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Syrian Arab Republic

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General information

Capital city	Official language	Currency
Damascus	**Arabic**	**Syrian Pound**

Land area in relation to Germany
km²

Syrian Arab Republic
183,630

Germany
349,360
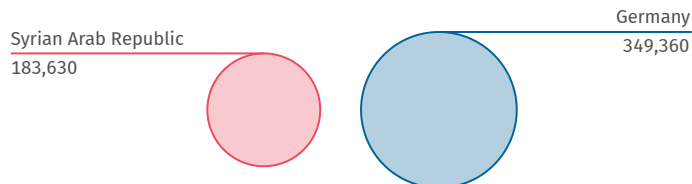
Source: WB-WDI

Economy and finance

Gross domestic product (GDP), total	GDP, real change	GDP per capita	GDP per capita
bn US$	% since 2000	US$	internat. US$
60	**+55**	**2,807**	**6,373**
(2010)	(2010)	(2010)	(2010)
Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO*	Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product, real change
% on previous year

2.3

3.4

5

0

2000   2005   2010   2015   2019
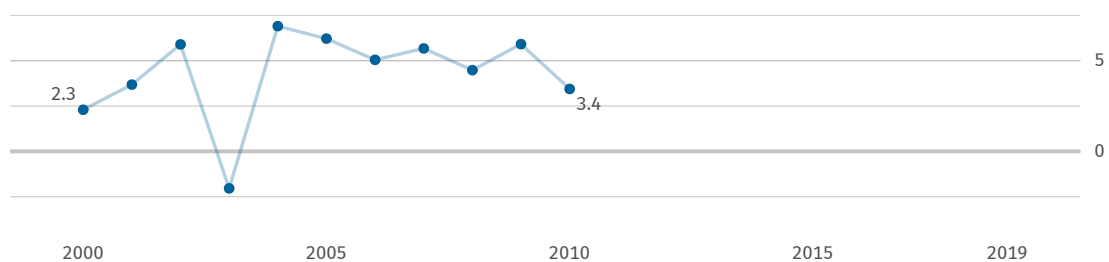
Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product per capita
US$

2,807

1,203

3,000

2,000

1,000

0

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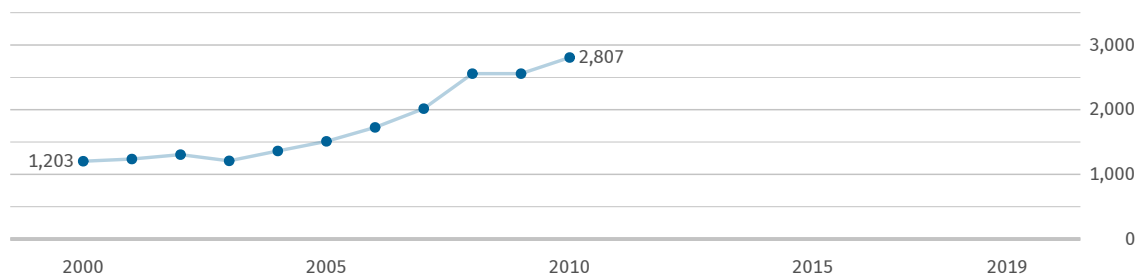
Source: IMF-WEO

Inflation rate (change of consumer price index)	General government gross debt	General government net lending / borrowing
% on previous year	% of GDP	% of GDP
+36.7	**30.0**	**-7.8**
(2012)	(2010)	(2010)
Source: IMF-IFS	Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO

General government revenue and expenditure
% of GDP

Source: IMF-WEO
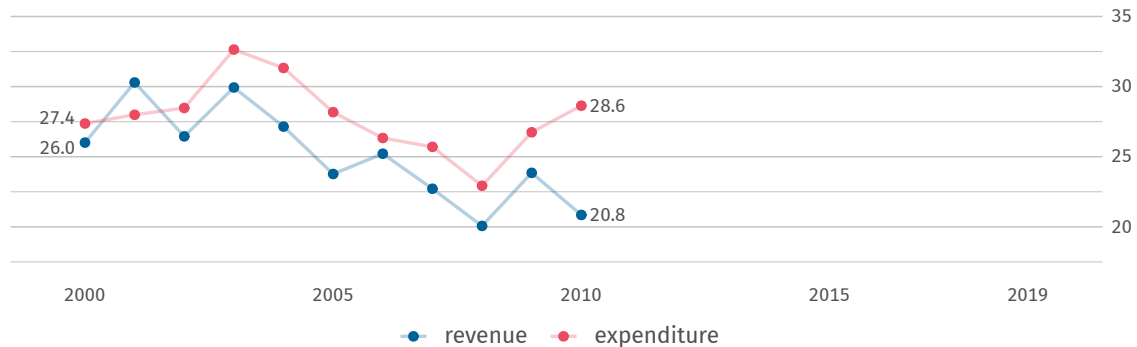
General government net lending / borrowing
% of GDP

