Introduction

The Economic Rationale for IP Rights

Since 2015, the Index has included a Statistical Annex that investigates a series of correlations, or the statistical likelihood of two variables occurring together. The correlations examine the relationship between the strength of national IP environments, as measured by the Index scores, and different types of economic activity, including rates of research & development (R&D) spending, innovation, technology creation, and creativity. The first Annex, which was published with the third edition of the Index, tested the relationships between the Index scores of 30 economies and 15 economic variables. This year’s Annex mirrors the growth of the wider Index and surveys the relationship between the Index scores of 55 economies and a set of 32 economic variables, including two new variables produced by the Observatory of Economic Complexity:

1. The Economic Complexity Index, ECI technology complexity
2. The Economic Complexity Index, ECI research complexity

This represents an increase of more than 75% in the number of economies sampled and more than double the number of economic variables included since the first edition of the Annex.

As more economies and more social and economic variables have been added to the Statistical Annex, the picture becomes clearer: IP protection is a critical instrument for economies that seek to enhance access to innovation, grow domestic innovative output, and enjoy the dynamic growth benefits of an innovative economy. Conversely, weak IP protection stymies long-term strategic aspirations around innovation and high-tech economic development.
The 2024 Statistical Annex

This year’s Annex and statistical correlations show, again, the strong, direct, and statistically significant relationship between the strength of the national IP environment, as measured by the Index, and rates of innovation, growth, and high-tech economic activity. Table 1 presents the main findings of the analysis in this year’s Annex, including the two new correlations added.

Table 1: Economic Benefits of Improving IP Protection: Findings from 32 Correlations

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<th>Benefits of Strong IP Environment</th>
<th>2018 (strength of correlation)</th>
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<th>Economies with robust IP protection (scoring above 50% on the Index) on average tend to experience the following benefits compared with economies scoring below 50%</th>
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<td><strong>Future of growth</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.86</td>
<td>97% more likely to be prepared for the future of growth</td>
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<td><strong>Drivers of production</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.83</td>
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<td>.83</td>
<td>39% more likely to adapt to the Fourth Industrial Revolution and secure new growth opportunities</td>
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<td><strong>Technology &amp; innovation</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.87</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.84</td>
<td>.84</td>
<td>54% more likely to be able to transform their economies using sophisticated, state-of-the-art technologies</td>
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<td><strong>Global trade &amp; investment</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.71</td>
<td>.70</td>
<td>.71</td>
<td>.70</td>
<td>.70</td>
<td>40% more open for business and attractive to foreign investment</td>
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<td><strong>Resources to Innovate</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Innovation capability</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.88</td>
<td>.87</td>
<td>.87</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>63% more likely to maintain sophisticated environments capable of producing innovative outputs</td>
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<td><strong>Enabling infrastructure</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.79</td>
<td>.79</td>
<td>.82</td>
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<td>67% more likely to experience the benefits of an innovation-driven economy, ranging from highly skilled and highly paid workers to increased R&amp;D activity</td>
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<td><strong>Availability of R&amp;D funding</strong></td>
<td>.71</td>
<td>.71</td>
<td>.89</td>
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<td>.69</td>
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<td>33% more likely to see private sector investment in R&amp;D activities</td>
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<td><strong>Access to venture capital and private equity funds</strong></td>
<td>.79</td>
<td>.78</td>
<td>.75</td>
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<td>.78</td>
<td>.79</td>
<td>50% more likely to attract venture capital and private equity funds compared with economies whose IP regimes lag behind</td>
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<td><strong>Availability of skilled researchers</strong></td>
<td>.82</td>
<td>.81</td>
<td>.80</td>
<td>.84</td>
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<td>.82</td>
<td>Over five times more likely to have highly skilled researchers in a labor force</td>
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<td><strong>Talent competitiveness</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.82</td>
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<td>.86</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>50% more competitive human capital</td>
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<td><strong>Quality of local scientific and technical knowledge</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.83</td>
<td>.84</td>
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<td>Almost five times more knowledge output in terms of scientific and technical journal articles</td>
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<td><strong>Growth of knowledge-based economies</strong></td>
<td>.83</td>
<td>.83</td>
<td>.86</td>
<td>.82</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.81</td>
<td>31% more likely to fully leverage information and communications technology (ICT)</td>
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<td><strong>Global networking impact</strong></td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.84</td>
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<td>.82</td>
<td>.80</td>
<td>.58</td>
<td>19% more likely to support a dynamic ICT sector and to experience the indirect benefits it generates</td>
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<td>Output</td>
<td>2018 (strength of correlation)</td>
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<td>Global competitiveness—IMD ranking</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.69</td>
<td>.70</td>
<td>Economies are 41% more competitive</td>
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<td>Global competitiveness—World Economic Forum ranking</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.86</td>
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<td>Economies are 25% more competitive</td>
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<td>Digital competitiveness</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.75</td>
<td>.72</td>
<td>Economies are 42% more digitally competitive</td>
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<td>Economic complexity—trade-related</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.82</td>
<td>.77</td>
<td>.70</td>
<td>.69</td>
<td>.74</td>
<td>Significantly more likely to produce and export complex, knowledge-intensive products</td>
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<td>Economic complexity—technological complexity</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.63</td>
<td>Economies are over six times more technologically complex</td>
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<td>Economic complexity—research complexity</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>NA</td>
<td>.70</td>
<td>Significantly more likely to produce higher levels of complex research</td>
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<td>Innovation</td>
<td>.86</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.85</td>
<td>.76</td>
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<td>Almost double the innovation output as measured by the Global Innovation Index</td>
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<td>Triadic patenting</td>
<td>.88</td>
<td>.65</td>
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<td>Over 600 more high-value inventions per million population</td>
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<td>Employment in knowledge-intensive sectors</td>
<td>.67</td>
<td>.69</td>
<td>.73</td>
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<td>Share of workforce employed in knowledge-intensive sectors is 78% higher</td>
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<td>Growth of high-tech sectors</td>
<td>.75</td>
<td>.79</td>
<td>.76</td>
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<td>Produce 88% more knowledge and technology outputs</td>
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<td>Biomedical activity</td>
<td>.72</td>
<td>.73</td>
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<td>Almost 10 times more clinical trial activity</td>
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<td>Cutting-edge clinical trials</td>
<td>.73</td>
<td>.76</td>
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<td>Over 16 times more early-phase clinical trials</td>
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<td>Development of biotech therapies</td>
<td>.76</td>
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<td>Over 10 times more clinical research on biologic therapies</td>
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**Value Added and Creativity**

