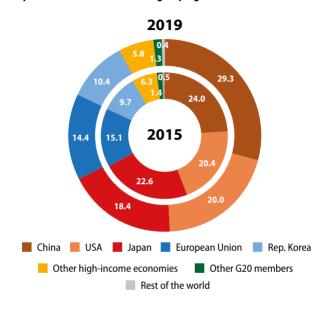
## Top four countries and selected groupings



Note: Patent counts are based on the full-counting method, according to the countries of inventors and years in which the patents were granted by the five patent offices, namely the US Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office, Japanese Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office and State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China. The sum across countries/regions is higher than the world total because of co-inventorship.

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