

Intellectual Property Fact Sheet 2021

The following list indicates the number of IP filings made worldwide by applicants from each country. An asterisk symbol denotes that the applicant's home intellectual property office did not supply statistics.

Patent			Trademark			Industrial design		
Total applications (resident + abroad)			Total filings (resident + abroad)			Total filings (resident + abroad)		
Country of origin	Applications	regional rank	Country of origin	number of Classes	regional rank	Country of origin	number of Designs	regional rank
Africa			Africa			Africa		
South Africa	2,751	1	Morocco	106,426	1	Morocco	3,924	1
Cameroon	1,074	2	Egypt	46,684	2	Egypt	2,276	2
Egypt	997	3	South Africa	36,856	3	South Africa	1,614	3
Côte d'Ivoire	697	4	Côte d'Ivoire	19,631	4	Côte d'Ivoire	1,360	4
Senegal	606	5	Cameroon	13,245	5	Guinea	1,003	5
Morocco	399	6	Senegal	12,560	6	Algeria	900	6
Gabon	359	7	Algeria	11,857	7	Cameroon	631	7
Algeria	281	8	Mauritius	8,607	8	Senegal	425	8
Kenya	199	9	Togo	6,982	9	Madagascar	328	9
Mali	194	10	Burkina Faso	6,148	10	Burkina Faso	206	10
Benin	171	11	Mali	5,760	11	Mali	206	10
Mauritius	165	12	Seychelles	5,540	12	Gabon	204	12
Burkina Faso	85	13	Guinea	5,045	13	Kenya	126	13
Togo	81	14	Benin	3,596	14	Chad	119	14
Congo	71	15	Madagascar	3,275	15	Benin	85	15
Niger	68	16	Mauritania	2,466	16	Togo	85	15
Guinea	52	17	Nigeria *	2,226	17	Mauritius	63	17
Chad	51	18	Mozambique	1,587	18	Namibia *	57	18
Seychelles	51	18	Tunisia *	1,533	19	Guinea-Bissau	51	19
Mauritania	36	20	Gabon	1,228	20	Mozambique	40	20
Mozambique	30	21	Libya *	922	21	Ghana *	28	21
Tunisia *	24	22	Kenya *	855	22	Seychelles	27	22
Nigeria *	23	23	Niger	815	23	Tunisia *	22	23
United Republic of Tanzania	18	24	Namibia *	795	24	Nigeria *	21	24
Central African Republic	17	25	Rwanda	721	25	Libya *	20	25
Namibia *	16	26	Congo	707	26	Botswana	18	26
Rwanda	16	26	Zimbabwe	659	27	Congo	17	27
Ethiopia *	12	28	Liberia *	655	28	Rwanda	11	28
Zimbabwe	10	29	Ghana *	607	29	Ethiopia *	6	29
Madagascar	6	30	Guinea-Bissau	426	30	Zimbabwe *	5	30
Uganda *	6	30	Angola	203	31	Sierra Leone	4	31
Botswana	4	32	Equatorial Guinea	187	32	United Republic of Tanzania *	2	32
Eswatini *	4	32	Chad	163	33	Equatorial Guinea	1	33
Sudan *	3	34	Cabo Verde	147	34	Eswatini *	1	33
Malawi *	2	35	Comoros	138	35	Sudan *	1	33
Zambia *	2	35	Zambia *	113	36	Uganda *	1	33
Angola	1	37	Botswana	75	37	Asia		
Cabo Verde	1	37	Uganda *	75	37	China	1,512,861	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo *	1	37	Central African Republic	70	39	Republic of Korea	116,693	2
Ghana *	1	37	Democratic Republic of the Congo *	63	40	Japan	94,374	3
Lesotho *	1	37	United Republic of Tanzania	53	41	Türkiye	78,829	4
Liberia *	1	37	Sudan *	36	42	China, Hong Kong SAR	27,295	5
Somalia *	1	37	Eswatini *	29	43	India	19,774	6
