



PCT Statistics

Meeting of International Authorities

Thirty-second session

Geneva
October 29 to 31, 2025

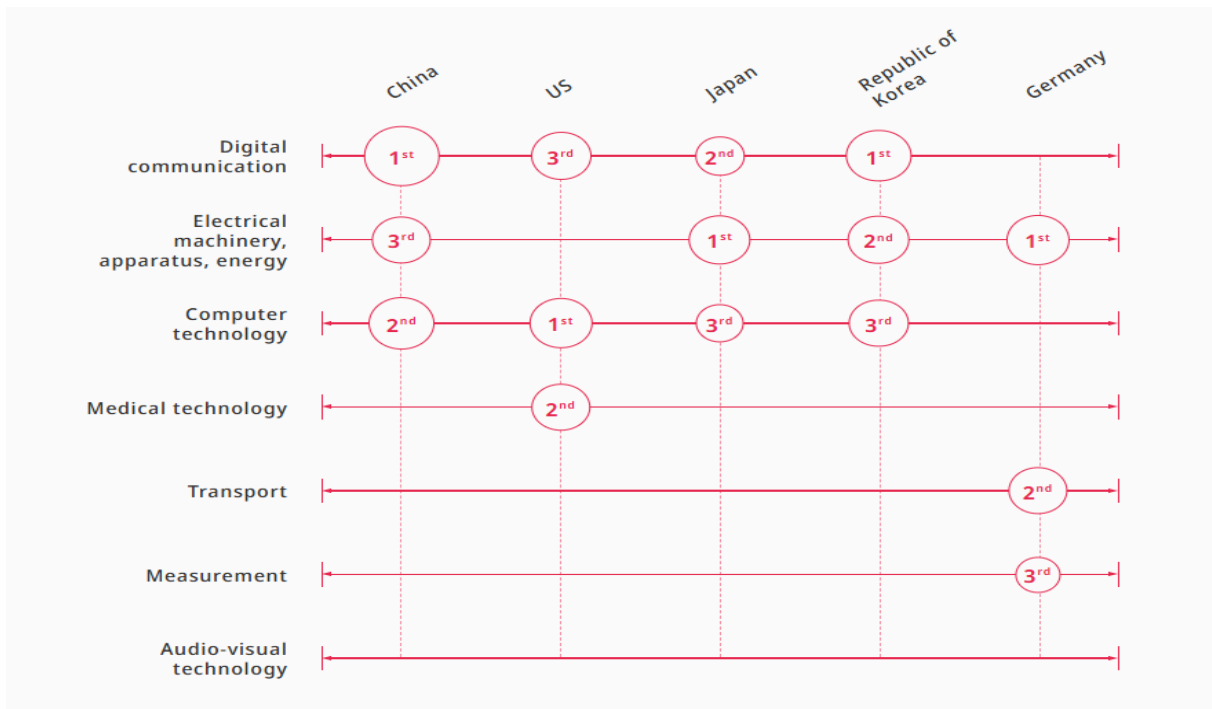
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PCT Filings in 2024

- 273,900 international applications filed in 2024 (+0.5%)
- Top 5 countries: China (70,160, +0.9%), United States of America (54,087, -2.8%), Japan (48,397, -1.2%), Republic of Korea (23,851, +7.1%) and Germany (16,721, -1.3%)
- Top applicant: Huawei Technologies (6,600 published PCT applications in 2024)
- Top educational institution filer: University of California (519 published PCT applications in 2024)
- More information in PCT Yearly Review 2025

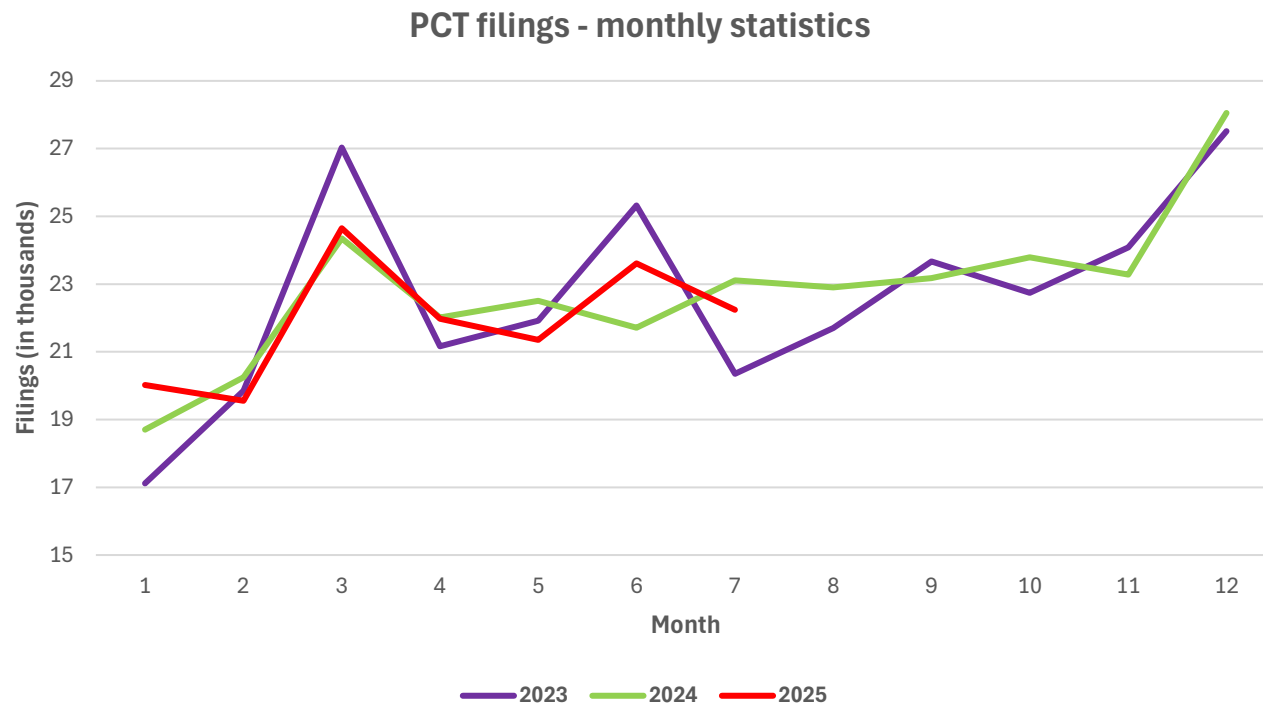
PCT Filings in 2024 – Top technologies by country



