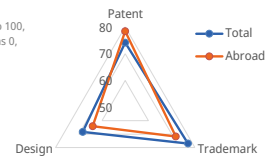




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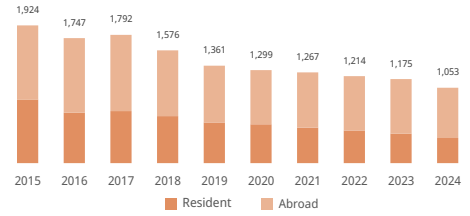
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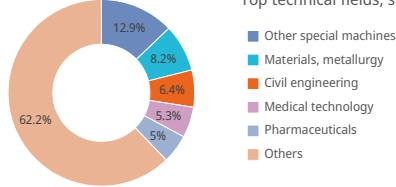
### Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1,053	↓10.4%	46 <sup>th</sup>
Resident applications	350	↓15.3%	
Abroad applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	703	↓7.7%	36 <sup>th</sup>
<a href="#">Regional rank</a> and share	Africa - 2 <sup>nd</sup>		22.6%
	Southern Africa - 1 <sup>st</sup>		97.4%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>	5.5		78 <sup>th</sup>
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; <a href="#">global rank</a>	40.2		76 <sup>th</sup>
Utility model applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1	↓75%	106 <sup>th</sup>
PCT international applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	166	↓11.2%	34 <sup>th</sup>
PCT applications per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>	2.6		54 <sup>th</sup>
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2022-2024)	13		2.2%
Share of university applications (2022-2024)	17.2%		
Share of women inventors (2022-2024)	13.5%		
PCT national phase entries; <a href="#">global rank</a>	595	↓11.3%	32 <sup>nd</sup>
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System		67.7%	
PCT top applicants (2022-2024)			
	Stellenbosch University		27
	University of Cape Town		21
	Detnet South Africa (pty) Ltd		18
	University of Pretoria		13
	University of South Africa		10

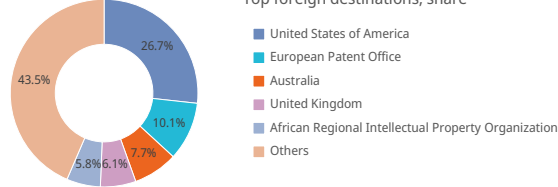
Patent applications



### Top technical fields; share



### Top foreign destinations; share



### Statistics for the IP office

Total applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	8,899	↓17.1%	21 <sup>st</sup>
Resident; share	350	↓15.3%	3.9%
Non-resident; share	8,549	↓17.1%	96.1%
Patent Grants	6,986	↓13.9%	
Patents in force; <a href="#">global rank</a>	104,012		25 <sup>th</sup>
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - grant delay in months			

### Country of origin of non-resident applications; share

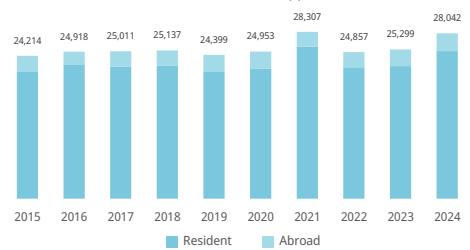
Country	Count	Share
China	3,056	35.8%
United States of America	1,884	22.1%
United Kingdom	501	5.9%
India	378	4.4%
Germany	357	4.2%

## Trademark

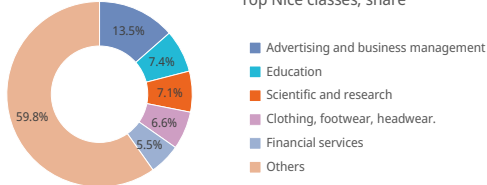
### Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

Trademark filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	28,042	↑10.8%	46 <sup>th</sup>
Resident filings	25,039	↑11.4%	
Abroad filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	3,003	↑6.2%	56 <sup>th</sup>
<a href="#">Regional rank</a> and share	Africa - 2 <sup>nd</sup>		23.3%
	Southern Africa - 1 <sup>st</sup>		87.4%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>	391		82 <sup>nd</sup>
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; <a href="#">global rank</a>	2,877		78 <sup>th</sup>
Madrid international applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1		112 <sup>th</sup>
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Abroad filings via the Madrid System	6		116 <sup>th</sup>
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System		0.2%	
Madrid top applicants (2022-2024)			
	Shield Chemicals (pty) Ltd		1
	Thoroughtec Capital (pty) Ltd		1
	Ttv Fluvial (pty) Ltd		1
	International Housing Solutions		1

