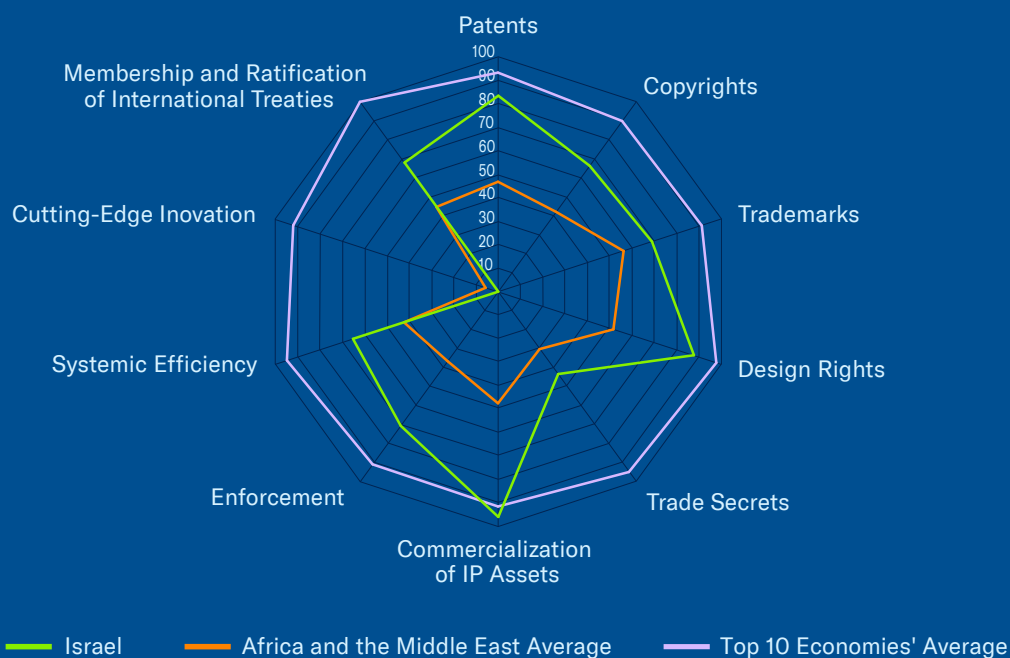




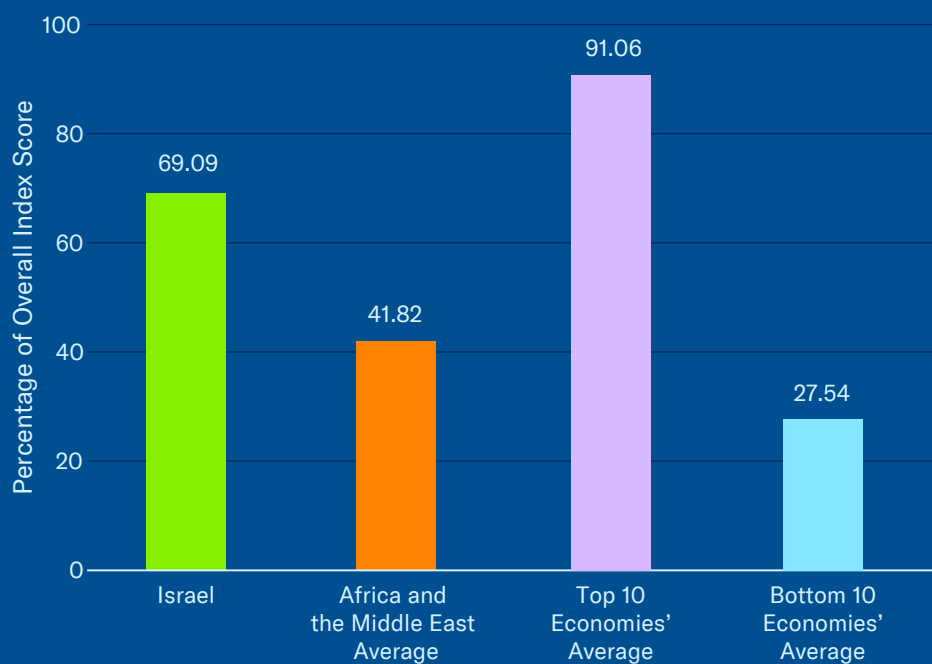
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Category Scores



Overall Score in Comparison





Key Areas of Strength

- 2019 copyright amendments strengthened enforcement against online infringement and introduced the possibility of injunctive-style relief
- Global leader on technology transfer and international licensing activity; no administrative or regulatory barriers are in place
- Generous R&D and IP-specific tax incentives in place
- The Israeli Patent Office is an active participant in all major PPH tracks
- Life sciences IP rights reform efforts have considerably strengthened Israel's IP environment
- Industrial design law passed in 2017
- Joined the Hague Agreement in 2019

Key Areas of Weakness

- No special IP incentives for orphan medicinal product development
- 2021 proposed amendments to the Patent Law introduce a manufacturing, export, and stockpiling exemption to the current patent term restoration regime
- A compulsory license was issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Current pre-grant patent opposition proceedings are characterized by long delays to patent prosecution
- Unclear the extent to which current RDP applies to large molecule products
- Has more limited participation in international treaties than other high-income OECD economies

Percentage of Overall Score: 69.09% • Total Score: 36.62

Spotlight on the National IP Environment

Past Editions versus Current Score

Israel's overall Index score has increased from 36.37 out of 50 indicators in the twelfth edition to 36.62 out of 53 indicators. This reflects a score increase for indicator 42.

Systemic Efficiency

42. Targeted incentives for the creation and use of IP assets for SMEs:

Several Israeli government departments and agencies are deeply engaged in facilitating the creation, registration, and commercialization of IP assets by all corporate entities, including SMEs. For example, the Israeli Innovation Authority (formerly the Office of the Chief Scientist) and other public entities actively engage in and support the creation and commercialization of IP assets through technology transfer, direct R&D grants, and technical assistance. Although not exclusive to SMEs, the bulk of this support is for start-ups, micro entities, and SMEs. The Israeli Patent Office offers reduced filing fees for SMEs applying to register a patent, but there is no expedited fast-track examination specific to SMEs. Accelerated examination is available for environmentally friendly “green” technologies, including applications from SMEs. In 2024, the Patent Office—in partnership with WIPO and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office—announced that it was expanding its technical assistance program with a dedicated effort to assist SMEs and start-ups in the FemTech industry. This is a growing research field and industry specializing in women's health and related products and services. The program will offer a range of services, including technical assistance and the evaluation of IP strategy and assets. As a result of this positive development, the score for this indicator has increased by 0.25.

Incentives for Cutting-Edge Innovation

44. Special market exclusivity incentives for orphan medicinal product development; 45. Special market exclusivity incentives for orphan medicinal product development, term of protection; and 46. Restrictions on the effective use of existing market exclusivity incentives for orphan medicinal product development:

Interest in rare diseases has grown among public and private sector entities in Israel. Israel is a center for clinical research and the testing and development of new treatments for rare disease. Since 2020, the Ministry of Health has designated and funded specific medical treatment centers for patients with rare diseases. New orphan drugs and treatment options are also added to the national basket of publicly reimbursed medicines on an annual basis. However, no specific legislative framework is in place in Israel for rare diseases or any special IP-based market exclusivity incentives for orphan medicinal product development.