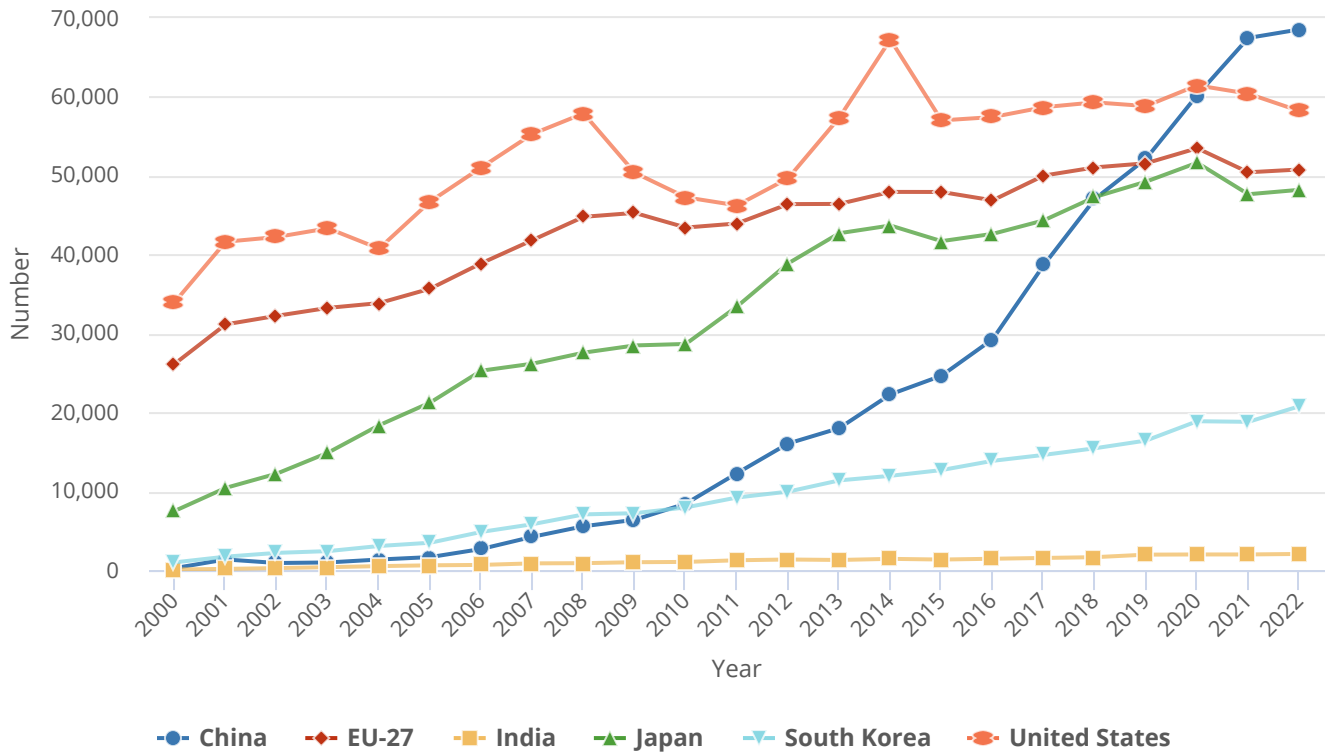


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PCT applications for selected regions, countries, and economies: 2000–22



EU-27 = European Union; PCT = Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Note(s):

Figures are based on publication year of PCT applications. Countries are allocated using the receiving office for each PCT application, which is based on the location of the inventors. In cases where PCT applications are filed directly with the World Intellectual Property Organization via its international bureau, the priority country of the earliest document in the same patent family is used (i.e., where the first application in the patent family was filed). Beginning in 2020, the United Kingdom was no longer a member of the EU. China includes Hong Kong.

Source(s):

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