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<td>Online creativity</td>
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<td>Global reach of local brands</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>.86</td>
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<td>Access to licensed music outlets</td>
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<td>Video on demand (VOD) penetration</td>
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<td>Consumption of audiovisual content</td>
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*NA reflects that data was not available for a correlation in a given year.*
The Pearson correlation coefficient is the statistical analysis used to test the relationship between the Index’s scores and other economic variables in this Annex. The Pearson correlation coefficient is a widely used statistical method of establishing whether two variables are related to each other. This statistical test provides a value between –1 and 1, which represents the strength of this correlation. Thus, the Pearson correlation coefficient tells us whether a linear relationship exists between two variables and if it is positive or negative.

In this Annex, the strength of a given positive correlation follows this legend:

- .00 to .19: very weak
- .20 to .39: weak
- .40 to .59: moderate
- .60 to .79: strong
- .80 to 1.0: very strong

Each individual test of the correlation between two variables was performed under a confidence level of .95, which means that if this procedure were repeated on multiple samples, the calculated confidence interval (i.e., a range estimation that is calculated from the observation and therefore would be different for each sample) would encompass the true parameter 95% of the time. In other words, the confidence interval represents values for the parameter, for which the difference between the parameter and the observed estimate is not statistically significant at the 5% level.

However, it is important to note that correlation—a statistical test of the existence of a linear relationship between two variables—does not imply causation (i.e., the fact that two variables are very strongly correlated does not mean that one has caused the other). That said, a strong to very strong correlation implies that a linear relationship exists between the two variables, the nature of which depends on the variables.
Readiness for the Fourth Industrial Revolution & Future of Growth
Economies with Robust IP Environments Are More Likely to Be Prepared for the Future of Growth

Association between the Index scores and the Future of Growth Report, Innovativeness pillar score

Data not available for Brunei, China, Israel, Russia, & Taiwan.

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- The Future of Growth Report, Innovativeness pillar is defined by the World Economic Forum as evaluating the “extent to which an economy’s trajectory can absorb and evolve in response to new technological, social, institutional and organizational developments to improve the longer-term quality of growth.”

- The Innovativeness pillar displays a very strong association—a correlation of .86—with the Index scores.

- Economies with robust IP environments are 97% more likely to be prepared for the future of growth.
Economies with Robust IP Environments Are Significantly Better Positioned to Capitalize on the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Association between the Index scores and the Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment, Drivers of Production pillar scores

Data not available for Brunei, Taiwan, and Venezuela.
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- The Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment’s Drivers of Production pillar scores gauge performance in key sectors and themes that enable economies to capitalize on emerging technologies compete in future production systems.

Those Readiness Assessment scores display a very strong association—a correlation of .83—with the Index scores.
• This relationship adds to the strength of the overall findings of the Statistical Annex to date, namely, that robust IP protection is a critical component of the 21st-century knowledge-based economy.