Source: IMF-WEO
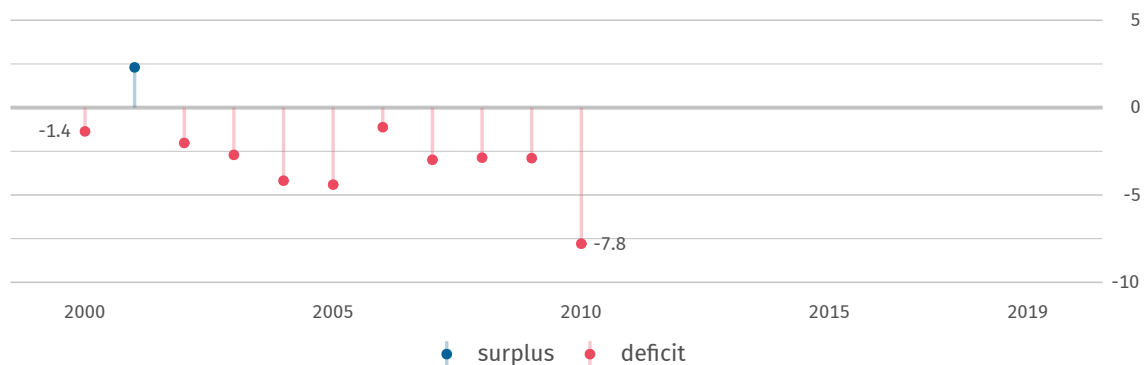
Foreign direct investment (FDI): inward stocks	Foreign direct investment (FDI): outward stocks	Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, inward	Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, outward
bn US$	bn US$	bn US$	bn US$
10.743	**0.005**	**0.000**	**0.000**
(2018)	(2018)	(2014)	(2014)
Source: UNCTAD	Source: UNCTAD	Source: UNCTAD	Source: UNCTAD

Population

Population total	Population density	Life expectancy at birth (women)	Life expectancy at birth (men)
1,000	inhabitants per km²	years	years
17,070	**92**	**77.8**	**66.6**
(2019)	(2018)	(2018)	(2018)
Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI

Population in relation to Germany 2019
1,000

Syrian Arab Republic
17,070

Germany
83,133

Source: WB-WDI

Population
1,000

17,070

Projection medium variant after 2019
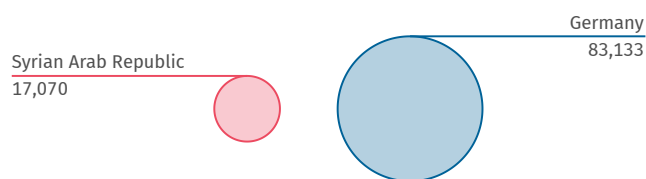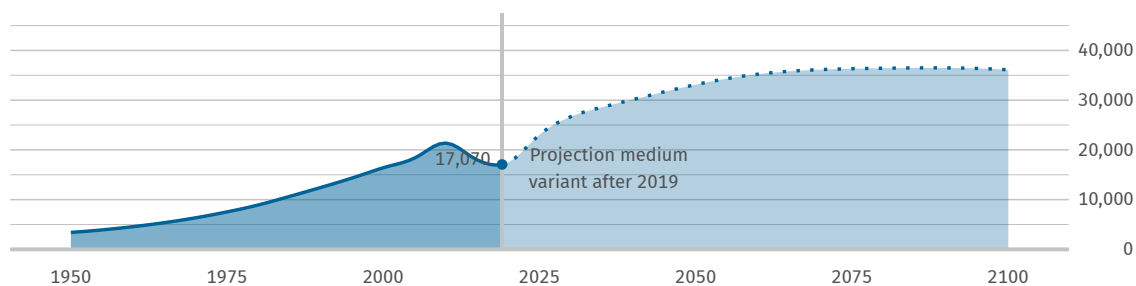
Source: UN-POP