In 2024, applicants from China and the Republic of Korea filed mostly in digital communication, and those from the US filed mostly in computer technology. For applicants based in Germany and Japan, electrical machinery was the top technical field.

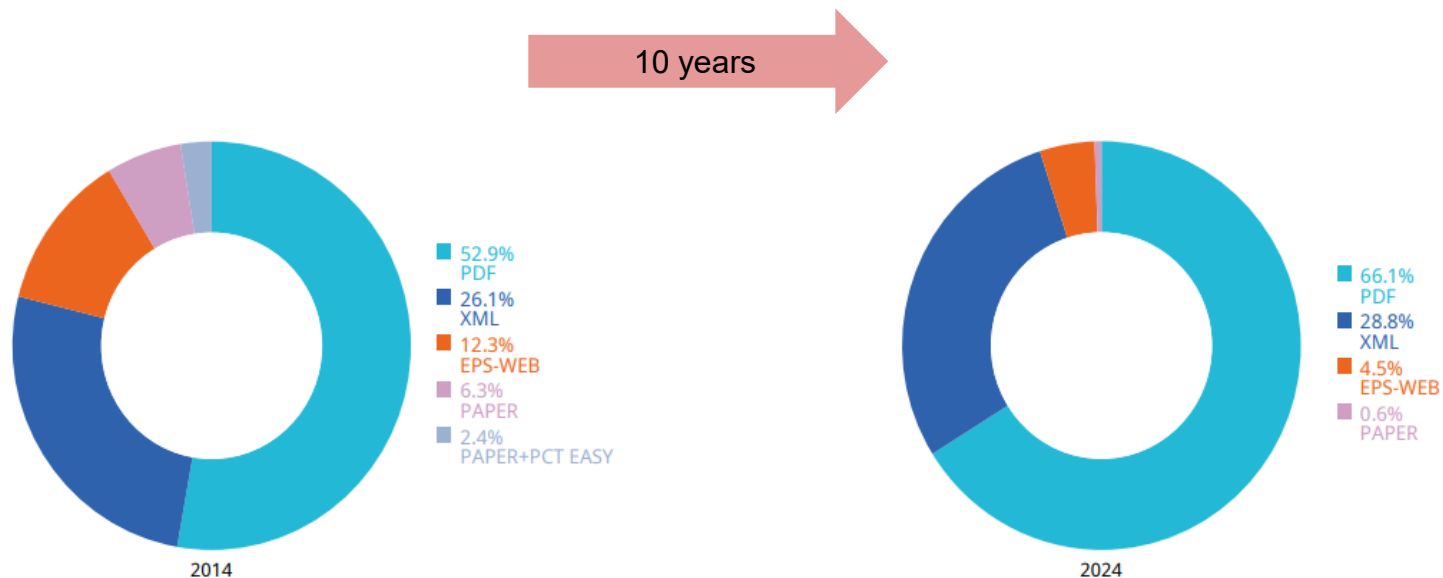
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PCT Filings from 2023, month-to-month