• In fact, a positive stepwise improvement can be seen across both measures. Economies with robust IP environments are 39% more likely to adapt to the Fourth Industrial Revolution and to secure new growth opportunities.

Association between the Index scores and the Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment 2018, Driver of Production pillar scores: Division by thirds in Index scores, average scores per third
A Strong IP Framework Equals Greater Capacity for Innovation and Technological Absorptive Capacity

Association between the Index scores and the Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment, Drivers of Production pillar, Technology & Innovation subpillar scores

Data not available for Brunei, Taiwan, and Venezuela.
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- The Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment’s Technology & Innovation subpillar measures how advanced, digitally secure, globally connected, and interoperable the economic production system is—a critical element for economies’ ability to foster and commercialize new and innovative technologies.
- The Index exhibits a very strong correlation of .84 to the Technology & Innovation subpillar scores. In fact, economies with strong IP systems are 54% more likely to be able to transform their economies using sophisticated, state-of-the-art technologies compared with economies whose IP systems require improvement.
Favorable IP Regimes Promote Trade Openness and Attractiveness to Foreign Investments

Association between the Index scores and the Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment, Global Trade & Investment subpillar scores

Data not available for Brunei, Taiwan, and Venezuela.
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The Readiness for the Future of Production Assessment’s Global Trade & Investment subpillar measures economies’ levels of openness to international trade and the availability of capital directed to production-related development. There is a strong relationship (at a correlation strength of .70) to the Index scores, which suggests that the strength of a national IP environment contributes to economies’ ability to bolster knowledge and skill attainment, increase technology transfer, and boost productivity and competitiveness. Economies with fair to strong IP environments are 40% more open for business and attractive to foreign investments in their production systems compared with weaker economies.
Resources to Innovate
Robust IP Protection Is a Key Component in Developing a Strong Innovation Capability

Association between the Index scores and the Global Competitiveness Report 2019, Innovation Capability pillar scores

- A very strong relationship (a correlation of .85) was found between the Index scores and the Global Competitiveness Report’s Innovation Capability pillar scores.
- Economies with fair to strong IP regimes are on average 63% more likely to maintain an environment capable of producing innovative outputs compared with weaker economies.
- The link between the two variables is particularly strong when looking at group averages by quartiles of Index scores. Economies scoring in the third and fourth quartile of the Index are much more capable of innovating and benefiting from local innovation activities compared with economies scoring in the second and first quartiles of the Index.

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Association between the Index scores and the Global Competitiveness Report 2019, Innovation Capability pillar scores: Division by quartiles in Index scores, average scores per quartile
Supportive IP Regimes Are Essential for Creating Environments Conducive to Innovation

Association between the Index scores and the Global Innovation Index 2023, Business Sophistication pillar scores

- The Global Innovation Index’s Business Sophistication pillar measures the availability of competent talent, levels of innovation linkages and infrastructure, and levels of foreign direct investment (FDI) and reliance on high-tech imports. There is a very strong correlation of .82 to the Index scores.

- As a result, economies with strong IP protection are 67% more likely to experience the benefits of an innovation-driven economy, ranging from more highly skilled and highly paid workers to increased R&D activity.

Data not available for Taiwan and Venezuela.
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Companies Are More Likely to Spend on R&D in Favorable IP Environments

Association between Index scores and the Global Competitiveness Report 2017–18, company spending on R&D scores

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- A strong correlation of .69 exists between the Index scores and private sector propensity to spend on R&D.
- Economies with robust IP environments, scoring over 50% on the Index, are 33% more likely to see private-sector investment in R&D activities compared with companies in economies with less supportive IP environments.
Economies with Robust IP Regimes Are More Attractive to Investors

Association between the Index scores and the Venture Capital & Private Equity Country Attractiveness Index 2023 scores

Data not available for Brunei, Costa Rica, and Honduras. The Annex uses the Alpha-2 code economy abbreviations as maintained by the ISO 3166 international standard.

