,529	1,184	1,366	1,215	961	974	1,259	1,060	713	636	216	427	435	452	470	407
	Total	21,162	17,349	11,708	7,024	5,201	2,186	1,283	2,456	1,841	2,202	1,901	1,472	1,449	1,805	1,495	1,035	866	302	527	533	824	739	544

## Timeliness of International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) to Transmit International Preliminary Examination Reports (IPERs) to the International Bureau (IB)

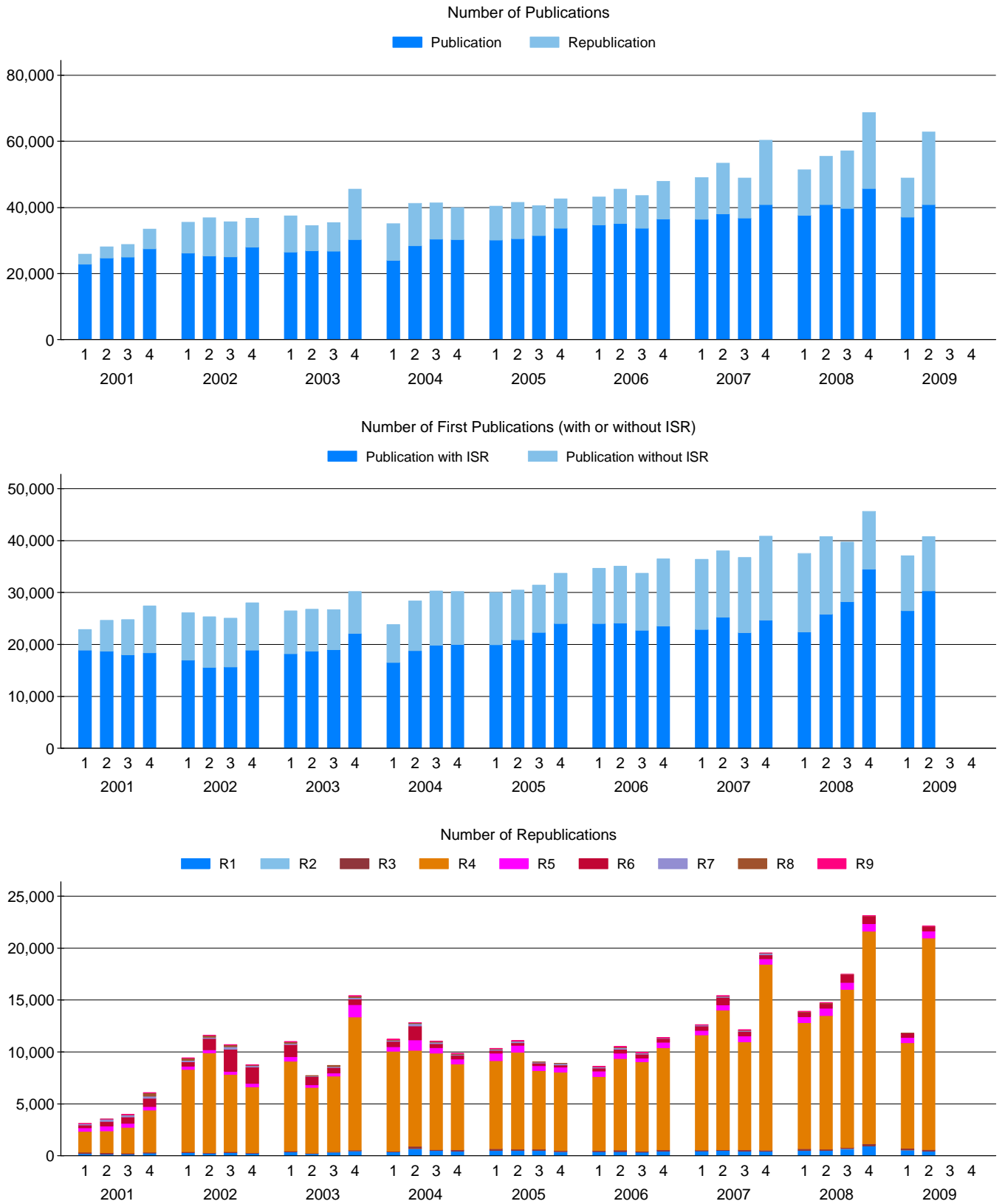
Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date on which the IB received a copy of the IPER from IPEA.

