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Main Science and Technology Indicators

1. R&D Expenditure and Personnel

		Korea ('18)	USA ('17)	Japan ('17)	Germany ('17)	France ('17)	UK ('17)	China ('17)
	Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (100 million USD)	779 (5 th)	5,432 (1 st)	1,561 (3 rd)	1,122 (4 th)	565 (6 th)	439 (7 th)	2,605 (2 nd)
	- Ratio	1.00	6.97	2.00	1.44	0.73	0.56	3.34
R&D	- As a percentage of GDP (%)	4.81	2.79	3.21	3.04	2.19	1.66	2.15
Expenditure	- Government · Public: Private · Foreign Ratio (%)	21:79	30:70	21:79	28:72	37:63 ('16)	33:67 ('16)	20:77
	Government Expenditure on R&D (100 million USD)	179 ('18)	1,305 (`18)	342 (`18)	368 ('18)	184 (`18)	140	-
	- As a percentage of GDP (%)	1.11	0.64	0.69	0.92	0.66	0.53	-
R&D Personnel	Total Researchers (1,000 FTE)	408	1,371 (`16)	676	420	289	290	1,740
	Total Researchers per 1,000 labor force (FTE)	14.7	8.5 ('16)	10.1	9.7	9.7	8.7	2.2

Rankings were based on the data of the most recent year obtained from OECD Main Science & Technology Indicators 2019–1, and the year given in parentheses means the base year of data shown

The sum of Government Public: Private Foreign Ratio in China is less than 100,0%

► Total R&D expenditure in Korea: 85.7 trillion KRW ('18), Government Budget on R&D: 19.7 trillion KRW ('18)

2. R&D Performance

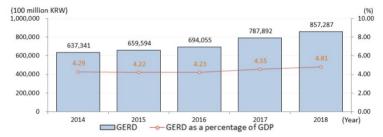
		Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China
Publications ('18)	SCI Papers	63,311 (12 th)	450,352 (1 st)	84,689 (5 th)	121,119 (4 th)	80,453 (6 th)	141,426 (3 rd)	397,717 (2 nd)
	Number of triadic patent families ('17)	2,428 (5 th)	12,021 (2 nd)	17,591 (1 st)	4,531 (3 rd)	2,315 (6 th)	1,612 (7 th)	4,215 (4 th)
Patents	Number of patent applications to the PCT ('18)	16,948 (5 th)	56,221 (1 st)	49,709 (3 rd)	19,748 (4 th)	7,919 (6 th)	5,633 (7 th)	53,348 (2 nd)
	Receipts (A, 100 million USD)	1,981	3,984	1,142	2,900	1,390	1,075	6,966 ('17)
R&D-intensive	Payments (B, 100 million USD)	1,056	5,946	1,498	2,359	1,191	1,293	5,676 ('17)
industries ('18)	Balance of payments ratio (A/B)	1.88	0.67	0.76	1.23	1.17	0.83	1.23 ('17)
	Balance of payments (100 million USD)	925	-1,962	-357	542	199	-218	1,290 ('17)
IMD evaluation	Competitiveness ranking	28	3	30	17	31	23	14
('19)	- Science	3	1	6	5	12	11	2
	 Technology 	22	6	20	23	9	12	2

R&D Expenditure

1. Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (GERD)

1 GERD in Korea

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Since the GDP for year Y is finalized on March of Y+2yrs, there is a possibility of change in GERD as a percentage of GDP that was initially extracted from November of Y+1yr

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

		2015	2016	2017	2018
Karaa	GERD (million USD)	58,311	59,810	69,699	77,896
Korea	As a percentage of GDP (%)	4.22	4.23	4.55	4.81
USA	GERD (million USD)	495,098	516,254	543,249	
USA	As a percentage of GDP (%)	2.72	2.76	2.79	
Japan	GERD (million USD)	144,047	155,447	156,128	
	As a percentage of GDP (%)	3.28	3.16	3.21	
	GERD (million USD)	98,465	101,958	112,186	
Germany	As a percentage of GDP (%)	2.91	2.92	3.04	
France	GERD (million USD)	55,275	54,792	56,523	
France	As a percentage of GDP (%)	2.27	2.22	2.19	
	GERD (million USD)	48,317	44,731	43,889	
UK	As a percentage of GDP (%)	1.67	1.68	1.66	
China	GERD (million USD)	227,538	235,936	260,494	
China	As a percentage of GDP (%)	2.07	2.12	2.15	

② GERD in major countries

▶ GERD is calculated by applying GERD in MSTI 2019-1 and KRW/USD currency exchange rate

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org), MSIT · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

	2015	2016	2017	2018
GERD per capita (1,000 KRW)	1,293	1,354	1,531	1,660
GERD per researcher (million KRW)	145.5	150.6	163.2	166.7

3 GERD per capita population and per researcher in Korea

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

GERD per capita population and per researcher (FTE) in major countries

		2015	2016	2017	2018
	Korea	1,143	1,167	1,355	1,508
	USA	1,541	1,595	1,666	
GERD per capita	Japan	1,133	1,225	1,232	
population	Germany	1,205	1,238	1,357	
(USD)	France	830	820	843	
	UK	742	681	665	
	China	166	171	187	
	Korea	163,591	165,545	181,933	190,748
	USA	361,579	376,473		
GERD per	Japan	217,571	233,556	230,859	
researcher (FTE)	Germany	253,787	255,147	267,354	
(USD)	France	199,095		195,865	
	UK	169,843	154,822	151,512	
	China	140,540	139,428	149,671	

> FTE (Full-time equivalent) takes into account the amount of researchers' actual participation in labor

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats oecd org)

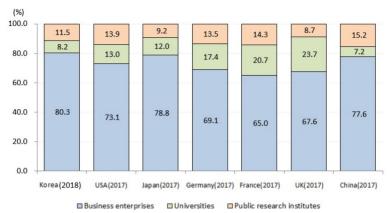
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5 GERD by performance sectors in Korea

	2015		20	16	20	17	20	18
	GERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)						
Business enterprises	511,364	77.5	539,525	77.7	625,634	79.4	688,344	80.3
Universities	59,989	9.1	63,399	9.1	66,825	8.5	70,504	8.2
Public research institutes	88,241	13.4	91,132	13.1	95,432	12.1	98,439	11.5
Total	659,594	100.0	694,055	100.0	787,892	100.0	857,287	100.0

Non-profit organizations are included in public research institutes

Source: MSIT KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea



6 Percentage of GERD by performance sectors in major countries

Non-profit organizations are included in public research institutes

Source: OECD, MSTI Indicators 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)

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7 GERD by source of funds in Korea

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	GERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)						
Government	162,935	24.7	164,100	23.6	177,371	22.5	183,630	21.4
Private	491,700	74.5	523,459	75.4	600,643	76.2	657,028	76.6
Abroad	4,959	0.8	6,496	0.9	9,878	1.3	16,629	1.9
Total	659,594	100.0	694,055	100.0	787,892	100.0	857,287	100.0

Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

8 Percentage of GERD by source of funds in major countries (%)

	Korea ('18)	USA ('17)	Japan ('17)	Germany ('17)	France ('16)	UK ('16)	China ('17)
Government	21.4	30.3	21.1	28.1	36.7	32.6	19.8
Private	76.6	63.6	78.3	66.2	55.6	51.8	76.5
Abroad	1.9	6.2	0.6	5.8	7.7	15.6	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.9

▶ The sum of Government, Private and Abroad of China is less than 100,0%

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)

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	2015		20	2016		17	2018	
	GERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)						
Basic research	113,617	17.2	110,867	16.0	113,911	14.5	121,805	14.2
Applied research	137,450	20.8	156,214	22.5	173,159	22.0	188,247	22.0
Development research	408,528	61.9	426,974	61.5	500,822	63.6	547,235	63.8
Total	659,594	100.0	694,055	100.0	787,892	100.0	857,287	100.0

GERD by type of R&D in Korea

Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

10 GERD by type of R&D in major countries (%)

	Korea ('18)	USA ('17)	Japan ('17)	France ('15)	UK ('16)	China ('17)
Basic research	14.2	17.0	13.1	21.5	18.1	5.5
Applied research	22.0	20.3	18.7	41.1	44.0	10.5
Development research	63.8	62.5	63.9	35.3	37.9	84.0

