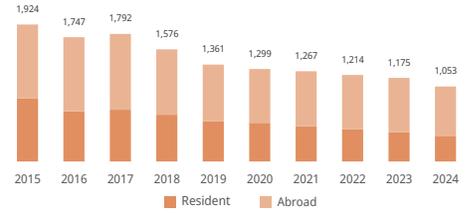


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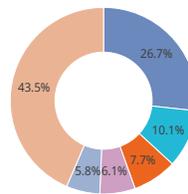
Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; global rank	1,053	↓10.4%	46 th
Resident applications	350	↓15.3%	
Abroad applications; global rank	703	↓7.7%	36 th
Regional rank and share	Africa - 2 nd		22.6%
	Southern Africa - 1 st		97.4%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank	5.5		77 th
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	40.2		75 th
Utility model applications; global rank	1	↓75%	105 th
PCT international applications; global rank	168	↓10.2%	34 th
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank	2.6		54 th
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; global rank	595	↓11.3%	33 rd
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; global rank	8,899	↓17.1%	21 st
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; global rank	104,012		25 th
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - grant delay in months			

Country of origin of non-resident applications; 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

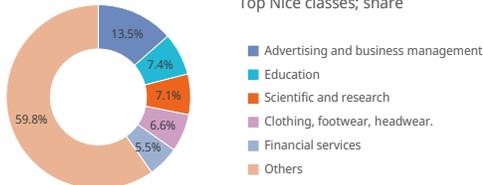
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

Trademark filings; global rank	28,042	↑10.8%	46 th
Resident filings	25,039	↑11.4%	
Abroad filings; global rank	3,003	↑6.2%	56 th
Regional rank and share	Africa - 2 nd		23.3%
	Southern Africa - 1 st		87.4%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	391		82 nd
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	2,877		77 th
Madrid international applications; global rank	1		112 th
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
Abroad filings via the Madrid System	6		116 th
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; global rank	39,309	↑5.2%	39 th
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; global rank	418,884		25 th
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share

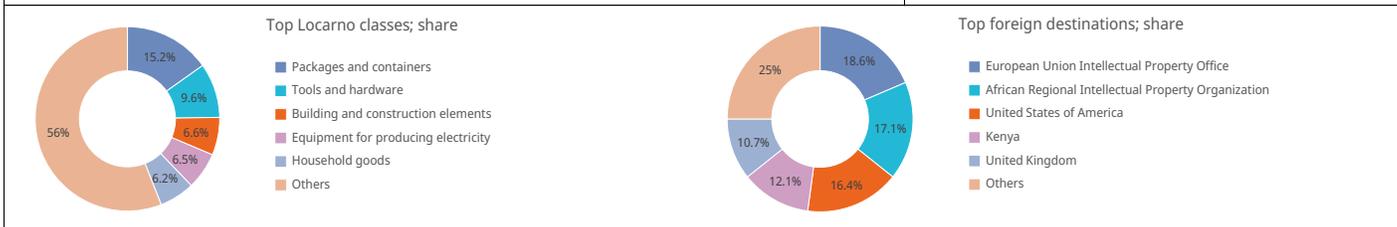
United States of America	3,122	26.3%
United Kingdom	1,137	9.6%
Germany	1,089	9.2%
Switzerland	821	6.9%
France	641	5.4%

Industrial design

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank	698	↑4%	52 nd
Resident filings	558	↑2.6%	
Abroad filings; global rank	140	↑10.2%	51 st
Regional rank and share	Africa - 3 rd	7.3%	
	Southern Africa - 1 st	94.1%	
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	8.7		72 nd
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	64.1		75 th
Hague international filings; global rank	2	↑100%	58 th
Abroad filings via the Hague System	6	↑500%	59 th
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; global rank	1,391	↓5.5%	37 th	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; global rank	18,295		22 nd		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.

Source: WIPO statistics database; last updated: 11/2025