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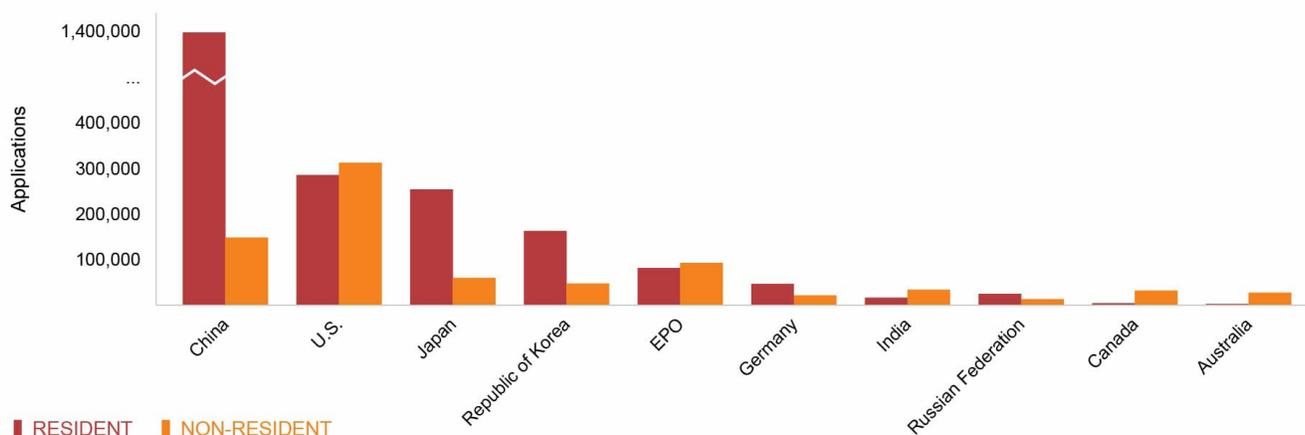
## World Intellectual Property Indicators- 2019

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According to the United Nations, **World Intellectual Property** Indicators Report-2019, global **Intellectual Property (IP)** filing activity continued to grow at a rapid pace.

- In 2018, patent filings around the world exceeded by around 3.3 million, representing a **5.2%** growth over 2017 figures.  
**Asia** accounted for **two-thirds** of these applications, being the global hub for IP applications.
- **China** has been at the **leading position** of global growth in worldwide IP filings in 2018 whereas the United States of America marked its first decline since 2009.
- In India, there was a large increase in the number of filings with respect to
  - **Trademark** filing activity (+20.9%),
  - **Patent** filings (+7.5%), and
  - **Industrial design** filing activity (+13.6%), marking almost double-digit growth in 2018. For India, this was the **third successive year** of double-digit growth.

### Patent applications at the top 10 offices, 2018



- Amongst the **middle-income countries** in the period from 2015 to 2017, applicants residing in India (16.8% of total published applications) mostly filed the patents related to the **pharmaceuticals sector**.

- The share of **withdrawn or abandoned applications** was also highest in India (66.2%).

However, India reduced the number of pending applications by 25% in 2018 compared over the last year (2017).

- **Trade Mark:** A trademark is a word, phrase, symbol, and/or design that identifies and distinguishes the **source of the goods of one party from those of others**. The term "trademark" is often used to refer to both trademarks and service marks. Unlike patents and copyrights, **trademarks do not expire after a set term of years**. Instead, a trademark can last forever, so long as the owner continues to use the mark in commerce to indicate the source of goods and services.
- **Patents:** A patent is a **limited duration property right** relating to an invention, granted by the Trademark Office in exchange for public disclosure of the invention. Patentable materials include machines, manufactured articles, industrial processes, and chemical compositions. The **duration of patent protection is 20 years in the case of India**.
- **Copyright:** A copyright protects works of **authorship that have been tangibly expressed** in a physical form. Example - songs, books, movies, and works of art.
- **Industrial Design:** in a legal sense, an industrial design constitutes the ornamental or aesthetic aspect of an article. It may consist of three-dimensional features, such as the shape of an article, or two-dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or colours.

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