▶ For USA, Japan, and France, other sources are excluded such that the total does not add up to 100.0%

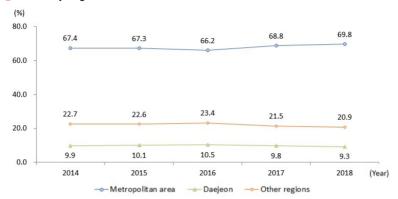
Source: OECD, Research and Development Statistics, 2019 (stats.oecd.org)

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1 GERD by future and emerging technologies (6T) in Korea

	2015		20	16	2017		2018	
	GERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)						
Information Technology (IT)	213,099	32.3	234,879	33.8	287,317	36.5	307,329	35.8
Biotechnology (BT)	59,946	9.1	56,137	8.1	62,111	7.9	66,401	7.7
Nanotechnology (NT)	86,609	13.1	85,499	12.3	76,201	9.7	87,377	10.2
Space Technology (ST)	13,049	2.0	12,230	1.8	11,603	1.5	14,789	1.7
Environment Technology (ET)	62,271	9.4	62,777	9.0	70,009	8.9	79,636	9.3
Culture Technology (CT)	7,027	1.1	9,365	1.3	7,841	1.0	8,075	0.9
Others	217,592	33.0	233,169	33.6	272,810	34.6	293,680	34.3
Total	659,594	100.0	694,055	100.0	787,892	100.0	857,287	100.0

Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea



12 GERD by region in Korea

	20	15	20	16	20)17	20	18
	GERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)						
Seoul	100,306	15.2	104,839	15.1	131,697	16.7	134,754	15.7
Busan	12,862	1.9	12,417	1.8	14,033	1.8	15,449	1.8
Daegu	11,040	1.7	11,958	1.7	12,380	1.6	13,258	1.5
Incheon	24,996	3.8	23,895	3.4	25,482	3.2	27,613	3.2
Gwangju	7,332	1.1	8,353	1.2	7,933	1.0	9,010	1.1
Daejeon	66,551	10.1	72,741	10.5	76,985	9.8	79,922	9.3
Ulsan	9,723	1.5	8,015	1.2	7,299	0.9	11,103	1.3
Sejong	4,887	0.7	4,685	0.7	4,837	0.6	5,171	0.6
Gyeonggi	318,390	48.3	330,506	47.6	384,625	48.8	436,153	50.9
Gangwon	4,142	0.6	3,921	0.6	4,503	0.6	4,818	0.6
Chungbuk	13,797	2.1	21,054	3.0	22,129	2.8	16,287	1.9
Chungnam	22,837	3.5	29,801	4.3	25,614	3.3	25,878	3.0
Jeonbuk	8,043	1.2	9,003	1.3	10,322	1.3	10,846	1.3
Jeonnam	5,739	0.9	5,198	0.7	5,491	0.7	6,608	0.8
Gyeongbuk	26,680	4.0	24,177	3.5	28,468	3.6	30,204	3.5
Gyeongnam	20,948	3.2	21,937	3.2	24,537	3.1	28,625	3.3
Jeju	1,320	0.2	1,555	0.2	1,560	0.2	1,590	0.2
Total	659,594	100.0	694,055	100.0	787,892	100.0	857,287	100.0

Source: MSIT KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

2. Business Enterprise Expenditure on R&D (BERD)

3 Percentage of BERD financed by government in Korea (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
For all business enterprises	5.2	4.2	4.7	4.4
For small \cdot medium sized businesses and start-ups	13.2	12.7	13.6	13.9

 Small-medium sized business (SME) here does not include start—ups (SWEs are broadly accepted as the combination of SMEs and start—ups shown above)

Source: MST · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

• Foreintage of BERB induced by government in high countries (10)									
	2015	2016	2017	2018					
Korea	5.2	4.2	4.7	4.4					
USA	7.8	6.7	6.3						
Japan	1.2	1.0	1.0						
Germany	3.6	3.6	3.3						
France	8.9	8.3							
UK	9.3	8.6							
China	4.3	3.7	3.4						

12 Percentage of BERD financed by government in major countries (%)

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)

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15 BERD by business type in Korea

	20	15	20	16	20	2017		2018	
	BERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)							
Large Corp.	389,303	76.1	407,787	75.6	398,038	63.6	438,236	63.7	
Medium					90,687	14.5	95,954	13.9	
Small	63,753	12.5	68,717	12.7	70,069	11.2	74,883	10.9	
Start-up	58,308	11.4	63,021	11.7	66,840	10.7	79,272	11.5	
Total	511,364	100.0	539,525	100.0	625,634	100.0	688,344	100.0	

 Small-medium sized business (SME) here does not include start-ups (SMEs are broadly accepted as the combination of SMEs and start-ups shown above)

► Careful analysis is recommended as medium sized enterprises are included in the survey since 2017

Source: MSIT KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

		2016	2017	2018			
	Manufacturing	480,141	559,867	611,572			
	Coke, refined petroleum products, chemicals and chemical products, rubber and plastic products	55,029	63,992	67,262			
BERD (100 million KRW)	Electrical machinery and apparatus, radio, TV and communications equipment	266,277	310,776	345,206			
	Motor vehicles and trailers	65,134	78,434	84,389			
	Services	46,654	52,207	62,349			
	Manufacturing	89.0	89.5	88.8			
	Coke, refined petroleum products, chemicals and chemical products, rubber and plastic products	10.2	10.2	9.8			
Percentage (%)	Electrical machinery and apparatus, radio, TV and communications equipment	49.4	49.7	50.2			
	Motor vehicles and trailers	12.1	12.5	12.3			
	Services	8.6	8.3	9.1			

10 BERD by industry in Korea

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

17 BERD by industry in major countries (%)

	Korea ('18)	USA ('16)	Japan ('17)	Germany ('17)	France ('16)	UK ('16)
Manufacturing	88.8	66.9	86.8	85.0	50.0	41.4
Services	9.1	31.9	11.8	14.3	46.7	56.6

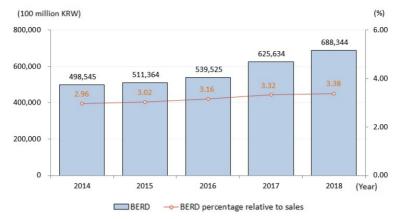
 Source: OECD, Research and Development Statistics, 2019 (stats,oecd,org) MSIT-KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea, 2018

18 BERD performed in R&D-intensive industries of major countries

	Korea ('15)	USA ('16)	Japan ('17)	Germany ('16)	France ('16)	UK ('16)
BERD (million USD)	24,061	168,658	37,644	13,445	8,345	4,223
Percentage (%)	53.2	45.0	30.6	19.3	23.4	14.1

• OECD defines R&D-intensive industries as pharmaceutical, computer, electronic and optical, and aerospace industry

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org)



19 BERD and its percentage relative to sales in Korea

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

20 BERD of major countries as a percentage of value added in industry (2017)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China
BERD as a percentage of value added in industry (%)	5.31	3.21	3.49	3.31	2.49	1.87	2.25

Source: OECD, Main Science & Technology Indicators 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org)

21 BERD intensity in Korea (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Top 5 companies	43.6	44.0	47.1	47.6
Top 10 companies	50.2	51.3	53.8	53.9
Top 20 companies	55.1	55.8	58.5	58.3

▶ BERD intensity is the sum of BERD of top firms (in terms of BERD size) as a percentage of the total BERD