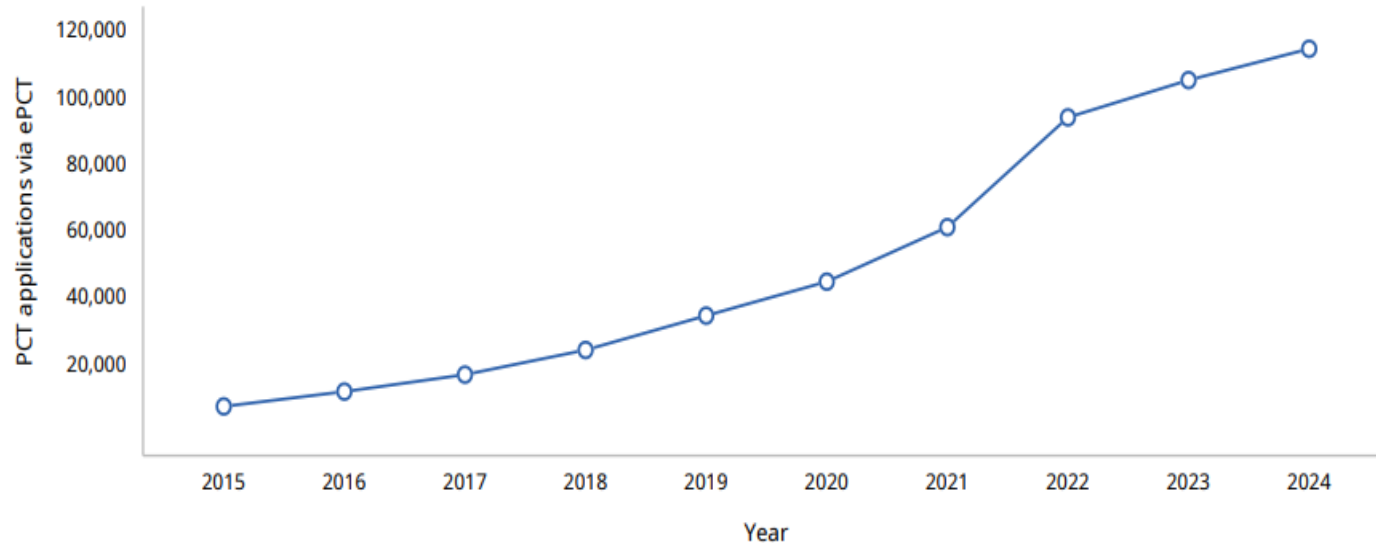
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Medium of Filing



Note: PDF, EFS-WEB and XML are the three fully electronic filing mediums. Since 2015, PCT applications can no longer be filed using PCT-EASY.

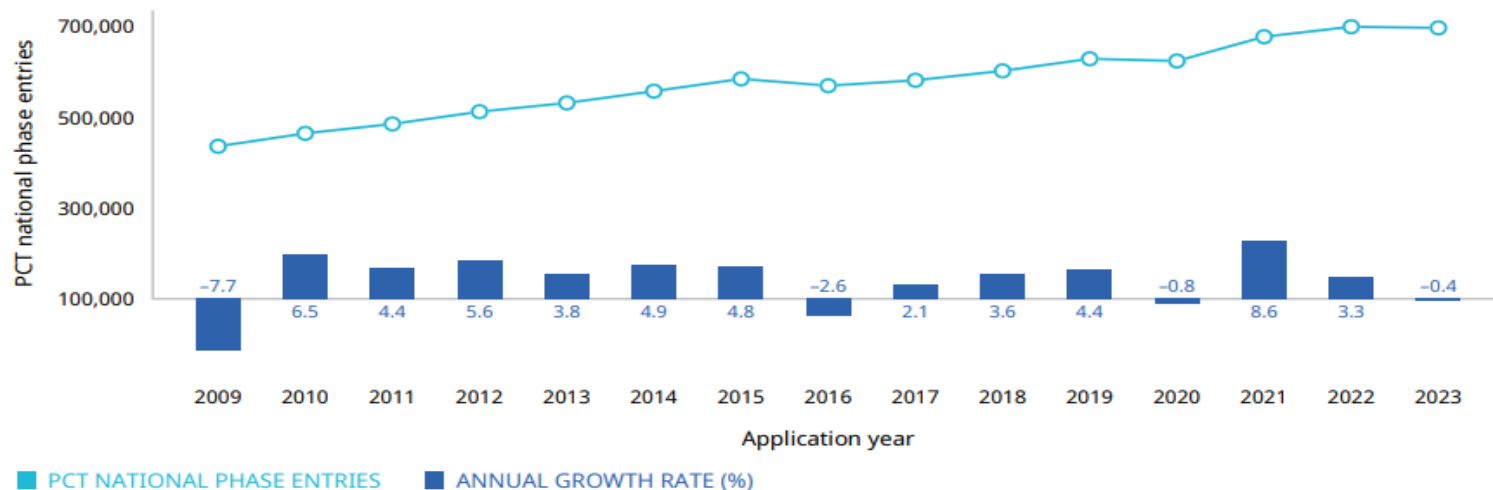
Medium of Filing : ePCT



Nearly 114,000 PCT applications were filed using ePCT in 2024 (+8.6 %).

41.8 % of all PCT applications filed globally in 2024 were filed using ePCT

PCT National Phase Entries



Note: WIPO estimates. National phase data from patent offices are available up to 2023. Data may differ from previous editions due to a change in methodology at the USPTO, where requests for continued examination are now excluded from the USPTO NPE count.