Population by age group
proportion, %

Projection medium variant after 2015

■ under 15-year-olds   ■ 15- to 64-year-olds   ■ 65-year-olds and older

Source: UN-POP

Health

Practising physicians per 1,000 inhabitants	Hospital beds per 1,000 inhabitants	Prevalence of raised blood pressure %	Prevalence of obesity (BMI >= 30) %
1.5	**1.4**	**24.5**	**27.8**
(2014)	(2017)	(2015)	(2016)
Source: WHO	Source: WHO	Source: WHO	Source: WHO

Education

Government expenditure on education % of GDP	Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education) number	Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education) number	Students (tertiary education) per 100,000 inhabitants
5.1	**25.3**	**18.1**	**3,996**
(2009)	(2002)	(2002)	(2016)
Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO*

Labour force

Employment rate (persons aged 15+) %	Labour force (persons aged 15+) 1,000	Labour force participation rate (persons aged 15+) %	Self-employment (persons aged 15+) %
40.4	**5,192**	**44.1**	**37.1**
(2019)	(2019)	(2019)	(2019)
Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT

Employment rate (persons aged 15+)
%
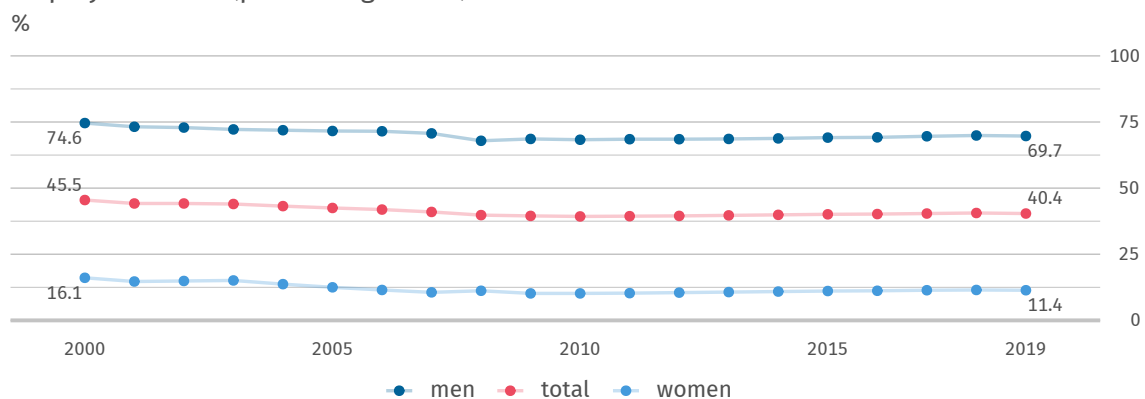
Source: ILOSTAT

Employment and gross value added by sector 2009
%

Employment

16.2	30.4	53.4

Gross value added

22.9	30.6	46.5	0.0

■ agriculture, forestry, fisheries ■ industry ■ services ■ not specified

Source employment: ILOSTAT
Source gross value added: WB-WDI

| Unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) %	Unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24) %	Long-term unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) % of unemployed persons
8.4 (2019)	**20.9** (2019)	**No data**
Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT

Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate
%
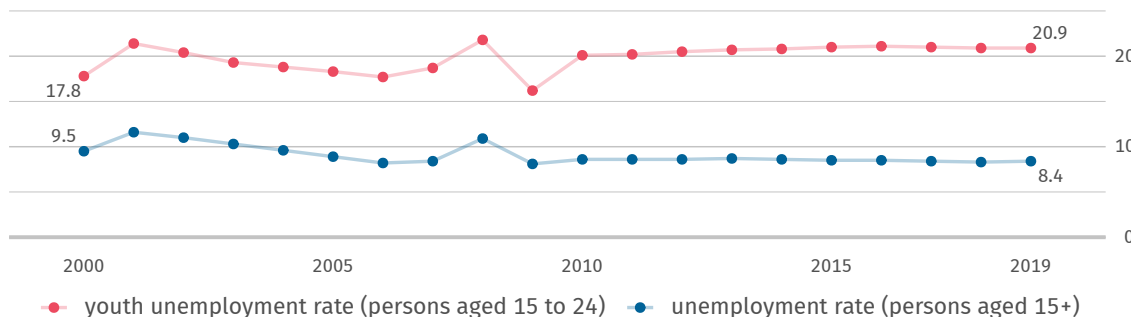
youth unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24) ● unemployment rate (persons aged 15+)