### Distribution of IPER delay by IPEA (%)

IPEA_Name Year / Quarter / Delay		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
		-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Australia	<= 28 months	76.8	75.1	74.4	83.7	82.0	85.7	76.9	86.3	83.7	80.6	85.3	85.0	84.4	77.3	84.0	83.4	83.9	82.2	84.3	86.7	89.2	76.6	77.2
	Between 29-30 months	21.7	22.8	22.3	13.5	15.1	12.4	20.2	11.7	14.4	17.3	12.8	11.9	11.2	16.0	14.8	15.1	14.5	15.7	14.7	10.8	9.4	20.8	19.6
	Between 31-32 months	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.9	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1
	> 32 months	0.5	0.9	1.9	1.6	2.5	1.2	2.4	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.2	2.7	6.7	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.6	0.5	1.6	1.0	2.6	2.1
Austria	<= 28 months	33.0	26.4	29.6	34.5	21.4	28.0	20.6	24.6	36.6	21.7	35.4	48.5	41.7	22.2	24.3	18.4	20.7	15.4	42.9	37.1	25.0	16.1	24.3
	Between 29-30 months	37.5	37.0	32.4	27.3	31.3	22.0	35.3	50.9	25.4	41.3	22.9	18.2	16.7	37.0	27.0	34.2	27.6	28.2	28.6	11.4	25.0	45.2	27.0
	Between 31-32 months	9.8	11.1	8.9	10.8	12.2	21.0	10.3	8.8	5.6	13.0	10.4	9.1	8.3	14.8	2.7	15.8	17.2	25.6	14.3	20.0	16.7	6.5	13.5
	> 32 months	19.6	25.5	29.1	27.3	35.1	29.0	33.8	15.8	32.4	23.9	31.3	24.2	33.3	25.9	45.9	31.6	34.5	30.8	14.3	31.4	33.3	32.3	35.1
Canada	<= 28 months			76.7	46.0	45.9	53.8	57.7	100.0	71.4	39.1	46.9	52.2	46.0	37.2	46.4	51.9	48.0	45.2	50.6	65.3	51.3	55.2	60.0
	Between 29-30 months			23.3	52.4	52.4	44.3	38.6		28.6	59.1	51.0	47.8	51.0	60.3	52.7	47.3	49.0	50.5	47.1	33.1	48.7	44.8	32.8
	Between 31-32 months				1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2				1.7	1.0		3.0	0.8	0.9		2.9	3.2	1.1	0.8		2.4
	> 32 months				0.2	0.6	0.7	2.5					1.0			1.7		0.8		1.1	1.1	0.8		4.8
China	<= 28 months	58.8	50.1	43.0	50.2	34.8	36.3	31.0	47.1	41.8	49.4	60.0	46.1	37.9	36.8	34.3	40.0	26.4	30.8	42.1	41.2	31.1	30.4	31.8
	Between 29-30 months	25.9	33.6	43.5	47.7	63.8	61.2	65.3	47.1	55.7	49.4	37.3	50.0	62.1	63.2	63.6	56.5	73.6	62.6	56.8	57.8	67.8	65.9	64.5
	Between 31-32 months	7.3	8.1	6.1	0.6	0.6	1.5	2.0	3.6	1.6		0.9	1.3				2.4		3.7	1.0	1.1	2.9	0.9	
	> 32 months	7.9	8.1	7.4	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.6	2.1	0.8	1.2	1.8	2.6			2.0	1.2		2.8	1.1		0.7	2.8	
European Patent Office	<= 28 months	78.3	80.1	78.7	76.7	79.1	77.8	78.6	78.6	77.9	76.5	77.2	77.2	75.6	75.2	78.3	82.3	81.1	79.2	74.6	82.3	75.2	76.7	80.8
	Between 29-30 months	11.3	11.5	13.4	15.4	14.9	12.6	12.5	12.9	12.3	15.2	14.3	14.9	17.7	18.2	15.4	12.4	12.7	12.0	14.0	12.6	12.1	13.1	11.8
	Between 31-32 months	4.2	3.2	3.7	3.5	2.9	2.3	2.1	4.3	4.9	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.5	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.8	2.5
	> 32 months	6.2	5.2	4.1	4.4	3.2	7.3	6.8	4.2	4.9	4.4	5.2	4.7	3.2	2.9	3.5	2.5	4.1	6.3	9.8	2.7	10.3	8.4	4.9
Finland	<= 28 months				100.0	90.6	80.4	89.8					100.0	100.0	92.3	90.9	87.9	90.3	64.1	88.7	74.2	86.5	85.2	93.8
	Between 29-30 months					8.7	19.0	10.2							7.7	9.1	9.1	9.7	33.3	11.3	25.8	13.5	14.8	6.3