- There is a strong correlation of .79 to the IESE and EMLYON Business Schools’ Venture Capital & Private Equity Attractiveness Index scores.
- Innovators and companies in economies with higher Index scores and stronger national IP environments are 50% more likely to attract venture capital and private equity funds compared with economies whose IP regimes lag behind.
Association between the Index scores and the Venture Capital & Private Equity Country Attractiveness Index scores: Division by thirds in Index scores, average scores per third
Strong IP Environments Encourage the Development of Human Capital

Association between Index scores and the number of researchers in R&D per million population

Data not available for Dominican Republic, Peru, and Taiwan.
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- The relationship between the Index scores and levels of human capital has remained very strong (a correlation strength of over .80) over the past six editions of the Annex.
- Economies with favorable IP regimes are over five times more likely to have highly skilled researchers in labor force.
Favorable IP Environments Are Better Positioned for Competing in the Global Innovation Arena

Association between the Index scores & the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2023

Data not available for Taiwan.
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- IP protection displays a very strong relationship—at a correlation strength of .85—with economies’ performance on the Global Talent Competitiveness Index. The latter benchmarks economies’ ability to develop, attract, and empower human capital and measures both inputs (such as enabling landscape, market openness, quality of learning, and sustainability) and outputs (such as mid- and high-level skills and overall talent impact).

- Economies with higher Index scores are 50% more competitive on the Global Talent Competitiveness Index than are weaker economies.

- When dividing the Index scores into quartiles, a corresponding stepwise increase is revealed in economies’ talent competitiveness, suggesting that the overall strength of economies’ IP protection goes hand in hand with the development of a strong and competitive workforce.
Association between the Index scores and the Global Talent Competitiveness Index rankings: Division by quartiles in Index scores, average scores per quartile

Economies scoring in the bottom quartile of the Index

Economies scoring in the 2nd quartile of the Index

Economies scoring in the 3rd quartile of the Index

Economies scoring in the top quartile of the Index

Index 12th edition overall scores, standardized to 100

Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2023, GTCI Score

Index 12th edition overall scores, standardized to 100

Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2023, GTCI Score

Economies scoring in the bottom quartile of the Index

Economies scoring in the top quartile of the Index

Economies scoring in the 2nd quartile of the Index

Economies scoring in the 3rd quartile of the Index

Index 12th edition overall scores, standardized to 100

Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2023, GTCI Score
Supportive IP Frameworks and Science and Technology Knowledge Production

Association between the Index scores and the number of scientific and technical journal articles per million population

Data not available for Taiwan.
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- The population-adjusted rate of scientific and technical journal articles—a robust measure for the quality and productivity for the human capital in the fields of life sciences, technology, and engineering—displays a very strong correlation (.82) with the Index overall scores.

- Economies with robust IP systems, as measured by the Index, have almost five times more knowledge output in terms of scientific and technical journal articles.
Association between the Index scores and the number of scientific and technical journal articles per million population: Division by thirds in Index scores, average scores per third

Index 12th edition overall scores, standardized to 100
Scientific and Technical Journal articles, 2020, per million population

Economies scoring in the bottom third of the Index
Economies scoring in the middle third of the Index
Economies scoring in the top third of the Index

198.4
33.5

409.3
53.0

1,585.4
85.7
IP Protection Contributes to the Growth of the ICT Sector and Knowledge-Based Economies

Association between the Index’s ICT-related indicators’ scores and the Network Readiness Index 2023, Impact pillar scores

Data not available for Brunei and Taiwan.
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- A very strong correlation (.81) exists between the Index’s ICT-related indicators and the extent to which an economy leverages ICT and benefits from its economic and societal impact, as measured by the Network Readiness Index.
- Economies with stronger Index scores are 31% more likely to fully leverage ICTs for increased productivity and technology development.
IP Protection Contributes to the Growth of the ICT Sector and Knowledge-Based Economies

Association between the Index ICT-related indicator scores and the Measuring digital development, The ICT Development Index 2023

Data not available for India and Taiwan.
The Annex uses the Alpha-2 code economy abbreviations as maintained by the ISO 3166 international standard.

- The Index’s ICT related indicators scores display a moderate correlation of .58 with the ICT Development Index.
- Economies with favorable IP environments are 19% more likely to support a dynamic ICT sector and experience the socioeconomic benefits this generates.
Outputs of a Competitive Knowledge-Based Economy
Economies with Favorable IP Environments Are More Globally Competitive

Association between the Index scores and the 2022 IMD World Competitiveness Ranking overall scores

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**Data not available for Algeria, Brunei, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Honduras, Kenya, Kuwait, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Vietnam.**

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- The IMD World Competitiveness Ranking shows a strong relationship (at a correlation strength of .70) with the Index scores.
- On average, economies with stronger Index scores are 41% more competitive than economies scoring below 50%.
Economies with Favorable IP Environments Are More Globally Competitive

Association between the Index scores and the Global Competitiveness Report 2019 overall scores

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• The Global Competitiveness Index is a comprehensive benchmark of the set of institutions, policies, and factors that determine economies’ productivity and competitiveness. There is a very strong relationship (at a correlation strength of .84) with the Index scores.

• On average, economies with stronger Index scores are 25% more competitive than economies scoring below 50%.

