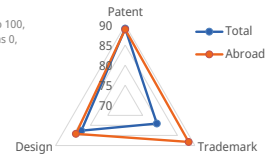




Belgium

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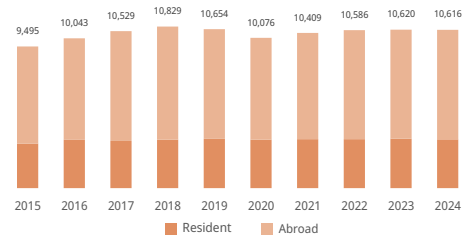
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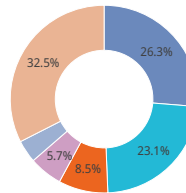
Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; global rank	10,616	↓0%	20 th
Resident applications	3,267	↓1.3%	
Abroad applications; global rank	7,349	↑0.5%	19 th
Regional rank and share			
	Europe - 11 th	2.3%	
	Western Europe - 5 th	3.8%	
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank	275		15 th
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	436		17 th
Utility model applications; global rank	101	↑26.3%	47 th
PCT international applications; global rank	1,309	↓2.8%	22 nd
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank	110		16 th
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2022-2024)	38		1%
Share of university applications (2022-2024)	6.8%		
Share of women inventors (2022-2024)	20%		
PCT national phase entries; global rank	6,047	↑2.7%	15 th
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System	67.3%		
PCT top applicants (2022-2024)			
	Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.	148	
	Agc Glass Europe	134	
	K.u. Leuven Research & Development	116	
	Umicore	103	
	Zf Cv Systems Europe BV	87	

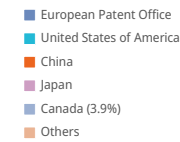
Patent applications



Top technical fields; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office

Total applications; global rank	1,059	↓11.4%	52 nd
Resident; share	647	↓9.6%	61.1%
Non-resident; share	412	↓14%	38.9%
Patent Grants	1,089	↓2.2%	
Patents in force; global rank	187,149		15 th
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - grant delay in months			
Filings via regional office - resident	European Patent Office	2,620	
Filings via regional office - non-resident	European Patent Office	196,782	

Country of origin of non-resident applications; share

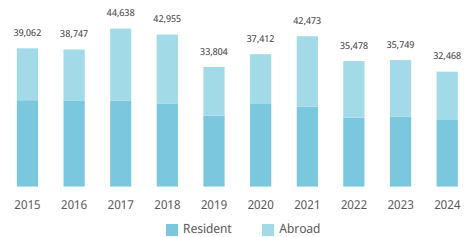
Country	Count	Share
United States of America	47,813	24.2%
Germany	25,135	12.7%
Japan	21,064	10.7%
China	20,200	10.2%
Republic of Korea	13,116	6.7%

Trademark

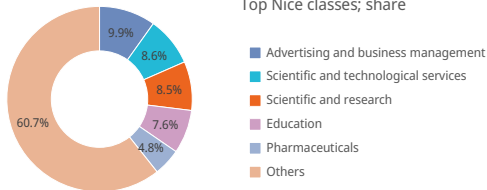
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

Trademark filings; global rank	32,468	↓9.2%	42 nd
Resident filings	18,826	↓4.7%	
Abroad filings; global rank	13,642	↓14.7%	24 th
Regional rank and share			
	Europe - 17 th	1.1%	
	Western Europe - 6 th	2.9%	
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	1,585		40 th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	2,513		81 st
Madrid international applications; global rank	651	↓6.7%	19 th
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank	54.8		17 th
Abroad filings via the Madrid System	9,708	↓18.5%	21 st
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System	66.2%		
Madrid top applicants (2022-2024)			
	Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.	63	
	Atlas Copco Airpower, Naamloze Vennootschap	38	
	Glaxosmithkline Biologicals S.A.	22	
	Omega Pharma Innovation & Development NV	17	
	Biobest Group NV	15	

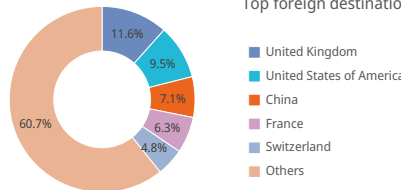
Trademark class count in applications



Top Nice classes; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office [1]