	> 32 months					0.7	0.5										3.0		2.6					
Japan	<= 28 months	97.7	95.3	83.0	81.4	80.1	81.4	84.1	76.2	74.7	82.4	84.0	77.7	80.9	80.6	76.8	79.7	83.7	81.1	84.3	78.0	82.9	81.1	86.8
	Between 29-30 months	1.8	3.5	14.5	17.4	18.5	17.5	14.9	21.5	21.9	16.9	15.4	20.6	17.1	19.0	19.4	19.7	16.0	16.5	15.5	21.5	16.0	18.5	11.8
	Between 31-32 months	0.2	0.6	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.9
	> 32 months	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	3.3	0.2		2.0			0.2		0.5
Nordic Patent Institute	<= 28 months							100.0																100.0
Republic of Korea	<= 28 months	32.6	46.8	38.9	61.0	82.9	85.9	77.8	54.6	39.1	58.9	48.4	66.8	68.9	80.5	81.4	80.3	89.3	84.8	88.8	85.4	85.3	80.6	74.4
	Between 29-30 months	61.9	51.7	58.0	31.1	15.7	12.4	17.5	42.9	58.9	39.3	50.3	19.9	16.6	18.8	16.8	18.2	9.3	12.8	10.2	11.9	14.7	11.1	25.6
	Between 31-32 months	3.9	1.2	2.2	1.2	0.7	1.3		2.5	1.4	1.2		2.0	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	2.6			
	> 32 months	1.6	0.3	0.9	6.7	0.7	0.4	4.6		0.5	0.6	1.3	11.2	13.2		1.2	0.8	0.7	1.6				8.3	
Russian Federation	<= 28 months	58.3	58.2	62.4	57.7	46.7	48.9	46.6	73.7	54.1	52.6	63.2	64.0	50.0	43.8	57.1	45.5	41.0	38.9	64.3	50.0	28.6	45.5	48.0
	Between 29-30 months	38.9	41.3	35.7	34.1	53.3	47.8	51.7	26.3	40.5	42.1	28.9	32.0	31.8	56.3	42.9	54.5	59.0	55.6	35.7	46.7	64.3	54.5	48.0
	Between 31-32 months	1.3		1.3	4.1					2.7	5.3	5.3	4.0											
	> 32 months	1.6	0.5	0.6	4.1		3.3	1.7		2.7		2.6		18.2					5.6		3.3	7.1		4.0
Spain	<= 28 months		60.5	59.8	68.2	77.8	80.3	69.6	83.3	48.6	64.9	80.6	72.2	58.5	77.4	83.3	84.0	71.7	81.3	87.1	88.2	70.3	90.5	60.4
	Between 29-30 months		36.8	33.6	18.2	12.7	12.0	24.6	16.7	45.9	27.0	16.7	16.7	12.2	12.9	12.5	12.0	13.0	15.6	9.7	11.8	10.8	9.5	31.3
	Between 31-32 months		2.6	3.3	3.8	0.8		1.4		2.7	8.1	2.8	5.6		3.2									2.1
	> 32 months			3.3	9.8	8.7	7.7	4.3		2.7			5.6	29.3	6.5	4.2	4.0	15.2	3.1	3.2		18.9		6.3
Sweden	<= 28 months	97.2	97.3	90.1	88.8	84.9	86.6	89.6	92.0	94.9	94.5	89.1	91.1	78.5	86.2	79.8	89.8	84.8	86.8	80.1	85.6	93.9	87.9	91.4
	Between 29-30 months	2.2	2.3	7.8	9.7	12.2	11.3	8.1	6.9	4.3	5.1	10.5	8.9	15.7	13.4	13.1	9.5	11.7	12.3	17.7	12.4	2.8	10.8	5.0
	Between 31-32 months	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4					1.0	0.4	0.5		2.1	0.5		2.0	0.6		1.4
	> 32 months	0.6	0.2	1.4	1.3	2.2	1.4	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4		4.7		6.6	0.7	1.4	0.5	2.2		2.8	1.3	2.1
United States of America	<= 28 months	42.5	35.6	21.9	20.6	16.1	14.8	14.3	22.3	20.2	20.8	20.1	23.2	18.2	16.0	15.8	19.8	12.6	12.6	8.9	10.5	22.2	18.3	8.8
	Between 29-30 months	14.0	11.7	9.5	7.2	6.6	7.4	8.6	7.6	7.4	8.4	7.4	5.3	7.2	7.7	5.6	5.9	6.7	8.6	2.8	3.8	12.1	9.9	6.8
	Between 31-32 months	10.8	9.0	9.8	7.9	6.8	7.8	8.8	7.9	8.0	8.8	8.6	6.3	7.5	6.6	7.8	5.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	4.1	10.8	8.3	9.6
> 32 months	32.7	43.7	58.8	64.3	70.5	70.0	68.4	62.3	64.3	62.0	63.9	65.3	67.2	69.8	70.9	68.9	73.4	71.5	81.0	81.6	54.9	63.6	74.8	