• When dividing the Index scores into thirds, a corresponding stepwise increase is revealed in economies’ competitiveness, which suggests that the overall strength of economies’ IP protection goes hand in hand with overall levels of international economic competitiveness.
Association between the Index scores and the Global Competitiveness Report 2019 overall scores: Division by thirds in Index scores, average scores per third

Index 12th edition overall scores, standardized to 100

Global Competitiveness Report 2019, overall score

Economies scoring in the bottom third of the Index

Economies scoring in the middle third of the Index

Economies scoring in the middle third of the Index
Economies with Favorable IP Environments Are More Digitally Competitive

Association between the Index scores and the 2023 IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking overall scores\(^7\)

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- The IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking “analyzes and ranks the extent to which countries adopt and explore digital technologies leading to transformation in government practices, business models and society in general.”\(^8\)

- A strong relationship exists between digital competitiveness (at a correlation strength of .72) and the Index’s overall scores.

- On average, economies with stronger Index scores are 42% more digitally competitive than economies scoring below 50%.

- When dividing the Index scores into thirds, a corresponding stepwise increase is revealed in economies’ competitiveness, which suggests that the overall strength of economies’ IP protection goes hand in hand with overall levels of international digital competitiveness.
Association between the Index scores and the 2023 IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking overall scores: Division by thirds in Index scores, average scores per third

- **Economies scoring in the bottom third of the Index**
  - Index 12th edition overall scores: 36.9
  - 2023 IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking: 57.3

- **Economies scoring in the middle third of the Index**
  - Index 12th edition overall scores: 62.5
  - 2023 IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking: 88.4

- **Economies scoring in the top third of the Index**
  - Index 12th edition overall scores: 86.2
  - 2023 IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking: 89.0

Index 12th edition overall scores, standardized to 100

2023 IMD World Digital Competitiveness Ranking, overall scores
Robust IP Protection and Economic Complexity—Trade Complexity

Association between the Index scores and the Observatory of Economic Complexity’s Economic Complexity Index¹⁹

Data not available for Brunei.
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- The Observatory for Economic Complexity’s Economic Complexity Index measures the complexity of knowledge required to produce a given product and the level of its exports. There is a strong correlation of .74 with the Index scores.
- Economies scoring above 50% in the Index are significantly more likely to produce and export complex, knowledge-intensive products and to reap the associated social and economic benefits compared with economies scoring below 50%.
Robust IP Protection and Economic Complexity—Technology Complexity

Association between the Index scores and the Observatory of Economic Complexity's Economic Complexity Index—technology complexity

Data not available for Brunei and Honduras.
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- The Observatory for Economic Complexity’s Economic Complexity Index—technology complexity measures the levels of complex technology in an economy. There is a strong correlation of .63 with the Index scores.
- Economies scoring above 50% of the Index have more than six times the levels of complex technology compared with economies scoring below 50%.
Robust IP Protection and Economic Complexity—Research Complexity

Association between the Index scores and the Observatory of Economic Complexity’s Economic Complexity Index—research complexity

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- The Observatory for Economic Complexity’s Economic Complexity Index—research complexity measures the level of complex research in an economy. There is a strong correlation of .70 with the Index scores.
- Economies scoring above 50% of the Index are more likely to produce higher levels of complex research compared with economies scoring below 50%.
Strong IP Environments Have Higher Levels of Innovative Output

Association between Index scores and the Global Innovation Index 2023, Innovation Output Subindex scores

Data not available for Taiwan and Venezuela.
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- The Global Innovation Index’s Innovation Output subindex is an aggregate measure that looks at a variety of indicators reflecting knowledge creation and development, including intangible assets, research publications, and high-tech production. When compared to the Index, there is a very strong correlation of .83 to the Index scores.
- Economies with robust IP regimes experience almost double the innovation output compared with economies with weaker national IP environments.
- When dividing the Index scores into thirds, a corresponding stepwise increase is revealed in economies’ innovation output, which suggests that the overall strength of economies’ IP protection goes hand in hand with overall levels of innovation.
Association between Index scores and the Global Innovation Index, Innovation Output Subindex scores: Division by thirds in Index scores, average scores per third

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Inventive Intensity Depends on Strong Patent Protection

Association between Index patent-related indicators’ scores and triadic patents (total, 1999–2019) per million population, by quartiles in Index scores, average per quartile

Correlation: 0.64

Data not available for Brunei, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Honduras, and Vietnam.
• Triadic patenting rates are a measure of patent protection granted by the three biggest patent offices (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office, and Japan Patent Office) and serve as a good indicator of the development of high-value innovations with significant commercial potential.

• The Index patent-related indicators’ scores display a strong relationship (a correlation of .64) with triadic patenting rates standardized for population.