Asia			Sierra Leone	21	44	Singapore	15,301	7
China	1,538,604	1	Burundi *	17	45	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13,937	8
Japan	412,885	2	Ethiopia *	15	46	Israel	10,163	9
Republic of Korea	267,527	3	Eritrea *	6	47	Cyprus	9,184	10
India	43,163	4	Djibouti *	5	48	Thailand	4,764	11
Israel	17,341	5	Lesotho *	5	48	Indonesia	3,123	11
Türkiye	10,869	6	Malawi *	4	50	Viet Nam	2,561	13
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10,350	7	Sao Tome and Principe	4	50	Bangladesh	1,393	14
Singapore	9,766	8	South Sudan *	4	50	Mongolia	1,391	15
Saudi Arabia	4,868	9	Somalia *	3	53	United Arab Emirates	1,265	16
China, Hong Kong SAR	3,261	10	Asia			Saudi Arabia	1,096	17
Malaysia	1,863	11	China	11,169,989	1	Malaysia	721	18
Thailand	1,548	12	Japan	555,078	2	Philippines	720	19
Indonesia	1,445	13	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	511,627	3	Lebanon *	675	20
Viet Nam	1,205	14	Türkiye	505,839	4	Qatar *	548	21
Kazakhstan *	753	15	India	476,673	5	Pakistan	485	22
Philippines	695	16	Republic of Korea	471,552	6	Jordan	322	23
United Arab Emirates	655	17	China, Hong Kong SAR	139,559	7	Kazakhstan	283	24
Oman	583	18	Singapore	105,278	8	China, Macao SAR	245	25
Pakistan	491	19	Indonesia	97,215	9	Syrian Arab Republic	245	25
Uzbekistan	428	20	Cyprus	91,011	10	Uzbekistan	240	27
Cyprus	417	21	Viet Nam	86,179	11	Sri Lanka	227	28
Azerbaijan	338	22	United Arab Emirates	45,835	12	Georgia	113	29
Sri Lanka	329	23	Pakistan	44,595	13	Armenia	81	30
China, Macao SAR	163	24	Israel	44,109	14	Azerbaijan	81	30
Georgia	132	25	Thailand	43,621	15	Yemen	80	32
Qatar	121	26	Philippines	37,610	16	Kuwait *	67	33
Kyrgyzstan	120	27	Malaysia	33,696	17	Democratic People's Republic of Korea *	59	34
Mongolia	113	28	Saudi Arabia	32,263	18	Afghanistan *	31	35
Armenia	106	29	Mongolia	19,487	19	Kyrgyzstan	30	36
Tajikistan *	97	30	Kazakhstan	17,144	20	Oman	17	37
Bangladesh	91	31	Syrian Arab Republic	14,563	21	Bahrain	15	38
Kuwait *	71	32	Bangladesh	11,010	22	Iraq *	4	39
Jordan	53	33	Uzbekistan	10,952	23	Bhutan	3	40
Lebanon *	42	34	Qatar	10,722	24	Cambodia *	2	41
Democratic People's Republic of Korea *	27	35	Sri Lanka	7,725	25	Myanmar *	1	42
Yemen	22	36	Lebanon *	7,231	26	Tajikistan *	1	42
Bahrain	17	37	Jordan	6,321	27	Europe		
Afghanistan *	16	38	Azerbaijan	6,156	28	Germany	540,700	1
Iraq *	13	39	Yemen	5,709	29	Italy	350,437	2
Timor-Leste *	10	40	Armenia	5,651	30	France	227,890	3
Brunei Darussalam	5	41	Georgia	4,511	31	Poland	158,341	4
Cambodia *	5	41	Kuwait *	4,146	32	United Kingdom	135,245	5
Syrian Arab Republic	4	43	China, Macao SAR	3,660	33	Switzerland	117,813	6
Nepal *	3	44	Iraq	2,756	34	Spain	101,588	7
Turkmenistan *	3	44	Bahrain	1,326	35	Netherlands	97,772	8
Myanmar *	2	46	Kyrgyzstan	845	36	Austria	82,185	9