**Figure 8: Publication and Republication of PCT applications by the International Bureau**



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Publication (republication) counts are based on the date of publication (republication) of the PCT application by the International Bureau. ISR (International Search Report).

### Number of PCT Applications Published by the International Bureau

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: Counts are based on the date of publication of the PCT application by the International Bureau.

Publication code / Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
A1: Published with International Search Report	77,909	75,143	87,100	94,373	94,958	110,860	56,698	22,282	23,993	24,042	24,092	22,711	23,528	22,897	25,193	22,241	24,627	22,336	25,842	28,217	34,465	26,450	30,248
A2: Published without International Search Report	32,287	37,592	38,444	45,448	56,983	52,697	21,089	9,159	9,664	10,565	10,948	10,980	12,955	13,481	12,818	14,469	16,215	15,201	14,882	11,485	11,129	10,596	10,493
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,196</b>	<b>112,735</b>	<b>125,544</b>	<b>139,821</b>	<b>151,941</b>	<b>163,557</b>	<b>77,787</b>	<b>31,441</b>	<b>33,657</b>	<b>34,607</b>	<b>35,040</b>	<b>33,691</b>	<b>36,483</b>	<b>36,378</b>	<b>38,011</b>	<b>36,710</b>	<b>40,842</b>	<b>37,537</b>	<b>40,724</b>	<b>39,702</b>	<b>45,594</b>	<b>37,046</b>	<b>40,741</b>

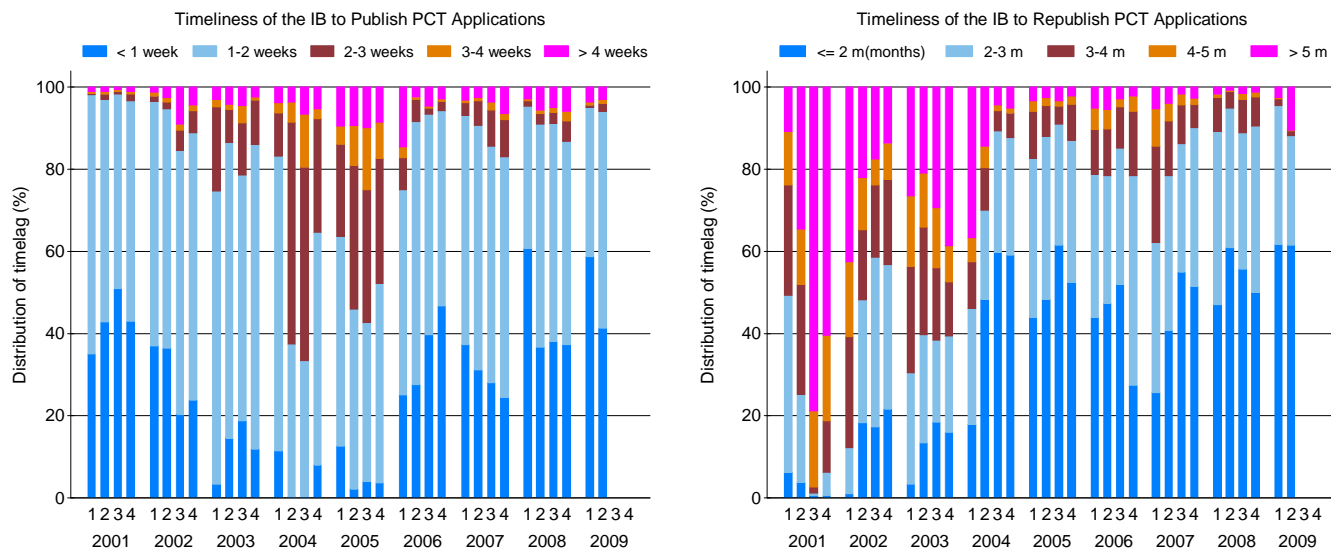
### Number of PCT Applications Republished by the International Bureau

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: Counts are based on the date of republication of the PCT application by the International Bureau.