698,500 total PCT national phase entries in 2023 (-0.4%)

591,100 non-resident national phase entries in 2023

PCT System accounted for 57.4 % of all non-resident filings in 2023

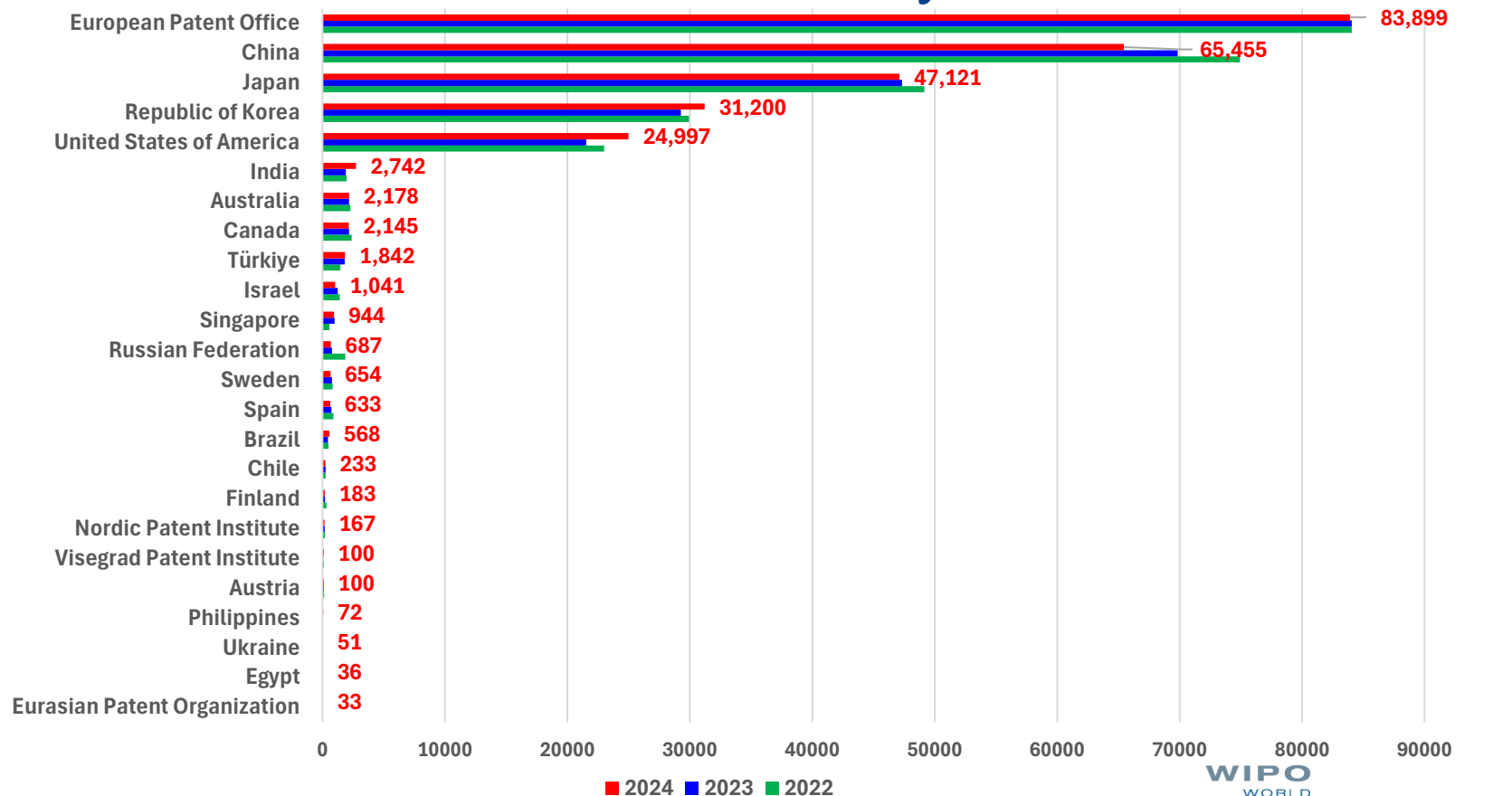
International Authorities

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 - Timeliness of Transmission to International Bureau
 - A1 Publication Percentage

- Supplementary International Search Reports

- International Preliminary Examination Reports
 - Number of IPRPs per IPEA
 - Timeliness of Transmission to International Bureau