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

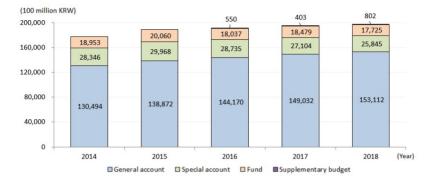
Rank	Name	Country	Rank	Name	Country
1	ALPHABET	USA	26	BAYER	Germany
2	SAMSUNG	Korea	27	QUALCOMM	USA
3	MICROSOFT	USA	28	ALIBABA	China
4	VOLKSWAGEN	Germany	29	ASTRAZENECA	UK
5	HUAWEI	China	30	ABBVIE	USA
6	APPLE	USA	31	DELL TECHNOLOGIES	USA
7	INTEL	USA	32	PANASONIC	Japan
8	ROCHE	Switzerland	33	IBM	USA
9	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	USA	34	GLAXOSMITHKLINE	UK
10	DAIMLER	Germany	35	NISSAN MOTOR	Japan
11	FACEBOOK	USA	36	NOKIA	Finland
12	MERCK US	USA	37	CELGENE	USA
13	TOYOTA MOTOR	Japan	38	DENSO	Japan
14	NOVARTIS	Switzerland	39	SONY	Japan
15	FORD MOTOR	USA	40	FIAT CHRYSLER	Netherlands
16	BMW	Germany	41	GILEAD SCIENCES	USA
17	PFIZER	USA	42	PEUGEOT (PSA)	France
18	GENERAL MOTORS	USA	43	SAP	Germany
19	HONDA MOTOR	Japan	44	GENERAL ELECTRIC	USA
20	ROBERT BOSCH	Germany	45	RENAULT	France
21	SIEMENS	Germany	46	ERICSSON	Sweden
22	SANOFI	France	47	CONTINENTAL	Germany
23	CISCO SYSTEMS	USA	48	AIRBUS	Netherlands
24	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB	USA	49	BROADCOM	USA
25	ORACLE	USA	50	AMGEN	USA

22 World's top 50 companies by BERD (2018)

Source: EC, The 2019 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard (iri, jrc, ec, europa, eu/scoreboard, html)

3. Government Intramural Expenditure on R&D (GOVERD)

23 Total Government Budget Appropriations or Outlays for R&D (GBAORD) in Korea



	2015	2016	2017	2018
General account (100 million KRW)	138,872	144,170	149,032	153,112
Special account (100 million KRW)	29,968	28,735	27,104	25,845
Funds (100 million KRW)	20,060	18,037	18,479	17,725
Supplementary budget (100 million KRW)		550	403	802
Total GBAORD (100 million KRW)	188,900	191,492	195,018	197,483

Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis

24 Total GBAORD in major countries (2018)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK ('17)
Total GBAORD (million USD)	17,944	130,541	34,192	36,802	18,367	13,964
As a percentage of GDP (%)	1.11	0.64	0.69	0.92	0.66	0.53

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)

MSIT KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis, 2018

25 GOVERD in Korea

	2015	2016	2017	2018
GOVERD (100 million KRW)	188,747	190,044	193,927	197,759
Number of projects	54,433	54,827	61,280	63,697

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis

28 GOVERD by performance sectors in Korea

	20	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	GOVERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)							
Research institutes	87,814	46.5	88,188	46.4	88,853	45.8	90,747	45.9	
Universities	42,617	22.6	42,727	22.5	44,052	22.7	45,365	22.9	
Business enterprises	40,310	21.4	41,286	21.7	45,382	23.4	46,694	23.6	
Ministries	6,181	3.3	6,281	3.3	4,692	2.4	2,993	1.5	
Others	11,825	6.3	11,562	6.1	10,948	5.6	11,960	6.0	
Total	188,747	100.0	190,044	100.0	193,927	100.0	197,759	100.0	

Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis

27 GOVERD by type of R&D in Korea

	20		20	2016		2017		2018	
	GOVERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)							
Basic research	43,118	32.3	43,713	32.5	45,898	33.5	44,651	32.7	
Applied research	25,316	19.0	25,428	18.9	26,233	19.1	27,665	20.2	
Development research	65,142	48.8	65,362	48.6	65,021	47.4	64,387	47.1	
Total	133,577	100.0	134,502	100.0	137,152	100.0	136,703	100.0	

Figures differ from those calculated according to the Manual for Counting Basic Research Portion of the Government R&D Budget, and excludes instances where categorization was difficult Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis

28 GOVERD by ministry in Korea

	20	17	20	18
	GOVERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage	GOVERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage
Ministry of Science and ICT	67.342	34.7	66.779	33.8
Ministry of Education	17,349	8.9	17,382	8.8
Office for Government Policy Coordination	4,554	2.3	5,022	2.5
Ministry of National Defence	380	0.2	456	0.2
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport	4,709	2.4	4,565	2.3
Korea Meteorological Administration	1,285	0.7	1,329	0.7
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	1,890	1.0	1,973	1.0
Rural Development Administration	6,288	3.2	6,454	3.3
Cultural Heritage Administration	403	0.2	451	0.2
Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism	739	0.4	744	0.4
Defense Acquisition Program Administration	27,376	14.1	29,442	14.9
Ministry of Health and Welfare	4,999	2.6	5,150	2.6
Korea Forest Service	1,028	0.5	1,020	0.5
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy	30,875	15.9	31,059	15.7
Ministry of Food and Drug Safety	838	0.4	847	0.4
Nuclear Safety and Security Commission	645	0.3	692	0.3
Ministry of SMEs and Startups	10,558	5.4	10,426	5.3
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries	5,867	3.0	6,126	3.1
Ministry of Environment	2,870	1.5	3,331	1.7
Others	3,930	2.0	4,513	2.3
Total	193,927	100.0	197,759	100.0

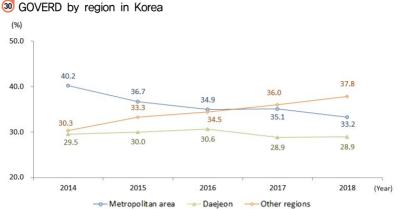
Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis

29 GOVERD by future and emerging technologies (6T) in Korea

	2015		20	16	20	17	20	18
	GOVERD (100 million KRW)	Percentage (%)						
Information Technology (IT)	33,368	19.0	33,617	19.0	33,465	18.5	33,451	18.1
Biotechnology (BT)	33,019	18.8	33,341	18.8	34,946	19.3	35,494	19.2
Nanotechnology (NT)	7,965	4.5	8,003	4.5	8,266	4.6	8,133	4.4
Space Technology (ST)	10,605	6.1	12,512	7.1	14,487	8.0	14,875	8.1
Environment Technology (ET)	23,928	13.7	22,697	12.8	22,924	12.7	22,294	12.1
Culture Technology (CT)	1,758	1.0	1,963	1.1	2,221	1.2	2,423	1.3
Others	64,557	36.8	64,871	36.6	64,521	35.7	67,919	36.8
Total	175,199	100.0	177,005	100.0	180,831	100.0	184,589	100.0

Analysis on science- and technology-related R&D programs and national defense R&D programs

▶ Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis



Percentage Percentage Percentage (100 million 19.2 Seoul 36.485 20.1 35.925 19.6 37.019 36.175 18.5 Busan 6,078 3.3 6,572 3.6 7,798 4.0 8,765 4.5 3.0 5.661 3.1 6.104 3.2 6.233 3.2 Daegu 5.465 4.174 2.3 2.4 2.2 2.1 Incheon 4.385 4.281 4.087 2.5 2.5 2.3 4,474 2.3 Gwangju 4.560 4.573 4.469 28.9 28.9 Daejeon 54,584 30.0 56,115 30.6 55,630 56,655 Ulsan 2.808 1.5 2.691 1.5 2.836 1.5 3.031 1.5 Sejong 3.682 2.0 4.170 2.3 4.234 2.2 4.696 2.4 Gyeonggi 26.112 14.4 23.740 12.9 26.326 13.7 24.763 12.7 2.673 1.5 2.654 2.781 2.804 1.4 Gangwon 1.4 1.4 4.820 27 4.962 27 5.446 2.8 5.863 3.0 Chungbuk 4.843 2.7 Chungnam 4.662 2.6 2.6 4.861 2.5 5.301 Jeonbuk 5.154 2.8 6.712 3.7 7.642 4.0 7.238 3.7 3.005 1.7 3.057 1.7 2.736 1.4 2.724 1.4 Jeonnam 3.4 6.451 3.3 3.2 Gyeongbuk 7.006 3.9 6.165 6.299 9.403 5.2 9.721 5.3 12.832 6.7 15.351 7.8 Gyeongnam 1,136 0.6 1,410 0.8 1,242 0.6 1,286 0.7 Jeiu Total 181.807 100.0 183.355 100.0 192.687 100.0 195.744 100.0

Subject: Government R&D programs classified by region (except overseas and others)