Europe			Brunei Darussalam	737	37	Denmark	58,229	10
Germany	165,826	1	Afghanistan *	690	38	Sweden	48,800	11
France	66,137	2	Oman	569	39	Belgium	35,115	12
United Kingdom	53,633	3	Democratic People's Republic of Korea *	450	40	Finland	25,455	13
Switzerland	48,336	4	Nepal *	313	41	Portugal	24,697	14
Italy	34,206	5	Bhutan	157	42	Czech Republic	24,605	15
Netherlands	32,779	6	Cambodia	157	42	Ireland	15,625	16
Sweden	27,802	7	Myanmar *	151	44	Malta	13,822	17
Russian Federation	25,904	8	Turkmenistan *	67	45	Bulgaria	13,014	18
Denmark	14,100	9	Tajikistan *	24	46	Russian Federation	11,773	19
Belgium	13,966	10	Lao People's Democratic Republic *	8	47	Greece	11,758	20
Austria	13,472	11	Maldives *	5	48	Romania	9,686	21
Finland	12,826	12	Timor-Leste *	2	49	Luxembourg	8,992	22

Spain	10,880	13	Europe			Norway	8,504	23
Ireland	7,061	14	Germany	2,947,842	1	Slovakia	6,498	24
Poland	5,916	15	France	1,251,417	2	Ukraine	6,149	25
Norway	5,841	16	Italy	1,238,586	3	Croatia	5,867	26
Luxembourg	2,725	17	United Kingdom	1,200,123	4	Estonia	5,773	27
Portugal	1,986	18	Spain	794,596	5	Lithuania	5,327	28
Czech Republic	1,922	19	Netherlands	609,125	6	Hungary	5,132	29
Ukraine	1,706	20	Switzerland	566,658	7	Slovenia *	4,425	30
Liechtenstein	1,482	21	Poland	500,481	8	Liechtenstein	3,215	31
Hungary	1,466	22	Russian Federation	419,390	9	Latvia	2,504	32
Greece	1,387	23	Austria	412,344	10	Serbia	933	33
Belarus	1,118	24	Sweden	400,024	11	Republic of Moldova	749	34
Romania	1,114	25	Belgium	281,995	12	Bosnia and Herzegovina	671	35
Slovenia *	522	26	Czech Republic	199,251	13	San Marino	486	36
Lithuania	477	27	Denmark	195,876	14	Belarus	462	37
Bulgaria	466	28	Finland	174,939	15	Monaco	431	38
Slovakia	414	29	Portugal	168,641	16	North Macedonia	172	39
Malta	407	30	Romania	130,841	17	Andorra *	63	40
Iceland	371	31	Ireland	123,810	18	Albania	58	41
Estonia	350	32	Greece *	110,630	19	Iceland	38	42
Croatia	304	33	Bulgaria	105,325	20	Latin America and the Caribbean		
Latvia	281	34	Luxembourg	97,965	21	Brazil	7,920	1
Serbia	271	35	Norway	94,087	22	Mexico	1,756	2
Monaco	137	36	Malta	78,954	23	Argentina	1,624	3
Republic of Moldova	75	37	Estonia	74,429	24	Barbados *	1,608	4
North Macedonia	73	38	Hungary	69,949	25	Colombia	636	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	64	39	Ukraine	64,833	26	Panama	197	6
San Marino	58	40	Lithuania	62,976	27	Chile	189	7
Albania	39	41	Slovakia	62,093	28	Ecuador	107	8
Andorra	27	42	Slovenia *	44,687	29	Peru	98	9
Montenegro *	7	43	Croatia	30,783	30	Jamaica	94	10
Latin America and the Caribbean			Latvia	27,789	31	Guatemala	83	11
Brazil	6,909	1	Serbia	16,692	32	Trinidad and Tobago	60	12
Mexico	1,994	2	Monaco	15,377	33	Belize	59	13
Chile	930	3	Liechtenstein	15,328	34	Dominican Republic	44	14
Barbados	767	4	Belarus	12,272	35	Uruguay *	21	15