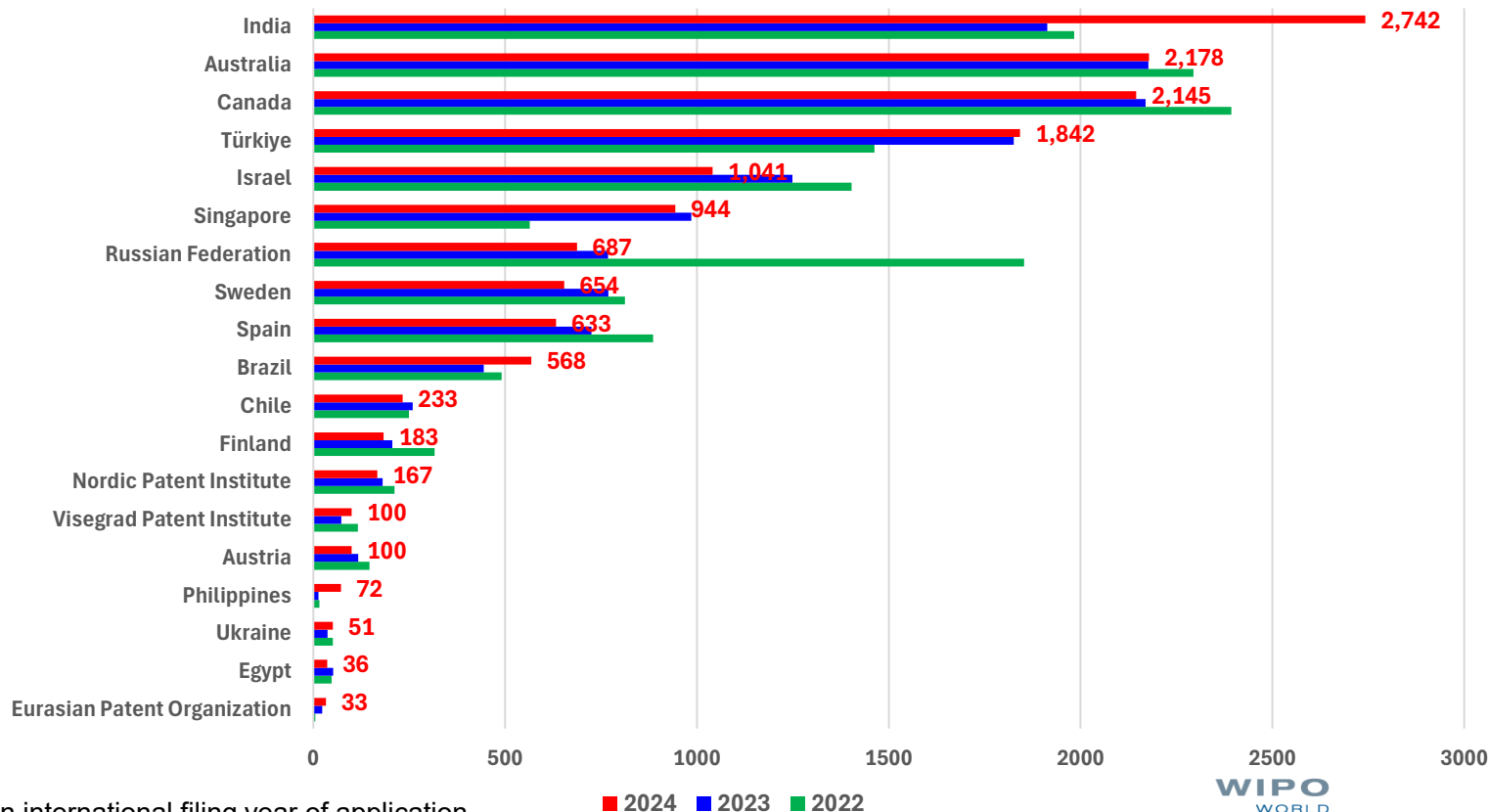
Distribution of ISRs established by ISA



Data based on international filing year of application

Source: WIPO statistics database. October 2025

Distribution of ISRs established by ISA (excl. IP5 Offices)



Data based on international filing year of application

Source: WIPO statistics database. October 2025

Timeliness in Transmitting ISRs to the IB measured from Date of Receipt of Search Copy by ISA for 2024



In 2024, 82.5% of all ISRs were transmitted within 3 months of date of receipt of search copy (down from 86.3% in 2023)

Timeliness in Transmitting ISRs to the IB measured from Priority Date by ISA for 2024



In 2024, 97.1% of all ISRs required to be transmitted to the International Bureau within 9 months of the priority date met this deadline (slightly up from 96.9% in 2023)

Source: WIPO statistics database, March 2025. Excludes cases where Rule 42 time limit of 3 months from date of receipt of search copy applies.

PCT A1 Publication Percentage by ISA in 2024



The International Bureau published more than 94.6% of PCT applications together with an ISR (slightly down from 96.3 % in 2023)

Supplementary International Search Requests

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (partial)
Austria	1	1	2	2	1		3	2	1
European Patent Office	40	54	94	50	48	48	28	22	11
Finland									1
Nordic Patent Institute			2	1	1			1	2
Russian Federation	6		3	1	3				1
Singapore		3	4	2		3			
Sweden		3	1	1	1	1	1		1
Türkiye		1	2	1					
Ukraine	2	1	4	1		1		1	1
Visegrad Patent Institute			2	1					
Total	49	63	114	60	54	53	32	26	18