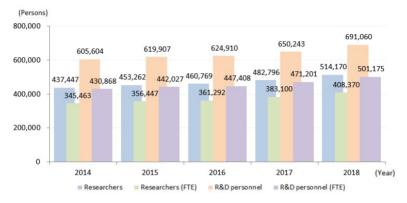
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4. R&D Personnel





Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

22 Total researchers and total R&D personnel in major countries (FTE)

		2015	2016	2017	2018
	Korea	356,447	361,292	383,100	408,370
	USA	1,369,267	1,371,290		
	Japan	662,071	665,566	676,292	
Total researchers (FTE)	Germany	387,982	399,605	419,617	
(FIL)	France	277,631		288,579	
	UK	284,483	288,922	289,674	
	China	1,619,028	1,692,176	1,740,442	
	Korea	442,027	447,408	471,201	501,175
	Japan	875,005	872,340	890,749	
Total R&D personnel	Germany	640,516	657,894	686,349	
(FTE)	France	428,643		434,670	
	UK	413,860	417,390	424,510	
	China	3,758,848	3,878,057	4,033,597	

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org)

MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

33 Total researchers per 10,000 population, per 1,000 total employment and per 1,000 labor force (FTE) in Korea

				2018
Total researchers (FTE)	356,447	361,292	383,100	408,370
Total researchers per 10,000 population (FTE)	69.9	70.5	74.5	79.1
Total researchers per 1,000 total employee (FTE)	13.7	13.8	14.4	15.3
Total researchers per 1,000 labor force (FTE)	13.2	13.3	13.9	14.7

Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

Total researchers per 10,000 population, per 1,000 total employment and per 1,000 labor force (FTE) in major countries

	Korea ('18)	USA ('16)	Japan ('17)	Germany ('17)			China ('17)
Researchers per 10,000 population (FTE)	79.1	42.4	53.4	50.8	43.0	43.9	12.5
Researchers per 1,000 total employment (FTE)	15.3	8.9	10.0	9.5	10.3	9.0	2.2
Researchers per 1,000 labor force (FTE)	14.7	8.5	10.1	9.7	9.7	8.7	2.2

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats,oecd,org)

MSIT KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

35 Researchers by sector of employment in Korea

	2015		20						
	Researchers						Researchers	Percentage (%)	
Business enterprises	317,842	70.1	321,323	69.7	343,367	71.1	368,237	71.6	
Universities	99,870	22.0	103,166	22.4	102,877	21.3	108,529	21.1	
Public research institutes	35,550	7.8	36,280	7.9	36,552	7.6	37,404	7.3	
Total	453,262	100.0	460,769	100.0	482,796	100.0	514,170	100.0	

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

33 Percentage of researchers (FTE) by sector of employment in major countries (%)

		Japan ('17)			China ('17)
Business enterprises	82.0	73.7	60.3	37.9	60.7
Universities	10.0	20.5	28.3	58.2	18.8
Public research institutes	8.0	5.7	11.5	3.9	20.5

Source: OECD, Research and Development Statistics, 2019 (stats.oecd.org)

MSIT KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea, 2018

37 Women researchers in Korea

				2018
Total researchers	453,262	460,769	482,796	514,170
Women researchers	85,652	90,615	97,042	104,728
Women researchers as a percentage of total researchers (%)	18.9	19.7	20.1	20.4

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

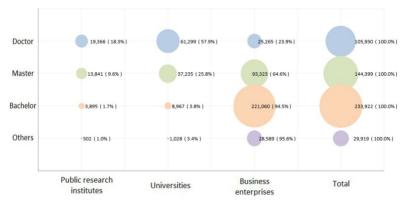
Women researchers in major countries

		Japan ('17)			UK ('16)
Women researchers	104,728	150,545	173,700	103,521	197,576
As a percentage of total researchers (%)	20.4	16.2	27.9	27.0	38.7

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org)

MSIT KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea, 2018

Distribution of researchers by sector of employment and qualification in Korea (2018)



Source: MSIT · KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea, 2018

	2015			16	2017		2018	
	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)
Doctor	98,578	21.7	99,980	21.7	103,582	21.5	105,930	20.6
Master	129,264	28.5	132,595	28.8	137,996	28.6	144,399	28.1
Bachelor	199,019	43.9	200,189	43.4	214,752	44.5	233,922	45.5
Others	26,401	5.8	28,005	6.1	26,466	5.5	29,919	5.8
Total	453,262	100.0	460,769	100.0	482,796	100.0	514,170	100.0

@ Researchers by qualification in Korea

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

41 Researchers by field of study in Korea

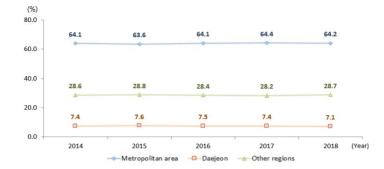
	20	15	20	16	20	17	20	18
	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)
Natural science	57,976	12.8	56,710	12.3	67,736	14.0	72,884	14.2
Engineering	308,230	68.0	312,987	67.9	322,952	66.9	344,916	67.1
Medicine & health	24,066	5.3	26,347	5.7	27,911	5.8	29,774	5.8
Agricultural science	11,045	2.4	11,378	2.5	10,423	2.2	10,991	2.1
Humanities	23,996	5.3	24,734	5.4	26,576	5.5	27,931	5.4
Social science	27,949	6.2	28,613	6.2	27,198	5.6	27,674	5.4
Total	453,262	100.0	460,769	100.0	482,796	100.0	514,170	100.0

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

42 Researchers by age in Korea

	2015		20	16	2017		2018	
	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)	Researchers	Percentage (%)		Percentage (%)
Under 29	71,321	15.7	71,915	15.6	73,767	15.3	76,906	15.0
30~39	197,405	43.6	197,353	42.8	201,623	41.8	208,607	40.6
40~49	124,813	27.5	128,691	27.9	139,118	28.8	151,436	29.5
50~59	48,835	10.8	50,515	11.0	54,136	11.2	61,146	11.9
Over 60	10,888	2.4	12,295	2.7	14,152	2.9	16,075	3.1
Total	453,262	100.0	460,769	100.0	482,796	100.0	514,170	100.0

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea



43 Researchers by region in Korea

	20		20		20		2018	
	Researchers							Percentage (%)
Seoul	105,714	23.3	110,080	23.9	118,541	24.6	127,350	24.8
Busan	15,544	3.4	14,683	3.2	14,371	3.0	16,356	3.2
Daegu	11,756	2.6	11,453	2.5	11,781	2.4	13,429	2.6
Incheon	17,613	3.9	18,435	4.0	19,635	4.1	20,197	3.9
Gwangju	8,254	1.8	8,485	1.8	7,722	1.6	9,472	1.8
Daejeon	34,264	7.6	34,509	7.5	35,745	7.4	36,361	7.1
Ulsan	6,987	1.5	7,372	1.6	7,807	1.6	8,422	1.6
Sejong	3,565	0.8	3,562	0.8	4,109	0.9	4,064	0.8
Gyeonggi	165,118	36.4	166,737	36.2	172,583	35.7	182,654	35.5
Gangwon	6,295	1.4	5,886	1.3	6,668	1.4	6,730	1.3
Chungbuk	11,329	2.5	11,505	2.5	12,324	2.6	13,405	2.6
Chungnam	17,572	3.9	17,362	3.8	17,139	3.5	17,823	3.5
Jeonbuk	8,732	1.9	9,172	2.0	9,126	1.9	9,653	1.9
Jeonnam	4,229	0.9	4,199	0.9	4,493	0.9	5,106	1.0
Gyeongbuk	18,002	4.0	17,873	3.9	19,335	4.0	19,412	3.8
Gyeongnam	16,740	3.7	17,722	3.8	19,584	4.1	21,908	4.3
Jeju	1,548	0.3	1,734	0.4	1,833	0.4	1,828	0.4
Total	453,262	100.0	460,769	100.0	482,796	100.0	514,170	100.0

▶ Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

	20			16	20			2018		
					Researchers			Percentage (%)		
Large corp.	154,809	48.7	155,658	48.4	115,791	33.7	118,022	32.1		
Medium					54,408	15.8	55,683	15.1		
Small	87,166	27.4	89,384	27.8	92,427	26.9	99,748	27.1		
Start-up	75,867	23.9	76,281	23.7	80,741	23.5	94,784	25.7		
Total	317,842	100.0	321,323	100.0	343,367	100.0	368,237	100.0		