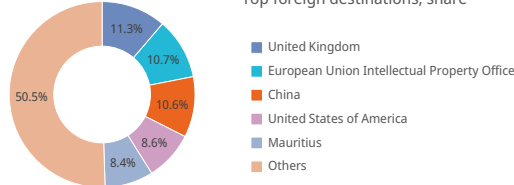
Trademark class count in applications



### Top Nice classes; share



### Top foreign destinations; share



### Statistics for the IP office [1]

Total filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	39,309	↑5.2%	39 <sup>th</sup>
Resident; share	25,039	↑11.4%	63.7%
Non-resident; share	14,270	↓4.1%	36.3%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	27,279	↓7.7%	
Trademarks in force; <a href="#">global rank</a>	418,884		25 <sup>th</sup>
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			

### Country of origin of non-resident filings; share

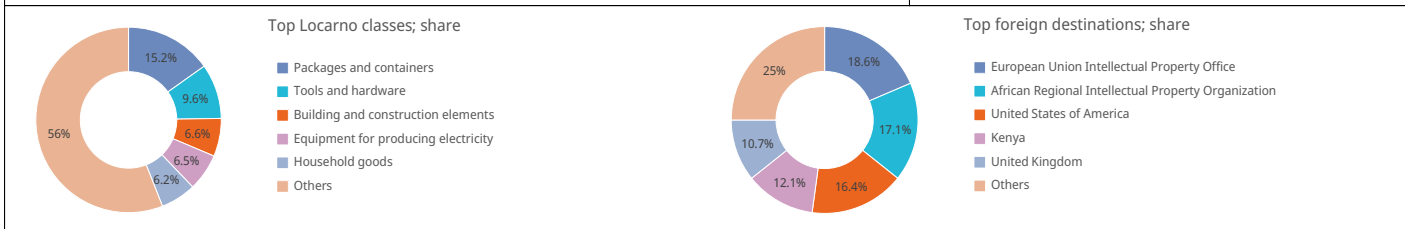
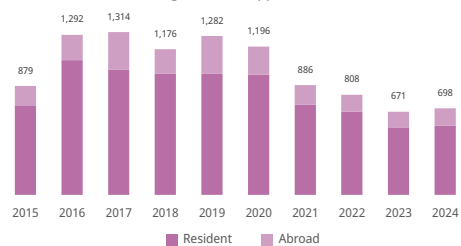
Country	Count	Share
United States of America	3,122	26.3%
United Kingdom	1,137	9.6%
Germany	1,089	9.2%
Switzerland	821	6.9%
France	641	5.4%

## Industrial design

### Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	698	↑4%	52 <sup>nd</sup>
Resident filings	558	↑2.6%	
Abroad filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	140	↑10.2%	51 <sup>st</sup>
<a href="#">Regional rank</a> and share			
	Africa - 3 <sup>rd</sup>		7.3%
	Southern Africa - 1 <sup>st</sup>		94.1%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>	8.7		72 <sup>nd</sup>
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; <a href="#">global rank</a>	64.1		76 <sup>th</sup>
Hague international filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	2	↑100%	58 <sup>th</sup>
Abroad filings via the Hague System	6	↑500%	59 <sup>th</sup>
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System		4.3%	
Hague top applicants (2022-2024)	John Sebastian Turner Kirkland		1

Design count in applications



### Statistics for the IP office [2]

Total filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1,391	↓5.5%	37 <sup>th</sup>	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share	United States of America	266	31.9%
Resident; share	558	↑2.6%	40.1%		China	118	14.2%
Non-resident; share	833	↓10.2%	59.9%		Switzerland	72	8.6%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	1,352	↓14.4%			United Kingdom	58	7%
Industrial designs in force; <a href="#">global rank</a>	18,295		22 <sup>nd</sup>		Germany	47	5.6%
National IP office - applications per examiner							
National IP office - registration delay in days							

## Geographical indications

Geographical Indications in force by product category	Geographical Indications in force by legal means

## Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country	Plant variety in force
Resident	National 35
Abroad	National 36
Regional	Community Plant Variety Office 5
	National 3,984

### 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.

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