Number of IPRPs issued by IPEA

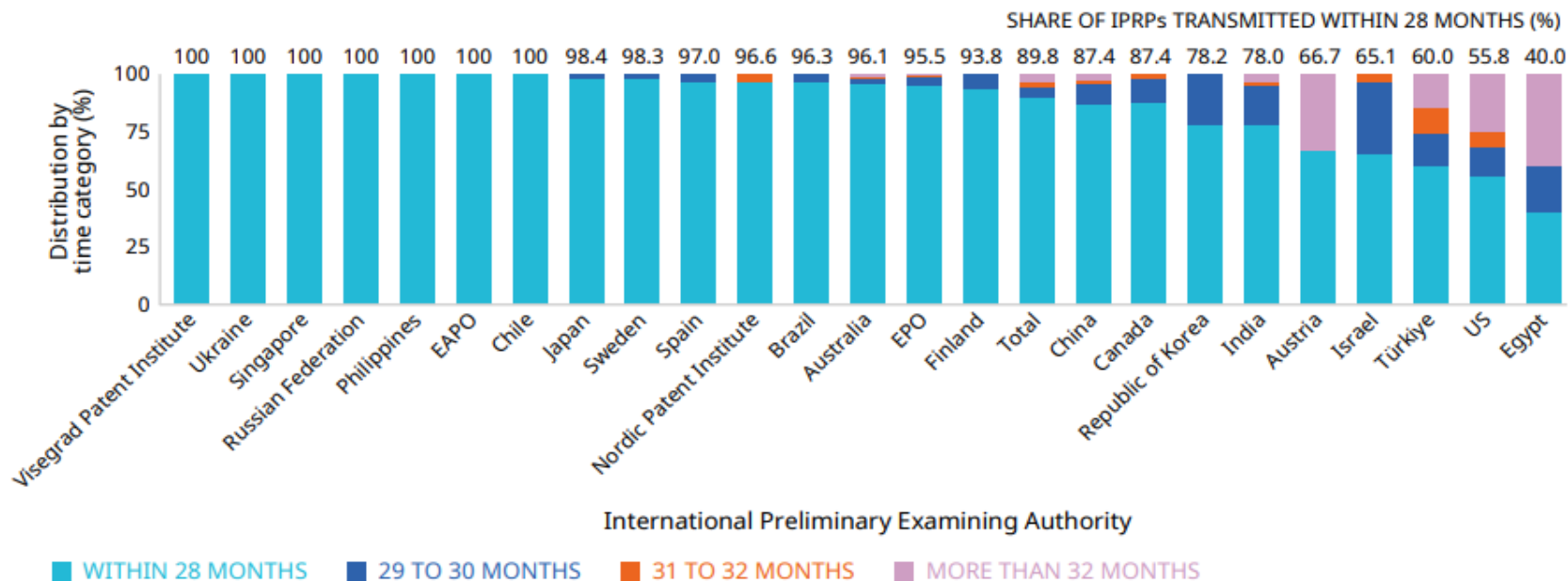
International preliminary examining authority	Year			2024 share (%)	Change from (%)
	2022	2023	2024		
Australia	420	446	331	4.0	-25.8
Austria	4	2	3	0.0	50.0
Brazil	87	93	82	1.0	-11.8
Canada	145	153	112	1.3	-26.8
Chile	17	7	10	0.1	42.9
China	372	254	207	2.5	-18.5
Egypt	0	8	5	0.1	-37.5
Eurasian Patent Organization	1	3	2	0.0	-33.3
European Patent Office	5,175	4,951	4,672	55.8	-5.6
Finland	39	27	16	0.2	-40.7
India	59	53	59	0.7	11.3
Israel	75	90	63	0.8	-30.0
Japan	1,400	1,412	1,381	16.5	-2.2
Nordic Patent Institute	32	46	29	0.3	-37.0
Philippines	1	0	1	0.0	n.a.
Republic of Korea	107	114	101	1.2	-11.4
Russian Federation	45	29	20	0.2	-31.0
Singapore	80	66	37	0.4	-43.9
Spain	53	33	33	0.4	0.0
Sweden	69	62	58	0.7	-6.5
Türkiye	53	34	35	0.4	2.9
Ukraine	9	2	4	0.0	100.0
US	689	517	1,103	13.2	113.3
Visegrad Patent Institute	1	1	2	0.0	100.0
Total	8,933	8,403	8,366	100.0	-0.4

- Overall steady decline continues over the last few years (dropped by further 0.4% in 2024)
- EPO, Japan and US issued 85.5% of all Chapter II IPRPs
- Reports issued by the US more than doubled in 2024

Note: Data for 2024 may be incomplete

Source: WIPO statistics database, March 2025, PCT Yearly Review 2025

Timeliness in transmitting IPRPs by IPEA in 2024



In 2024, 89.8% of IPRPs were transmitted to the International Bureau within 28 months of the priority date (89.8% in 2023)

Timeliness calculated as time elapsed between priority date and date on which International Bureau received IPRP from IPEA