Total filings; global rank			
Resident; share			
Non-resident; share			
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations			
Trademarks in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	11,838	
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	6,988	
Filings via regional office - non-resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	42,663	
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	437,926	

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share

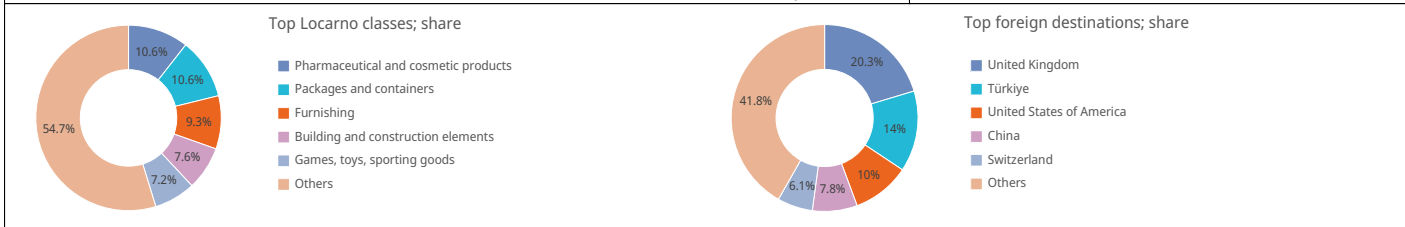
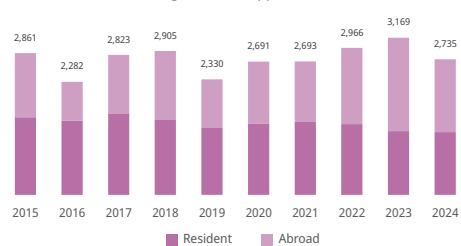
Country	Count	Share
Germany	71,914	15%
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	49,811	10.4%
China	40,724	8.5%
Italy	35,717	7.4%
United States of America	34,216	7.1%

Industrial design

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank	2,735	↓13.7%	29 th
Resident filings	1,265	↓1.6%	
Abroad filings; global rank	1,470	↓21.9%	23 rd
Regional rank and share	Europe – 14 th	0.8%	
	Western Europe – 6 th	1.8%	
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	106		27 th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	169		46 th
Hague international filings; global rank	186	↓46.1%	20 th
Abroad filings via the Hague System	818	↓40.5%	23 rd
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System		50.1%	
Hague top applicants (2022-2024)			
	Babyliss Faco SRL		68
	Smart, Naamloze Vennootschap		36
	Bridgestone Europe NV/SA		20
	Niko Group NV		16
	Delvaux-createur, Societe Anonyme		15

Design count in applications



Statistics for the IP office [2]

Total filings; global rank		Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
Resident; share		China	33,428	27.1%
Non-resident; share		Germany	17,999	14.6%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations		Italy	14,494	11.7%
Industrial designs in force; global rank		United States of America	10,614	8.6%
National IP office - applications per examiner		France	5,306	4.3%
National IP office - registration delay in days				
Filings via regional office - resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	183		
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	1,082		
Filings via regional office - non-resident	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property	722		
	European Union Intellectual Property Office	122,661		

Geographical indications

Geographical Indications in force by product category

Product category	Count	Share
Agricultural products and foodstuffs	2,089	38.3%
Wines and spirits	3,362	61.7%

Geographical Indications in force by legal means

Legal means	Count	Share
Agreements	1,908	35%
Regional system	3,539	64.9%
Lisbon system	4	0.1%

Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country

Residence	Count
Resident	49
Abroad	45
Regional	Community Plant Variety Office: 49

Plant variety in force

System	Count
National	28
Community Plant Variety Office	31,317

Note

- (1) For trademarks, filings refer to the number of classes specified in applications.
- (2) For industrial designs, filings refer to number of designs contained in applications.
- (3) Statistics are produced regardless of whether the home office of the applicants supplied statistics or not. An asterisk symbol indicates that the home IP office did not supply statistics.
- (4) Statistics relating to "technical fields" are extracted from the Patstat database and are based on the publication date.
- (5) The indicator "resident applications per million population" is available for countries with a population greater than one million. The "indicator per GDP" is available for countries whose total GDP exceeds 10 billion US Dollar.
- (6) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year.
- (7) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.