Argentina	717	5	Andorra	7,543	36	El Salvador	16	16
Colombia	692	6	Republic of Moldova	6,219	37	Cuba	14	17
Antigua and Barbuda	408	7	Iceland	6,133	38	Costa Rica	13	18
Peru	160	8	North Macedonia	4,619	39	Bahamas *	7	19
Costa Rica	130	9	San Marino *	2,951	40	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	5	20
Cuba	112	10	Albania	2,766	41	Suriname *	3	21
Uruguay *	104	11	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,879	42	Antigua and Barbuda	2	22
Panama	70	12	Montenegro *	234	43	Paraguay *	2	22
Bahamas *	55	13	Holy See *	5	44	Guyana	1	24
Ecuador	51	14	Latin America and the Caribbean			North America		
Dominican Republic	46	15	Brazil	370,189	1	United States of America	392,258	1
Guyana	40	16	Mexico	165,577	2	Canada	17,985	2
Saint Kitts and Nevis *	28	17	Argentina	82,468	3	Oceania		
Jamaica	23	18	Chile	66,148	4	Australia	18,061	1
Belize	21	19	Colombia	42,681	5	New Zealand	5,992	2
Guatemala	15	20	Peru	32,316	6	Samoa *	7	3
Saint Lucia *	15	20	Barbados	17,047	7	Palau *	1	4
Trinidad and Tobago	15	20	Ecuador	15,497	8			
Curaçao *	14	23	Panama	12,385	9			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	8	24	Dominican Republic	11,065	10			
Dominica	5	25	Costa Rica	10,914	11			
Paraguay *	4	26	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	10,194	12			
Sint Maarten (Dutch Part) *	3	27	Uruguay	9,056	13			
El Salvador	2	28	El Salvador	5,609	14			
Honduras	2	28	Honduras	2,950	15			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) *	1	30	Jamaica	2,936	16			
Grenada *	1	30	Cuba	2,521	17			
North America			Guatemala	2,434	18			
United States of America	509,962	1	Curaçao	2,397	19			
Canada	26,525	2	Antigua and Barbuda	1,940	20			
Oceania			Bahamas *	1,452	21			
Australia	12,825	1	Trinidad and Tobago	956	22			
New Zealand	2,682	2	Belize *	648	23			
Samoa	17	3	Saint Kitts and Nevis *	615	24			
Papua New Guinea *	4	4	Suriname	529	25			
Marshall Islands *	3	5	Paraguay *	509	26			
Vanuatu *	3	5	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	386	27			
Cook Islands *	2	7	Saint Lucia *	205	28			
Micronesia (Federated States of) *	1	8	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba *	110	29			
			Bolivia (Plurinational State of) *	97	30			
			Dominica	93	31			
			Nicaragua *	57	32			
			Guyana	30	33			
			Haiti *	27	34			
			Sint Maarten (Dutch Part) *	14	35			
			Grenada *	13	36			
			North America					
			United States of America	2,172,727	1			
			Canada	236,314	2			
			Oceania					
			Australia	251,997	1			
			New Zealand	55,352	2			
			Marshall Islands *	2,299	3			
			Cook Islands *	912	4			
			Samoa	865	5			
			Nauru *	207	6			
			Vanuatu *	185	7			
			Papua New Guinea *	29	8			
			Niue *	23	9			
			Fiji *	19	10			
			Micronesia (Federated States of) *	5	11			
			Solomon Islands *	4	12			
			Tonga *	4	12			