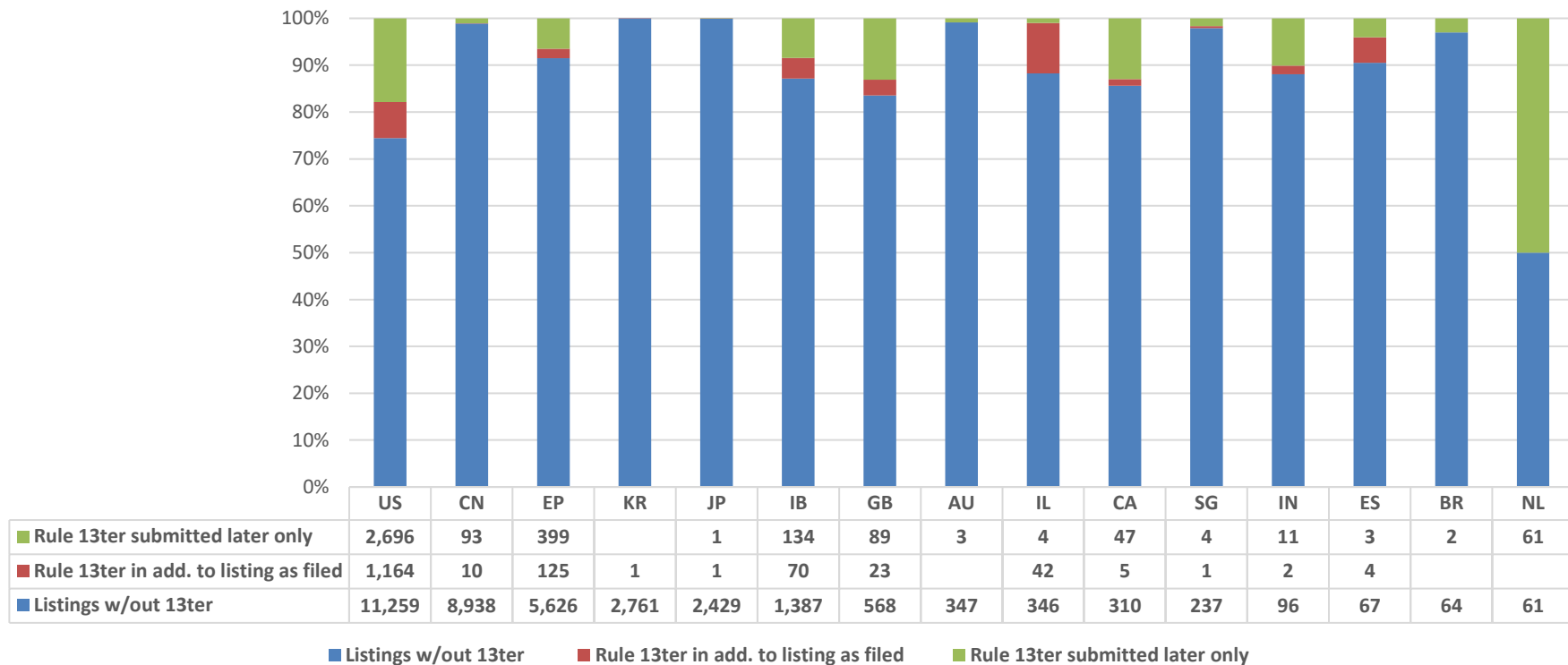
PCT-PPH pilot

Office of later examination	Office of earlier examination												Total
	Japan	EPO	US	China	Republic of Korea	Canada	Israel	Australia	Singapore	Russian Federation	Spain	Others	
Japan	1,224	450	67	86	54	8	6	2	2	0	1	4	1,904
China	350	602	84	0	96	15	9	0	8	16	0	3	1,183
Republic of Korea	135	179	76	53	89	5	8	0	5	0	0	15	565
EPO	180	0	140	99	51	25	7	3	0	0	0	0	505
Canada	20	153	118	12	17	43	1	5	1	0	2	6	378
Australia	29	172	99	0	28	19	3	0	4	0	0	4	358
Singapore	34	83	23	23	11	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	187
Mexico	51	65	8	16	7	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	159
Philippines	49	14	37	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108
Brazil	13	62	19	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	102
Israel	1	64	10	7	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	2	92
Colombia	6	21	43	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	81
Hungary	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76
Russian Federation	1	24	3	13	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	48
Chile	3	17	1	10	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	41
New Zealand	2	0	17	0	1	3	1	9	0	0	0	3	36
UK	17	0	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	31
EAPO	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Others	10	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	19
Total	2,126	1,924	756	399	376	128	48	30	21	16	14	51	5,889

- Data for some offices of later examination, such as those of Germany and the US, are unavailable.