Republication code / Year / Quarter	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
R1 - Late Publication of Article 19 Amendment	1,318	1,964	1,858	1,568	1,774	2,598	968	497	374	383	386	330	469	437	479	466	392	500	511	650	937	532	436
R2 - Supplementary ISR	10	13	10	1	5	24	3	3	2				1			2	3	3	2	7	12	3	
R3 - Revised ISR	250	524	531	548	500	654	299	109	128	122	161	130	135	120	121	119	140	171	111	158	214	165	134
R4 - Late Publication of ISR	35,077	36,351	32,893	34,284	52,680	60,571	30,512	7,567	7,538	7,106	8,815	8,565	9,798	11,069	13,395	10,352	17,864	12,098	12,853	15,179	20,441	10,152	20,360
R5 - Correction of an Entry in Section I	2,143	2,461	2,320	1,856	2,076	2,729	1,242	456	469	491	491	361	513	413	524	584	555	627	689	666	747	555	687
R6 - Corrected Pamphlet	3,052	2,611	1,019	1,463	1,950	2,258	782	264	216	316	407	412	328	438	696	443	373	387	445	750	676	390	392
R7 - Corrected Version of a Pamphlet Front Page	463	552	498	447	416	5		111	124	110	146	86	105	91	107	95	123	5					
R8 - Later Publication Of A Declaration Under Article 17(2)(A)	386	328	195	146	145	272	96	48	45	36	59	28	23	18	36	35	56	65	104	40	63	33	63
R9 - Revised Version of ISR Translation	3	9	3	7	13	4	2			1	2	3	1	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,702</b>	<b>44,813</b>	<b>39,327</b>	<b>40,320</b>	<b>59,559</b>	<b>69,115</b>	<b>33,904</b>	<b>9,055</b>	<b>8,896</b>	<b>8,565</b>	<b>10,467</b>	<b>9,915</b>	<b>11,373</b>	<b>12,590</b>	<b>15,360</b>	<b>12,102</b>	<b>19,507</b>	<b>13,857</b>	<b>14,716</b>	<b>17,451</b>	<b>23,091</b>	<b>11,830</b>	<b>22,074</b>

### Figure 9: Timeliness of the International Bureau to Publish and Republish PCT Applications



Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Publication delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the publication date. Republication delay is calculated as the time difference between the date of the receipt of ISR and the date of republication by the International Bureau. ISR (International Search Report).

#### Timeliness of the International Bureau (IB) to Publish PCT Applications

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the priority date and the date of publication.

##### Number of PCT applications published by the IB, by delay

Year / Quarter / Delay	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	
< 1 week	13,325	5,192	6,813	48,274	45,053	68,761	38,071	1,206	1,214	8,664	9,600	13,203	16,807	13,413	11,699	10,131	9,810	22,449	14,714	14,883	16,715	21,424	16,647	
Between 1-2 weeks	76,369	54,733	57,036	74,564	86,847	77,544	34,392	12,141	16,325	17,206	22,362	17,897	17,099	20,027	22,360	20,869	23,591	12,812	21,834	20,695	22,203	13,232	21,160	
Between 2-3 weeks	14,200	40,402	37,762	5,874	10,184	4,914	1,032	10,176	10,225	2,682	1,876	471	845	1,119	2,243	3,168	3,654	496	1,041	1,121	2,256	250	782	
Between 3-4 weeks	2,221	6,552	11,898	1,549	1,932	2,002	636	4,721	2,946	907	213	169	260	256	328	721	627	158	347	426	1,071	231	405	
> 4 weeks	3,922	5,682	11,805	8,554	6,120	8,071	2,672	3,127	2,903	5,064	860	1,580	1,050	1,162	979	1,358	2,621	1,104	2,282	1,994	2,691	1,402	1,270	
Total	110,037	112,561	125,314	138,815	150,136	161,292	76,803	31,371	33,613	34,523	34,911	33,320	36,061	35,977	37,609	36,247	40,303	37,019	40,218	39,119	44,936	36,539	40,264	