Source: ILOSTAT

Living conditions

Human Development Index (HDI)	Human Development Index (HDI)	Income distribution: Gini coefficient
value (0 low to 1 high)	rank (of 188 countries)	value (0 to 100; 0=equal distribution)
0.536	**149**	**35.8**
(2015)	(2015)	(2004)
Source: UNDP	Source: UNDP	Source: WB-WDI

Production

Index of industrial production
2010=100
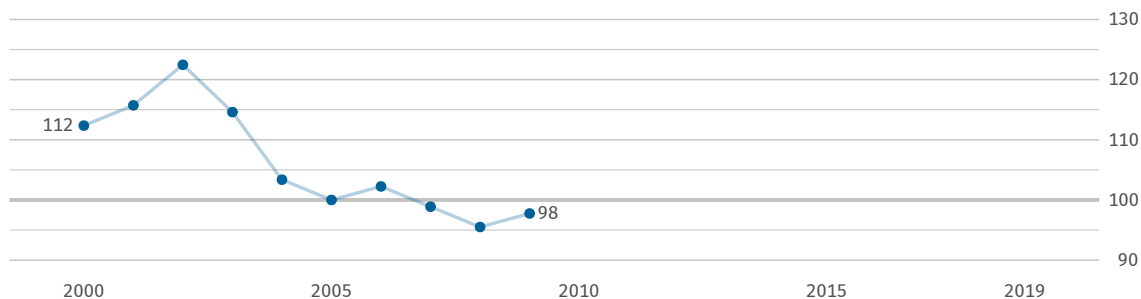
Source: IMF-IFS

Agriculture and forestry

Change of agricultural production	Agricultural land	Forest area
% since 2000	% of land area	% of land area
0	**75.8**	**2.7**
(2016)	(2017)	(2017)
Source: FAO*	Source: FAO*	Source: FAO*

Index of agricultural production
2004 to 2006 = 100
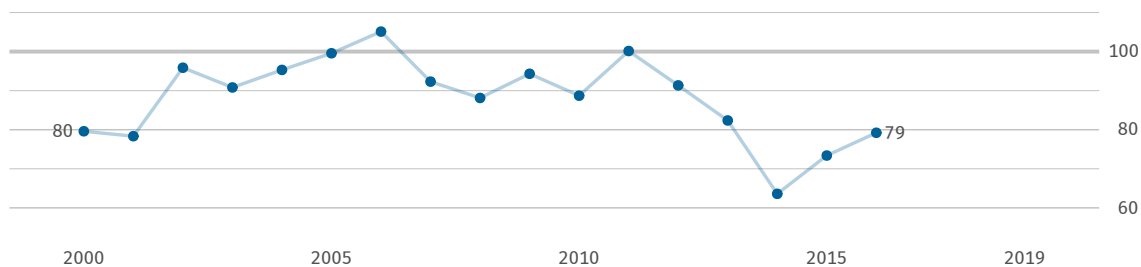
Source: FAO

🌐 Foreign trade

Export of goods	Import of goods	Trade balance, goods
bn US$	bn US$	bn US$
11.353	**17.562**	**-6.209**
(2010)	(2010)	(2010)
Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*

Export and import of goods
bn US$

20.799
18.761
17.562
11.353

2000   2005   2010   2015   2019

— exported goods, total   — imported goods, total

Source: UN Comtrade

Foreign trade balance
bn US$

2.037
-6.209

2000   2005   2010   2015   2019

— trade surplus   — trade deficit

Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany	Goods exported to Germany	Goods imported from Germany	Goods imported from Germany
mn US$	% of all goods exported	mn US$	% of all goods imported
1,477	**13.0**	**739**	**4.2**
(2010)	(2010)	(2010)	(2010)
Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*	Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*

Main trading partners 2010

Exports of goods
%

Iraq	20.2
Italy	13.4
Germany	13.0
Turkey	5.5
Saudi Arabia	4.8

Imports of goods
%

Turkey	9.5
China	8.8
Italy	7.4
Ukraine	6.5
Russian Federation	6.3

Main commodities traded 2010

Exports of goods
%

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	49.9
Fruit and nuts	4.0
Vegetables	3.9
Cotton	3.3
Plastics and articles thereof	3.3