4 Researchers by company types in Korea

 Small-medium sized business (SVE) here does not include start-ups (SVEs are broadly accepted as the combination of SVEs and start-ups shown above)

Careful analysis is recommended as medium enterprises are included in the survey since 2017

Source: MST KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

45 Researchers by industry in Korea

	Manufacturing	248,169	263,045	277,250
	Coke, refined petroleum products, chemicals and chemical products, rubber and plastic products	33,497	36,424	39,679
Number of researchers	Electrical machinery and apparatus, radio, TV and communications equipment	93,061	95,736	97,686
	Motor vehicles and trailers	34,087	36,387	38,061
	Services	63,165	69,703	79,777
	Manufacturing	77.2	76.6	75.3
Deve enderer	Coke, refined petroleum products, chemicals and chemical products, rubber and plastic products	10.4	10.6	10.8
Percentage (%)	Electrical machinery and apparatus, radio, TV and communications equipment	29.0	27.9	26.5
	Motor vehicles and trailers	10.6	10.6	10.3
	Services	19.7	20.3	21.7

▶ Source: MSIT • KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea, 2018

60 Researcher and doctoral researcher intensity of the top companies in Korea (%)

Researchers	Top 5 companies	22.7	22.6	21.9	20.3
	Top 10 companies	27.0	26.6	26.1	24.2
	Top 20 companies	30.2	29.8	29.3	27.3
	Top 5 companies	34.3	32.3	33.1	33.8
Doctoral researchers	Top 10 companies	42.0	39.2	39.7	40.2
	Top 20 companies	47.0	45.1	45.5	45.6

Researcher and doctoral researcher intensities were calculated by the order of the highest from each category

Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Survey of Research and Development in Korea

		20	15	20	16	20	17	20	18
									Percentage (%)
	Research institutes	5,612	16.3	5,690	16.0	5,829	14.2	5,970	13.7
	Universities	16,983	49.2	17,228	48.3	20,668	50.5	21,639	49.5
Sector	Business enterprises	10,315	29.9	11,002	30.9	12,892	31.5	14,512	33.2
	Others	1,553	4.5	1,654	4.6	1,498	3.7	1,519	3.5
	Ministries	46	0.1	61	0.2	61	0.1	60	0.1
	Total	34,509	100.0	35,635	100.0	40,948	100.0	43,700	100.0
	Male	29,309	85.8	30,102	85.4	34,013	83.9	36,002	83.2
Gender	Female	4,836	14.2	5,147	14.6	6,533	16.1	7,252	16.8
	Total	34,145	100.0	35,249	100.0	40,546	100.0	43,254	100.0
	Doctor	24,194	70.9	25,102	71.2	29,284	72.2	30,122	69.6
	Master	4,929	14.4	4,936	14.0	4,711	11.6	5,122	11.8
Degree	Bachelor and under	5,022	14.7	5,211	14.8	6,551	16.2	8,010	18.5
	Total	34,145	100.0	35,249	100.0	40,546	100.0	43,254	100.0

Principal investigators of government R&D programs by sector, gender, and degree in Korea

 Analysis includes principal investigators in science and technology R&D programs (excludes R&D programs for humanities and social sciences, and classified national security R&D programs)

▶ For programs by sector, individuals with multiple affiliations were counted multiple times

► Source: MSIT·KISTEP, Governmental R&D Survey and Analysis

Ø Current and shortfall of S&T industry personnel in Korea

구 분			2017
Current personnel	1,594,398	1,617,053	1,634,346
Shortfall of personnel	36,933	36,271	36,908
Percentage of shortfall (%)	2.3	2.2	2.2

Source: MOTIE, Survey Reports on S&T Industry Personnel

5. Nurturing Human Capital

Ø Number of students enrolled in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in Korea.

					2019
,	Total	1,949,611	1,912,012	1,904,364	1,893,882
Bachelor's program	Science & engineering	693,528	686,597	691,435	694,897
	Percentage of science & engineering (%)	35.6	35.9	36.3	36.7
Martala	Total	223,830	218,096	214,413	277,372
Master's	Science & engineering	46,662	45,128	45,099	44,749
program	Percentage of science & engineering (%)	20.8	20.7	21.0	16.1
	Total	64,435	64,345	64,479	65,828
Doctoral	Science & engineering	29,479	29,294	29,052	28,851
program	Percentage of science & engineering (%)	45.7	45.5	45.1	43.8

 Science & engineering is the sum of students in natural sciences and engineering majors, Bachelor's program is the sum of 2/3-year curricula and 4-year curricula, Number of enrolled students excludes students on leave

Source: MOE, Statistical Yearbook of Education (kess,kedi,re,kr)

50 Number of science and engineering graduates with master's and doctoral degrees in Korea

					2019
Martala	Total	81,460	83,519	82,837	82,137
Master's degree	Science & engineering	20,076	20,780	20,267	20,076
uegiee	Percentage of science & engineering (%)	24.6	24.9	24.5	24.4
	Total	13,882	14,316	14,674	15,308
Doctoral degree	Science & engineering	5,978	6,177	6,351	6,713
	Percentage of science & engineering (%)	43.1	43.1	43.3	43.9

Science & engineering is the sum of students in natural sciences and engineering majors

Source: MOE, Statistical Yearbook of Education (kess,kedi,re,kr)

(5) New doctorates in natural sciences and engineering as a percentage of all graduates in major countries (%, 2017)

	Korea					UK
New doctorates in natural sciences and engineering	37.7	38.8	36.8	42.3	57.0	43.8
as a percentage of all doctorate graduates	0.11	00.0	00.0	1210	07.0	1010

Science & engineering is the sum of students in natural sciences and engineering majors, and natural sciences here means field 4 (science, comprising the life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics and statistics and computing) in ISCED2011

Source: OECD, Education at a Glance 2019 (www.oecd-ilibrary.org)

Pertiary education graduates in natural sciences and engineering as a percentage of all graduates in major countries (%)

			Japan			
2016	29.9	17.9	21.1	36.1	25.6	26.3
2017	29.4	18.6	21.6	35.6	25.8	26.4

 Tertiary education graduate school indicates all forms of institutes with the purpose of official tertiary education regardless of legal status

Source: OECD, Education at a Glance 2019 (www.oecd-library.org)



6. Publications

53 Number of papers published in SCI journals in Korea

	2015		2017	2018
Number of papers published	58,849	60,475	61,172	63,311
World share (%)	3.52	3.49	3.41	3.52
World ranking	12	12	12	12

 World share (%) is the relative share to the total number of papers published worldwide, It is different from the relative share to the sum of the number of papers published yearly by each nation, which is greater than the total number of papers published worldwide due to papers co-authored by multiple countries

Source: KISTEP · KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

53 Number of papers published in SCI journals in major countries

		2015	2016	2017	2018
	Number of papers	58,849	60,475	61,172	63,311
Korea	World share (%)	3.52	3.49	3.41	3.52
	World ranking	12	12	12	12
	Number of papers	437,060	450,754	460,899	450,352
USA	World share (%)	26.16	25.99	25.72	25.01
	World ranking	1	1	1	1
	Number of papers	80,235	83,259	84,762	84,689
Japan	World share (%)	4.80	4.80	4.73	4.70
	World ranking	5	5	5	5
	Number of papers	113,935	119,396	122,249	121,119
Germany	World share (%)	6.82	6.88	6.82	6.73
	World ranking	4	4	4	4
	Number of papers	78,475	81,841	82,541	80,453
France	World share (%)	4.70	4.72	4.61	4.47
	World ranking	6	6	6	6
	Number of papers	132,527	139,568	145,209	141,426
UK	World share (%)	7.93	8.05	8.10	7.86
	World ranking	3	3	3	3
	Number of papers	282,587	312,625	348,022	397,717
China	World share (%)	16.91	18.02	19.42	22.09
	World ranking	2	2	2	2

World share (%) is the relative share to the total number of papers published worldwide, It is different from the relative share to the sum of the number of papers published yearly by each nation, which is greater than the total number of papers published worldwide due to papers co-authored by multiple countries.