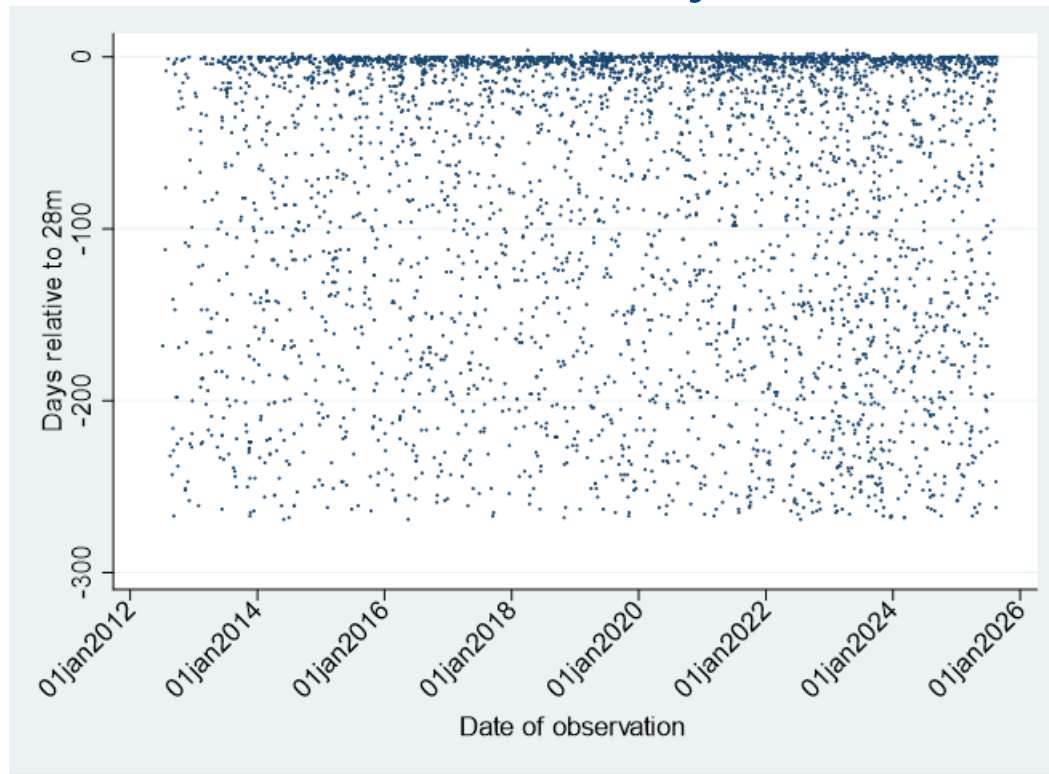
Source: WIPO, based on data from the Japan Patent Office, March 2025.

Applications with Sequence Listings (top 15 ROs)

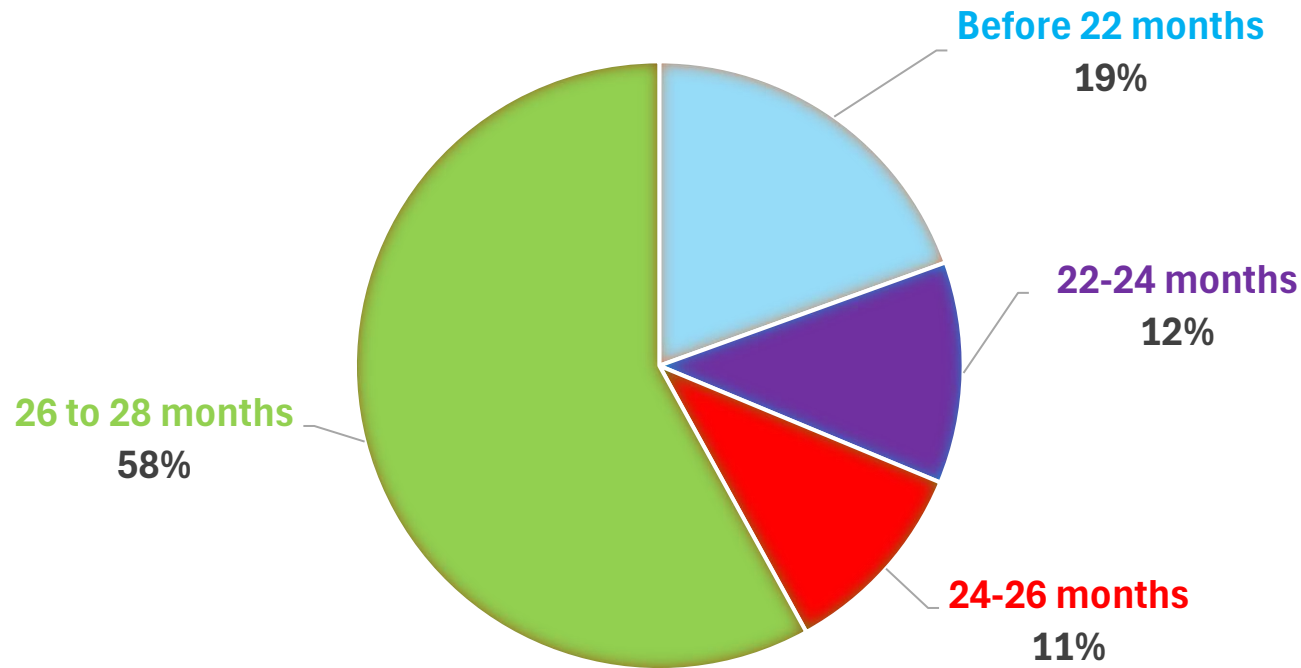


- Around 40,000 PCT applications filed with sequence listings since July 2022 (as of Sept 2025).
- Around 13% of these applications have Rule 13ter submissions. 30% of applications with a Rule 13ter submission had a sequence listing in addition to listing as filed.

Timing of Third-Party Observations relative to 28 months from Priority Date



Timing of Third-Party Observations from Priority Date (since 2012)



Further information:

2025 PCT Yearly Review

The International Patent System

WIPO Publication No. 901EN/25

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