• Economies with the strongest IP frameworks have over 600 more high-value inventions patented per million population than do economies with weaker IP environments.

• Economies in the lower two quartiles see rates of triadic patenting activity in the low single digits per million population.

Strong IP environments generate more triadic patenting, whereas weaker environments see virtually no triadic patenting.
A Robust IP Regime Promotes the Growth of Knowledge-Intensive Sectors

Association between the Index scores and Global Innovation Index 2023, share of workforce employed in knowledge-intensive services

Data not available for China, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Venezuela.
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- There is a strong correlation (.72) between Index scores and the share of the workforce employed in knowledge-intensive activities, as measured by the Global Innovation Index 2022.
- The share of the workforce concentrated in knowledge-intensive sectors in economies with robust IP environments is 78% higher compared with economies with weaker national IP environments.
Patent Protection Is Linked to the Growth of High-Tech Sectors

Association between Index patent-related indicators’ scores and the Global Innovation Index 2023, Innovation Output Subindex Knowledge and Technology Output pillar scores 

- The Index’s patent-related indicators exhibit a strong correlation of .76 with knowledge and technology outputs as measured by the Global Innovation Index’s Innovation Output subindex.

- Economies with strong patent environments, scoring 50% or above on the Index, produce 88% more knowledge and technology outputs compared with economies whose patent environments trail behind.

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IP Rights Lead to Biomedical Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Association between Index life sciences–related indicators’ scores and the number of clinical trials per million population

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- Economies’ clinical trial intensity, serving as a proxy for life sciences FDI, displays a strong association—a correlation of .74—with biopharmaceutical IP rights, as measured by the Index’s scores on life sciences–related indicators.
- Economies that score 50% or more on the Index’s life sciences–related indicator host almost 10 times more clinical trials than do low-scoring economies.
IP Protection Is Critical to Greater Investment in Cutting-Edge Clinical Research

Association between Index life sciences–related indicators’ scores and the number of early-phase (I+II) clinical trials per million population

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- The Index scores for life sciences–related indicators exhibit a strong correlation of .77 with rates of early-stage (phase I and II) clinical trial activity.
- Economies that maintain robust IP environments tend to see over 16 times more early-phase clinical trials on average compared with economies whose life sciences–related IP environments trail behind.
Development of Biologic Therapies Is Closely Linked to IP Protection

Association between Index life sciences–related indicators’ scores and the number of biologic clinical trials per million population

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- Biologic medicines—gene-, cellular- or protein-based therapies produced from living organisms—are at the forefront of medical research. The trials involved in developing these biologics are highly complex and require high levels of skill and technical infrastructure; this is the high end of the value chain in clinical research.

- A strong correlation of .76 exists between the population-adjusted number of clinical trials on biologic drugs and the Index scores for life sciences–related indicators.

- Economies with strong to robust IP frameworks for the life sciences host over 10 times more clinical trials on innovative biologic drugs compared with economies with a weaker environment.
Value Added and Creativity
Robust Copyright Protection Encourages Creative Activity

Association between Index copyright-related indicators’ scores and the Global Innovation Index 2023, Innovation Output Subindex, Creative Output pillar scores

Data not available for Taiwan and Venezuela.

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- Copyright protection, measured by the Index’s copyrights-related indicators, displays a strong correlation of .75 to the creative outputs pillar within the Global Innovation Index.

- Economies scoring above 50% on the Index’s copyright-related indicators are 69% more likely to benefit from the growth in both volume and value of the dynamic content and media sectors than economies with weaker national IP environments.
Robust Copyright Protection Encourages Online Creativity

Association between Index copyright-related indicators’ scores and the Global Innovation Index 2023, Innovation Output Subindex, Creative Output pillar, online creativity scores

- The Index’s copyright-related indicators’ scores display a strong relationship (at a correlation strength of .78) with online creativity as measured by the Global Innovation Index.
- Economies that provide and enforce strong copyright protection, including for digital and online works, generate more than twice as much online and mobile content, such as websites, applications, and audiovisual media.

Data not available for Taiwan and Venezuela.

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Strong IP Environments Promote International Brand Use

Association between the Index trademark-related indicators scores’ and the Global Competitiveness Report 2019, Innovation capabilities pillar, Trademark applications scores

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- Obtaining international trademark protection and enforcing it across multiple jurisdictions requires significant financial resources; a high rate of international trademark applications provides a good indication of the quality and value of companies and products within a given economy. In other words, high rates of international trademark applications suggest high rates of international competitiveness linked with an economy.

- The Global Competitiveness Index’s Trademark Applications indicator—which offers a population-adjusted, standardized measure of international trademark applications—exhibits a strong relationship (at a correlation strength of .76) with the Index’s trademark-related indicators’ scores.