Source: KISTEP · KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

55 Number of papers published in SCI journals per 10,000 population or per 100 researchers (FTE) in Korea

	2015			2018
Number of papers (SCI) per 10,000 population	11.54	11.80	11.89	12.26
Number of papers (SCI) per 100 researchers (FTE)	16.51	16.74	15.97	15.50

 Source: OECD, Main Science & Technology Indicators 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org) KISTEP·KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

Number of papers published in SCI journals per 10,000 population or per 100 researchers (FTE) in major countries (2018)

	Korea		Japan				China
Number of papers (SCI) per 10,000 population	12.26	13.73	6.70	14.61	11.96	21.28	2.50 ('17)
Number of papers (SCI) per 100 researchers (FTE)	15.50	32.87 ('16)	12.53 ('17)	29.13 ('17)	28.60 ('17)	50.13 ('17)	20.00 ('17)

 Source: OECD, Main Science & Technology Indicators 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org) KISTEP+KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

57 Average citations per paper over five-year periods in Korea

				2014–2018
Average citations per paper over five-year periods	5.43	5.79	6.02	6.36
World average of citations	5.49	5.68	5.85	6.04

 Average citations per paper over five-year periods are the average number of cumulative citations over the five-year periods from the year of publication

Source: KISTEP·KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

Average citations per paper over five-year period in major countries (2014-2018)

		Japan				China
6.36	8.21	6.34	8.64	8.41	8.49	6.59

Average citations per paper over five-year period are the average number of cumulative citations over the five-year period from the year of publication

Source: KISTEP KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
NATURE	19	23	27	28
SCIENCE	23	20	23	35
CELL	7	5	2	12
Total	49	48	52	75

59 Number of papers published in top 3 journals in Korea

• Only full-length papers (Articles and Reviews) were counted

Source: KISTEP · KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004–2018)

60 Number of papers published by region in Korea (2018)

	Co–aut	horship	First aut	horship
	Number of papers	Percentage (%)		Percentage (%)
Seoul	31,895	33.4	20,669	39.9
Gyeonggi	13,906	14.5	6,784	13.1
Daejeon	9,691	10.1	4,970	9.6
Busan	4,704	4.9	2,595	5.0
Gyeongbuk	4,407	4.6	2,206	4.3
Daegu	4,101	4.3	2,112	4.1
Incheon	3,871	4.0	1,753	3.4
Gangwon	3,367	3.5	1,721	3.3
Gwangju	3,371	3.5	1,467	2.8
Gyeongnam	3,318	3.5	1,582	3.1
Jeonbuk	3,339	3.5	1,574	3.0
Chungnam	2,679	2.8	1,191	2.3
Chungbuk	2,572	2.7	1,047	2.0
Ulsan	2,026	2.1	1,092	2.1
Jeonnam	1,097	1.1	460	0.9
Jeju	687	0.7	328	0.6
Sejong	518	0.5	228	0.4
Others	71	0.1	26	0.1
Total	95,620	100.0	51,805	100.0

▶ Source: KISTEP•KAIST, SCI Analysis Research (2004-2018)

7. Patents

(1) Domestic patent applications and patent grants in Korea

				2018
Patent applications	213,694	208,830	204,775	209,992
Patent grants	101,873	108,875	120,662	119,012

Source: KIPO, Intellectual Property Statistics (kipo.go.kr)

62 Domestic patent applications and patent grants by region in Korea

	Patent applications								
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Seoul	48,030	47,288	45,482	47,123	22,305	25,087	27,527	25,224	
Busan	5,786	5,989	6,422	6,172	2,281	2,527	3,061	3,412	
Daegu	4,864	4,735	4,779	4,619	2,043	2,365	2,612	2,519	
Incheon	6,633	5,989	6,195	6,236	3,214	3,307	3,400	3,499	
Gwangju	3,074	3,321	3,279	3,431	1,298	1,410	1,694	1,765	
Daejeon	11,283	10,811	10,734	10,767	5,238	5,492	6,503	5,877	
Ulsan	2,553	2,421	2,267	2,347	911	1,016	1,269	1,308	
Sejong	462	548	736	811	198	249	307	394	
Gyeonggi	52,542	48,764	46,133	47,175	22,750	23,381	24,820	25,440	
Gangwon	2,571	2,410	2,572	2,666	1,090	1,291	1,459	1,479	
Chungbuk	3,440	3,498	3,166	3,509	1,431	1,670	1,861	1,921	
Chungnam	6,309	6,578	6,046	6,482	2,996	3,008	3,492	3,808	
Jeonbuk	4,007	3,993	4,121	3,995	1,338	1,468	1,860	1,995	
Jeonnam	2,660	2,700	2,902	3,223	1,079	1,201	1,616	1,605	
Gyeongbuk	6,858	7,048	6,764	6,634	4,491	4,594	4,633	4,176	
Gyeongnam	5,548	6,625	6,609	6,521	2,840	3,538	3,738	3,751	
Jeju	630	689	817	837	290	305	384	412	
Others	23	17	7	13	525	491	611	642	
Total	167,273	163,424	159,031	162,561	76,318	82,400	90,847	89,227	

Refers to the first applicant's/patent holder's address

· Others' include those who are Korean citizens but do not have an address in Korea (overseas residents, soldiers, etc.)

Source: KIPO, Intellectual Property Statistics (kipo.go.kr)

63 Number of triadic patent families in Korea

				2017
Triadic patent families	2,400	2,314	2,447	2,428
Triadic patent families per million population	47.3	45.4	47.8	47.2
Triadic patent families per 10,000 researchers (FTE)	69.5	64.9	67.7	63.4

▶ Triadic patent families: Patents applied to EPO and JPO, and granted by USPTO

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats, oecd, org)

60 Number of triadic patent families in major countries (2017)

	Korea		Japan				China
Triadic patent families	2,428	12,021	17,591	4,531	2,315	1,612	4,215
Triadic patent families per million population	47.2	36.9	138.8	54.8	34.5	24.4	3.0
Triadic patent families per 10,000 researchers (FTE)	63.4	89.5 ('16)	260.1	108.0	80.2	55.7	24.2

► Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org)

65 Number of patent applications to and grants from the USPTO in Korea

	2015			2018
Patent applications	38,205	37,341	35,565	33,961
Patent grants	17,924	19,494	20,717	19,780

• The number of patent applications: Utility Patents by their filing year

Source: WIPO, WIPO Statistics Database, 2019.11 (ipstats.wipo.int)

Wumber of patent applications to and grants from the USPTO in major countries (2018)

	Korea		Japan				China
Patent applications	33,961	285,095	85,322	30,691	12,290	13,681	32,615
Patent grants	19,780	144,413	47,566	16,032	6,469	6,616	14,488

The number of patent applications: Utility Patents by their filing year

Country: Nationality of the first patentee, Hong Kong and Macao are not included in China

Source: WIPO, WIPO Statistics Database, 2019.11 (ipstats, wipo.int)

		2017		2018
Rank				Company
1	9,043	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION	9,100	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION
2	5,837	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.	5,850	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.
3	3,285	CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA	3,056	CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
4	3,023	INTEL CORPORATION	2,735	INTEL CORPORATION
5	2,701	LG ELECTRONICS INC.	2,474	LG ELECTRONICS INC.
6	2,628	QUALCOMM, INC.	2,465	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING
7	2,457	GOOGLE LLC	2,353	MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGY LICENSING LLC
8	2,441	MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGY LICENSING LLC	2,300	QUALCOMM, INC.
9	2,425	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	2,160	APPLE INC.
10	2,273	SAMSUNG DISPLAY Co., Ltd.	2,123	FORD GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES LLC

67 Top 10 companies granted U.S. Patents

Source: USPTO (uspto.gov)

68 Number of patent applications to and grants from the EPO in Korea

				2018
Patent applications	6,407	6,687	6,457	7,296
Patent grants	1,993	3,210	4,435	6,262

Source: EPO, Annual Report 2018 (epo.org)

Number of patent applications to and grants from the EPO in major countries (2018)

			Japan				China
Patent applications	7,296	43,612	22,615	26,734	10,317	5,736	9,401
Patent grants	6,262	31,136	21,343	20,804	8,610	3,827	4,831