##### Distribution of the PCT applications published by the IB, by delay (%)

Year / Quarter / Delay	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	
< 1 week	12.1	4.6	5.4	34.8	30.0	42.6	49.6	3.8	3.6	25.1	27.5	39.6	46.6	37.3	31.1	27.9	24.3	60.6	36.6	38	37.2	58.6	41.3	
Between 1-2 weeks	69.4	48.6	45.5	53.7	57.8	48.1	44.8	38.7	48.6	49.8	64.1	53.7	47.4	55.7	59.5	57.6	58.5	34.6	54.3	52.9	49.4	36.2	52.6	
Between 2-3 weeks	12.9	35.9	30.1	4.2	6.8	3.0	1.3	32.4	30.4	7.8	5.4	1.4	2.3	3.1	6	8.7	9.1	1.3	2.6	2.9	5	0.7	1.9	
Between 3-4 weeks	2.0	5.8	9.5	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.8	15	8.8	2.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	2	1.6	0.4	0.9	1.1	2.4	0.6	1	
> 4 weeks	3.6	5.0	9.4	6.2	4.1	5.0	3.5	10	8.6	14.7	2.5	4.7	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.7	6.5	3	5.7	5.1	6	3.8	3.2	

#### Timeliness of the International Bureau (IB) to Republish PCT Applications with International Search Report (ISR)

Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2009

Note: 2009 data are provisional and incomplete. Delay is calculated as the time difference between the date of receipt of ISR at the IB and the date of republication by the IB.

##### Number of PCT applications republished by the IB with ISR, by delay

Year / Quarter / Delay	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	
<= 2 months	4,498	16,526	16,745	14,343	22,990	31,988	18,620	4,633	3,932	3,097	4,152	4,430	2,664	2,792	5,412	5,670	9,116	5,625	7,779	8,406	10,178	6,206	12,414	
Between 2-3 months	8,433	9,779	11,739	12,987	19,136	22,666	8,788	2,211	2,604	2,452	2,718	2,825	4,992	4,001	5,035	3,216	6,884	5,037	4,361	5,006	8,262	3,387	5,401	
Between 3-4 months	6,841	3,001	2,635	4,150	6,333	4,175	388	328	654	763	1,002	862	1,523	2,556	1,777	977	1,023	987	509	1,243	1,436	162	226	
Between 4-5 months	4,489	1,254	648	1,320	2,099	605	59	95	156	372	414	172	362	999	574	267	259	99	41	225	240	33	26	
> 5 months	10,697	5,714	979	1,338	1,807	875	2,439	267	172	369	485	248	236	584	548	186	489	225	121	247	282	275	2,164	
Total	34,958	36,274	32,746	34,138	52,365	60,309	30,294	7,534	7,518	7,053	8,771	8,537	9,777	10,932	13,346	10,316	17,771	11,973	12,811	15,127	20,398	10,063	20,231	

##### Distribution of IB republication with ISR, by delay (%)

Year / Quarter / Delay	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009
	-	-	-	-	-	-	to date	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	
<= 2 months	12.9	45.6	51.1	42.0	43.9	53.0	61.5	61.5	52.3	43.9	47.3	51.9	27.2	25.5	40.6	55	51.3	47	60.7	55.6	49.9	61.7	61.4	
Between 2-3 months	24.1	27.0	35.8	38.0	36.5	37.6	29.0	29.3	34.6	34.8	31	33.1	51.1	36.6	37.7	31.2	38.7	42.1	34	33.1	40.5	33.7	26.7	
Between 3-4 months	19.6	8.3	8.0	12.2	12.1	6.9	1.3	4.4	8.7	10.8	11.4	10.1	15.6	23.4	13.3	9.5	5.8	8.2	4	8.2	7	1.6	1.1	
Between 4-5 months	12.8	3.5	2.0	3.9	4.0	1.0	0.2	1.3	2.1	5.3	4.7	2	3.7	9.1	4.3	2.6	1.5	0.8	0.3	1.5	1.2	0.3	0.1	
> 5 months	30.6	15.8	3.0	3.9	3.5	1.5	8.1	3.5	2.3	5.2	5.5	2.9	2.4	5.3	4.1	1.8	2.8	1.9	0.9	1.6	1.4	2.7	10.7	

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