- Economies with effective IP systems have almost 40% higher levels of international trademark applications than those whose IP regimes lag behind.

Correlation: .76

The graph shows a scatter plot with countries on the x-axis and y-axis, corresponding to their trademark applications scores from the Global Competitiveness Report 2019, Innovation capability pillar, and trademark-related indicators' scores, respectively. The correlation coefficient of .76 indicates a strong positive relationship between the two measures.
Strong Copyright Protection Encourages Increased Availability of Legitimate Online Music Outlets

Association between the Index’s copyright-related indicators’ scores and volume of licensed online music services

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- A strong correlation of .73 exists between the Index’s copyright-related indicators’ scores and the number of online licensed music services as measured by Pro-Music.org.
- Economies that maintain robust copyright environments enjoy almost double the access to new music through legitimate and secure platforms.
Mature IP Environments Experience Wider and More Convenient Access to Video Content

Association between Index scores and video on demand (VOD) and streaming services penetration

Data are not available for Algeria, Brunei, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Jordan, Kuwait, and Venezuela.

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- The overall Index scores present a strong association between rates of VOD and television streaming services penetration, as measured by the Connected Consumer Survey with a correlation of .66.
- Consumers in economies with strong IP protection can access more than double the number of VOD and streaming services.
IP Protection Supports Wider Access to Audiovisual Content

Association between the Index’s copyright-related indicators’ scores and the number of admissions to all feature films exhibited per million population

![Graph](image)

**Correlation: .67**

Data are not available for Brunei, Kenya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

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- Index scores on content-related indicators are strongly correlated with the quantity of theater admissions for feature films with a correlation of .67.
- Economies with strong copyright protection see almost double the number of theatrical screenings of feature films.
Endnotes


2. Ibid.


7. The Global Innovation Index’s Business Sophistication pillar is composed of three subpillars: knowledge workers, which measures both inputs and outputs for human capital in the public and private sector; innovation linkages, which measures the levels of collaborative R&D activities; and knowledge absorption, which measures innovation capacity and attractiveness to foreign direct investments. See Cornell University, INSEAD, and WIPO (2023): *The Global Innovation Index 2023*, Ithaca, Fontainebleau, and Geneva.

8. The company R&D spending score is based on responses to the question “In your country, to what extent do companies spend on research and development?” where 1 = do not spend on R&D and 7 = spend heavily on R&D (standardized to 100), in the World Economic Forum’s *Global Competitiveness Report 2017-18*. Because this variable is no longer measured in the latest edition of the *Global Competitiveness Report* series, this edition of the Annex continues to use the data from the 2017-18 edition.

9. The *Venture Capital and Private Equity Country Attractiveness Index* measures economies’ attractiveness to venture capital and private equity funding by examining a range of factors, including the capital market, taxation environment, investor protection, entrepreneurial culture, and deal opportunities. See A. Groh, H. Liechtenstein, K. Lieser, & M. Biesinger (2023), *The Venture Capital and Private Equity Country Attractiveness Index 2023* (IESE Business School and EMLYON Business School).

10. World Bank databank, Researchers in R&D (per million people).
11. The *Global Talent Competitiveness Index* by INSEAD is an international benchmark of 134 economies based on the policies and practices that enable an economy to develop, attract, and empower human capital, measuring both inputs (such as enabling landscape, market openness, quality of learning, and sustainability) and outputs (such as mid- and high-level skills and overall talent impact). See B. Lanvin and F. Monteiro (Eds.), *The Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2023*, INSEAD.

12. Scientific and technical journal articles refer to the number of scientific and engineering articles published in the fields of physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, clinical medicine, biomedical research, engineering and technology, and earth and space sciences in 2020 or the latest available year, adjusted per million population. Source: World Bank, World Bank databank.

13. The Impact Subindex of the *Network Readiness Index* measures economic and social impacts of ICT, including value added, employment, and access to public and private services. Source: S. Dutta & B. Lanvin (2023), *The Network Readiness Index 2023*, Portulans Institute. ICT-related indicators consist of indicators under the Patent, Copyright, Trademarks and Trade Secrets categories, as well as relevant indicators in the Enforcement and International Treaties categories.

14. The ICT Development Index measures the level of ICT development across 169 economies. Specifically, it measures the extent to which a country’s connectivity is universal and meaningful. Source: International Telecommunications Union (2023), *Measuring digital development The ICT Development Index 2023*, Geneva, Switzerland. ICT-related indicators consist of indicators under the Patent, Copyright, Trademarks and Trade Secrets categories, as well as relevant indicators in the Enforcement and International Treaties categories.