► Source: EPO, Annual Report 2018 (epo.org)

7 Number of patent applications filed under the PCT in Korea

			2018
14,564	15,555	15,751	16,948

PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty): International patent law treaty that provides a unitied procedure for filing patent applications to protect inventions in each of its contracting states

Source: WIPO, WIPO Statistics Database, 2019,11 (ipstats.wipo.int)

10 Number of patent applications filed under the PCT in major countries (2018)

	Korea		Japan	Germany			China
PCT	16,948	56,221	49,709	19,748	7,919	5,633	53,348
Rank	5	1	3	4	6	7	2

Source: WIPO, WIPO Statistics Database, 2019.11 (ipstats, wipo, int)

Number of patent applications filed under the PCT in the ICT and biotechnology sector in major countries (2017)

			Japan				China
ICT	5,317	17,831	11,840	2,850	1,335	1,459	23,368
Biotechnology	881	5,883	1,684	645	523	518	1,234

• The number of patent applications was from OECD data (priority year) for comparison of the same standard

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats, oecd, org)

8. Technology Trade



73 Technology balance of payments in Korea

				2018
Receipts (million USD)	10,408	10,687	11,798	12,430
Payments (million USD)	16,409	14,842	16,476	16,292
Technology trade balance (million USD)	-6,001	-4,155	-4,678	-3,862
Technology trade balance ratio (Receipts/Payments)	0.63	0.72	0.72	0.76

 Source: Statistics Report on the Technology Trade of Korea, published by MSIT · Korea Industrial Technology Association (www.koita.or.kr)

78 Technology balance of payments by industry in Korea

				nents Balance of payments n USD) (million USD)		Balance of payments ratio (Receipts/Payments)		
								2018
ICT	4,597	5,157	8,516	3,528	515	1,629	1.13	1.46
Electrical · electronics	4,315	4,036	4,082	8,419	-4,200	-4,383	0.51	0.48
Machine	1,308	1,406	1,593	1,733	-285	-327	0.82	0.81
Chemistry	332	302	532	702	-200	-400	0.62	0.43
Construction	134	58	366	81	35	-23	1.35	0.71
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	64	78	175	168	-111	-90	0.36	0.46
Textiles	64	382	103	345	-302	37	0.17	1.11
Materials	15	16	99	233	-88	-218	0.15	0.07
Others	970	996	1,011	1083	-41	-87	0.96	0.92

 Source: Statistics Report on the Technology Trade of Korea, published by MSIT · Korea Industrial Technology Association (www.koita.or,kr)

9. International Trade in High-Tech Industries

75 International trade in R&D-intensive industries of Korea



Exports (million USD)	148,082	139,598	172,954	198,134	
Imports (million USD)	89,430	89,588	99,691	105,649	
Trade balance (million USD)	58,653	50,010	73,263	92,485	
Trade balance ratio (Exports/Imports)	1.66	1.56	1.73	1.88	

R&D-intensive industries include pharmaceutical, computer, electronic and optical, and aerospace industries, as defined by OECD
 Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)

778 International trade in R&D-intensive industries of major countries (2018)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China ('17)
Exports (million USD)	198,134	398,409	114,156	290,045	138,953	107,483	696,581
Imports (million USD)	105,649	594,644	149,831	235,865	119,099	129,271	567,564
Trade balance (million USD)	92,485	-196,235	-35,675	54,180	19,854	-21,788	129,018
Trade balance ratio (Exports/Imports)	1.88	0.67	0.76	1.23	1.17	0.83	1.23

R&D-intensive industries include pharmaceutical, computer, electronic and optical, and aerospace industries, as defined by OECD
 Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)



77 ICT industry trade in Korea

				2018
Exports (million USD)	115,272	111,091	143,086	169,789
Imports (million USD)	65,147	64,840	73,086	76,265
Trade balance (million USD)	50,126	46,251	70,000	93,524
Trade balance ratio (Exports/Imports)	1.77	1.71	1.96	2.23

► Source: OECD, STAN Bilateral Trade Database ISIC4 ed, 2019 (stats, oecd, org)

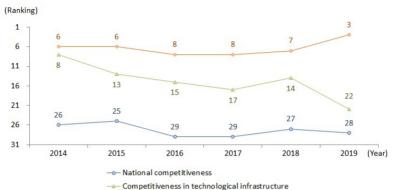
78 ICT industry trade in major countries (2018)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China
Exports (million USD)	169,789	150,829	66,572	79,415	22,869	19,184	616,007
Imports (million USD)	76,265	357,233	89,698	113,661	40,769	54,627	429,411
Trade balance (million USD)	93,524	-206,403	-23,126	-34,246	-17,899	-35,443	186,596
Trade balance ratio (Exports/Imports)	2.23	0.42	0.74	0.70	0.56	0.35	1.43

Source: OECD, STAN Bilateral Trade Database ISIC4 ed, 2019 (stats,oecd,org)

10. National Competitiveness

79 Competitiveness ranking of Korea (IMD)



---- Competitiveness in scientific infrastructure

	2016	2017		2019
Overall competitiveness	29	29	27	28
Economic performance	21	22	20	27
Government efficiency	26	28	29	31
Business efficiency	48	44	43	34
Infrastructure	22	24	18	20
- Scientific infrastructure	8	8	7	3
- Technological infrastructure	15	17	14	22

Source: IMD, The World Competitiveness Yearbook (www.imd.org)

80 Competitiveness ranking of major countries (2019, IMD)

			Japan				China
Competitiveness	28	3	30	17	31	23	14
- Scientific infrastructure	3	1	6	5	12	11	2
- Technological infrastructure	22	6	20	23	9	12	2

Source : IMD, The World Competitiveness Yearbook 2019 (www.imd.org)

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total expenditure on R&D	6	5	5	5
Total expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP	1	2	2	1
Total expenditure on R&D per capita	14	13	14	9
Business expenditure on R&D	5	5	5	5
Business expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP	2	2	2	2
Total R&D personnel nationwide	6	5	6	6
Total R&D personnel nationwide per 1,000 people	8	8	8	5
Total R&D personnel in business enterprise	5	6	6	6
Total R&D personnel in business per 1,000 people	4	4	5	3
Researcher in R&D per 1,000 people	4	4	3	2
Percentage of total first university degrees in science and engineering	16	17	11	11
Scientific articles	9	9	9	9
Nobel prizes	28	29	29	29
Nobel prizes per 1,000,000 people	28	29	29	29
Number of patent applications	4	4	4	4
Number of patent applications filed per 100,000 inhabitants	3	3	3	3
Number of patents granted	4	4	4	4
Number of patents in force per 100,000 inhabitants	3	3	3	4
Medium- and high-tech value added	-	-	-	4
Laws relating to scientific research do encourage innovation*	34	34	37	34
Intellectual property rights are adequately enforced*	38	44	39	37
Knowledge transfer is highly developed between companies and universities*	34	32	29	35
Overall Ranking	8	8	7	3

(IMD) 80 Competitiveness ranking of Korea in scientific infrastructure

*Indicators by survey
 Source: IMD, The World Competitiveness Yearbook (www.imd.org)

52	24	47	46
4	12	5	10
50	54	52	57
12	16	14	12
11	11	11	11
18	18	17	17
16	17	16	16
20	22	22	21
1	1	1	27
	22	26	26
34	32	32	31
36	29	37	41
51	47	52	50
44	46	46	42
5	6	6	8
6	7	9	19
39	35	32	28
45	49	24	23
15	17	14	22
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82 Competitiveness ranking of Korea in technological infrastructure (IMD)

*Indicators by survey
 Source: IMD, The World Competitiveness Yearbook (www.imd.org)

	2017		2019
Global competitiveness	17	15	13
Institutions	28	27	26
Infrastructure	7	6	6
ICT adoption	1	1	1
Macroeconomic stability	1	1	1
Health	20	19	8
Skills	31	27	27
Product market	65	67	59
Labor market	47	48	51
Financial system	22	19	18
Market size	13	14	14
Business dynamism	22	22	25
Innovation capability	10	8	6

83 Global competitiveness of Korea (WEF)

New ranking was calculated by Global Competitiveness Index 4.0

Source: WEF, The Global Competitiveness Report (www.weforum.org)

