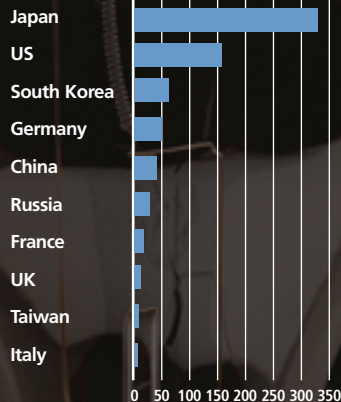


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These charts indicate where most innovation is taking place, as measured by patent applications. Using data collected by Thomson Scientific, it shows the number of patents applied for in the world's leading patent authorities. Patents can be applied for in more than one country; these charts treat the original country of application as the priority country – as it is usually the country in which the applicant is based.

Innovation Indicator
By Country, 2004 ('000)



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1	Japan	342,726
2	US	167,183
3	South Korea	71,483
4	Germany	55,478
5	China	40,426
6	Russia	19,104
7	France	13,246
8	UK	12,245
9	Taiwan	8,684
10	Italy	4,869
11	Australia	4,142
12	Brazil	3,700
13	Canada	3,125
14	Sweden	2,272
15	Spain	2,260
16	Netherlands	2,032
17	Finland	1,411
18	Austria	1,355
19	Switzerland	1,119
20	Denmark	1,030
21	South Africa	1,000
22	Israel	650
23	Hungary	597
24	New Zealand	579
25	Norway	562
26	Czech Rep.	508
27	Belgium	503
28	Romania	492
29	Mexico	308
30	Ireland	300