15. International Institute for Management Development (IMD) (2022), *IMD World Competitiveness Booklet 2022*, Lausanne, Switzerland.


18. Ibid., p. 30.

19. The Economic Complexity Index (ECI) measures the multiplicity and complexity levels of the knowledge required to produce a given product and the level of its exports. A higher economic complexity coefficient entails higher capabilities to produce knowledge-intensive products and higher levels of productive outputs.

20. In 2023, the Observatory of Economic Complexity released two new metrics: the ECI-technology complexity and the ECI-research complexity. These measures apply the ECI and the methodology developed by the Observatory to two separate indicators of technology complexity (patent applications) and research complexity (research publications). See V. Stojkoski et al. (2023), “Multidimensional Economic Complexity and Inclusive Green Growth,” *Communications Earth & Environment*, 4:130, published by Nature Portfolio.

21. Ibid.

22. Innovative output is measured by the *Global Innovation Index* Innovation Output subindex score. The Innovative Output subindex accounts for knowledge and technology outputs, knowledge impact, including labor productivity and high-tech outputs, and the diffusion of knowledge, including high-tech and ICT exports, licensing fees, and FDI outflows.

23. Triadic patenting (patents filed with the three major patent offices in the world—the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office, and Japan Patent Office) is generally considered to be the best indicator of the patent’s perceived overall value and quality. The patent application is filed in those three separate locations, and filing costs are high. In this edition of the *Statistical Annex*, the triadic patent rates are calculated as the sum of triadic patents over a 20-year period from 1999 to 2019, adjusted per million population to get a standardized rate of triadic patenting intensity. Source: OECDStat, patents by technology, triadic patent families, total patents, inventor country of residence, priority date, 1999 to 2019 inclusive; World Bank (population). Patent-related indicators consist of indicators that fall under the Patent category of the Index, as well as those indicators in the Trade Secrets, Commercialization of IP Assets, Enforcement, and International Treaties categories that are relevant to patents.
24. Knowledge creation, impact, and diffusion are measured by the Global Innovation Index, Innovation Output subindex, and Knowledge and Technology Outputs pillar score. This score comprises variables such as patenting activity, growth of high-tech businesses, and knowledge-based exports.

25. Clinical trial activity is measured as the gross number of clinical trials to date per economy, as registered in the clinicaltrials.gov database housed by the National Institutes of Health in the United States, standardized per million population. Population data are extracted from the World Bank. Life sciences–related indicators consist of indicators under the Patent category of the GIPC Index (excluding patentability of computer-implemented inventions), as well as indicators in the Trademarks and Market Access, Enforcement, and International Treaties categories that are relevant to life sciences.

26. Ibid. Early-phase clinical trial activity is measured as the gross number of phase I and phase II clinical trials to date per economy, as registered in clinicaltrials.gov database, standardized per million population.

27. Ibid. Clinical trial activity on biologics is measured as the gross number of biologics clinical trials to date per economy, as registered in clinicaltrials.gov database, standardized per million population.

28. Creative output is measured by the score of the Creative Outputs pillar of the Global Innovation Index, Innovative Output subindex, which captures outputs such as exports of creative services, entertainment, media and ICT spending, and local creation of webpages and audiovisual content. Copyright-related indicators consist of indicators under the Copyright category of the GIPC Index, as well as those indicators in the Commercialization of IP Assets, Enforcement, and International Treaties categories that are relevant to copyrights.

29. Online creativity is measured by the score of the Online Creativity subpillar of the Creative Outputs pillar under the Innovative Output subindex of the Global Innovation Index, which captures local creation of webpages and online audiovisual content.

30. The Global Competitiveness Index’s Trademark Applications indicators measure the number of international trademark applications by country of origin, adjusted per million population and standardized by log transformation to a score of 0 to 100. See World Economic Forum (2019). The Index’s trademark-related indicators consist of indicators under the Trademark category, as well as indicators in the Commercialization of IP Assets, Enforcement, and International Treaties categories that are relevant to trademarks.

31. The availability of licensed online music services is measured by the number of online licensed music services per country that offer music as a download, stream, or ringtone based on information from local industry groups that is compiled by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. Source: Pro-Music.org (2024).

32. VOD and streaming services penetration is gauged by responses to the question “Thinking about the last month, have you watched TV programs using VOD and streaming services?” in the Connected Consumer Survey 2017. Source: Google Consumer Barometer (2017).

33. UNESCO Institute for Statistics, online database, total number of admissions to all feature films exhibited per million population, 2017 or latest available year. Index copyright-related indicators consist of indicators that fall under the Copyright category, as well as relevant indicators in the Trade Secrets, Commercialization of IP Assets, Enforcement, and International Treaties categories.