8 Global competitiveness ranking of major countries (2019, WEF)

Korea		Japan				China
13	2	6	7	15	9	28

Source: WEF, The Global Competitiveness Report, 2019 (www.weforum.org)

85 COmposite Science and Technology Innovation Index (COSTII) of Korea

	20				20		20	
	Indicator (Score)							Ranking
COSTII	12.322	5	11.440	7	11.558	7	11.424	7
Resource	1.823	5	1.918	7	1.942	6	2.016	6
Activities	3.777	3	3.637	3	3.998	3	4.156	2
Network	1.540	15	1.310	20	1.413	17	1.550	11
Environment	2.733	20	2.598	21	2.445	22	2.592	22
Performance	1.658	14	1.641	14	1.487	14	1.110	22

► Source: MSIT · KISTEP, COSTII, 2019



11. Energy and Resources

86 Electricity supply and demand in Korea



Installed capacity and supply capacity is standardized by each year's time of occurrence for maximum power demand
 Source: KEPCO, Electric Power statistics (September, 2019) (home,kepco.co.kr)

Petroleum and LNG supply in Korea

		2015	2016	2017	2018
Detector	Crude oil imports (million barrels)	1,026	1,078	1,118	1,116
Petroleum	Amount of crude oil imports (million USD)	55,120	44,295	59,603	80,393
LNG	Imports (1,000 tons)	33,366	33,453	37,537	44,015

Source: Statistics Korea (Korea National Oil Corporation, Korea Gas Corporation, and Korea Customs) (www.index.go.kr)

88 Total primary energy supply per 1,000 USD of GDP in major countries (2018)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China ('17)
Energy supply (toe)/ 1,000 USD (PPP)	0.15	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.15

Source: OECD (2018), Primary energy supply (indicator)

Nuclear electricity as a percentage of total electricity generation in major countries (%, 2016)

Korea	USA	Japan		France	UK
28.8	19.4	1.7	13.0	72.5	21.1

▶ Source: International Energy Agency, World Energy Statistics 2018

		2015	2016	2017	2018
	Petroleum/Gas	376	378	380	380
	 In progress 	166	141	131	122
	* Production	78	81	79	73
Number of overseas	* Exploitation	25	19	12	11
resource exploitation	* Exploration	63	41	40	38
programs (cumulative)	- Completed programs	210	237	249	258
	General minerals	525	533	538	544
	- In progress	334	335	322	316
	- Completed programs	191	198	216	228
	Petroleum/Gas	16.0	15.0	13.0	13.0
o <i>u</i>	Bituminous coal	53.0	50.0	38.0	30.0
Self-sufficient	Iron	15.0	28.0	26.0	32.0
exploitation ratio (%)	Bronze	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.0
(70)	Zinc	21.2	22.8	20.6	19.9
	Nickel	68.9	63.2	61.8	55.2

9 Overseas natural resource exploitation in Korea

Self-sufficient exploitation ratio indicates the percentage of resource developed and produced by domestic companies compared to total imports

Source: Statistics Korea (Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy) (www.index.go.kr)

12. Green Growth and Technology

9 Renewable energy supply in Korea (1,000 toe, %)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Renewable energy supply	13,293	14,178	16,448	17,838
Supply percentage (%)	4.6	4.8	5.4	5.8
Solar heat	28	28	28	27
Sunlight	849	1,093	1,516	1,977
Bio	2,766	2,765	3,599	4,442
Waste	8,436	8,743	9,359	9,084
Water power	454	603	601	719
Wind power	283	355	462	525
Geothermal heat	135	162	184	205
Hydrogen/Fuel cell	230	242	313	376
Marine	105	105	104	103

Supply percentage indicates the percentage of renewable energy in primary energy

Solar heat refers to the facilities that utilize heat energy from the sun as the source of energy, and Sunlight refers to the facilities that utilize light energy from the sun to produce electricity

Rounding figures at one decimal place might be possibly different from the source data such as KOSIS

Source: Statistics Korea (New Renewable Energy Center) (www.index.go.kr)

20 Contribution of renewable energy to energy supply in major countries (%, 2018)

Korea	USA	Japan		France	UK	China ('17)
1.91	7.77	5.94	14.14	10.53	11.54	9.07

Source: OECD (2018), Renewable energy (indicator)

93 CO2 emissions in major countries (kg per PPP \$, 2018)

Korea	USA	Japan		France	UK	China
0.33	0.27	0.23	0.18	0.11	0.13	0.44

Source: IEA, Data Services, 2019

R&D budget for energy and environment as a percentage of GBAORD in major countries (%)

	Korea ('17)	USA ('18)	Japan ('18)	Germany ('18)	France ('17)	UK ('17)
Environment	2.8	0.4	4.1	2.8	1.7	2.4
Energy	6.3	2.7	12.4	5.0	12.7	2.9
Environment and Energy	9.1	3.1	16.5	7.8	10.4	5.4

Source: OECD, Research and Development Statistics, 2019 (stats, oecd, org)

13. Space

95 Space programs as a percentage of civil Government Budget Allocation for R&D (GBARD) in major countries

	Korea ('17)	USA ('18)	Japan ('18)	Germany ('18)	France ('18)	UK ('17)
Civil GBARD for space programs (million USD)	453	9,735	1,727	1,794	2,131	187
Space programs as a percentage of civil GBARD (%)	3.1	13.9	5.2	5.0	12.4	1.6

Government R&D budget does not include national defense budget

▶ Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats,oecd,org)

98 BERD performed in aerospace industry in major countries

	Korea ('15)	USA ('16)	Japan ('17)	Germany ('15)	France ('16)	UK ('16)
Aerospace industry R&D expenditure (million USD)	209	26,645	782	1,893	3,156	2,234
Percentage of aerospace industry R&D expenditure in BERD (%)	0.5	7.1	0.6	2.8	8.9	7.4

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats.oecd.org)

14. Biotechnology

7 R&D expenditure in biotechnology by company in major countries

	Korea ('17)	USA ('17)	Germany ('18)	France ('17)
Biotechnology R&D expenditures in the business sector (million ppp \$)	1,729	51,637	1,572	3,792
Number of biotech R&D firms	945	1,772	820	2,082

OECD, Key Biotechnology Indicators, October 2019 (http://oe.cd/kbi)

			2016	2017	2018
	Output	8.50	9.26	10.15	10.48
Industry trends	Domestic demand	5.63	6.09	6.55	7.00
(trillion KRW)	-		4.63	5.17	5.18
	Imports	1.41	1.46	1.57	1.71
	R&D personnel	12,782	13,151	14,143	14,888
Personnel	Production personnel	13,564	14,605	15,874	16,477
	Total		27,756	30,017	31,365

98 Biotechnology industry in Korea

R&D personnel indicates personnel for R&D in bio-industry

▶ Production personnel indicates personnel for production, facility and quality management in biotechnology

Source: MOTIE, Korea Biotechnology Industry Organization, Report on Survey of Domestic Bioindustry

15. Economic and Social Indicators

99 Population and GDP per capita in major countries (2018)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China ('17)
Population (thousands)	51,655	328,012	126,443	82,902	67,274	66,466	1,390,080
GDP per capita (USD)	31,351	62,480	39,313	48,211	41,287	42,506	8,736

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019-1 (stats,oecd,org)

Labor force, total employment, and value added of industry in major countries (2018)

	Korea	USA	Japan	Germany	France	UK	China
Labor force (thousands)	27,723	163,503	68,042	43,262	29,860	33,674	806,860 ('17)
Total employment (thousands)	26,646	156,016	68,905	44,491	28,160	32,441	776,400 ('17)
Value added of industry (100 million USD)	11,027	129,967	36,102	25,363	15,859	17,025	99,659 ('18)

Source: OECD, MSTI 2019–1 (stats.oecd.org)



Glossary

Abbreviation	Full name
EPO	European Patent Organization
IMD	International Institute for Management Development
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
JPO	Japan Patent Office
KAIST	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
KEPCO	Korea Electric Power Corporation
KIPO	Korea Intellectual Property Office
KSIC	Korean Standard Industrial Classification
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOTIE	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy
MSIT	Ministry of Science and ICT
MSTI	Main Science and Technology Indicators
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
SCI	Science Citation Index
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WEF	World Economic Forum
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

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