Imports of goods
%

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	19.7
Machinery and mechanical appliances	8.2
Iron and steel	7.3
Vehicles (excl. rail) and parts	7.2
Plastics and articles thereof	6.0
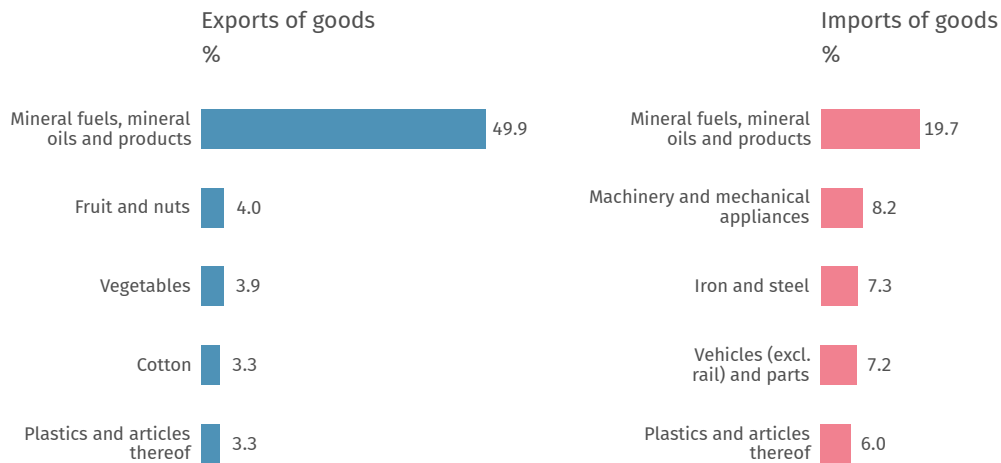
Source: UN Comtrade*

Classification of commodities: Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS2).

Transport

Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants	Total rail network km per 1 mn inhabitants	Air transport per 1,000 inhabitants
246	**111**	**1**
(2015)	(2014)	(2018)
Source: OICA*	Source: WB-WDI*	Source: WB-WDI*

Gasoline price at the pump
US$ per litre
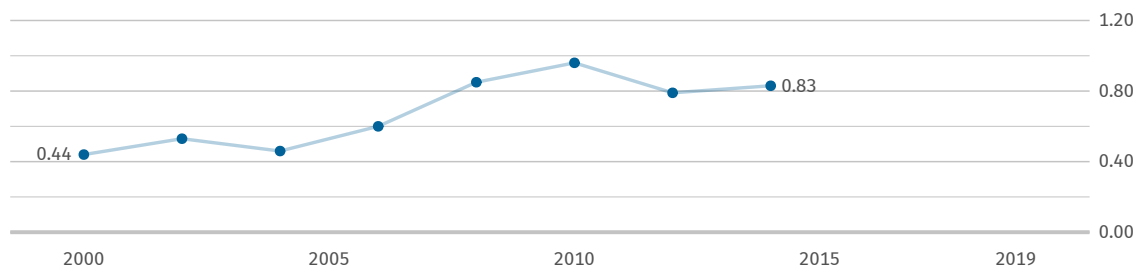
Data collection conducted every two years.
Source: WB-WDI

Environment and energy

Carbon dioxide emissions tonnes per capita	Total primary energy supply kg oil equivalent per capita	Gross electricity consumption kWh per capita	Renewable energy % of total final energy consumption
1.6	**577**	**974**	**0.5**
(2018)	(2014)	(2014)	(2015)
Source: EDGAR	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI

Carbon dioxide emissions in relation to Germany 2018
tonnes per capita

Syrian Arab Republic
1.6

Germany
9.1
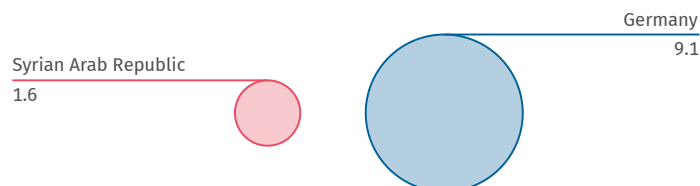
Source: EDGAR

Science, research, technology

Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	Researchers	Resident patent applications
% of GDP	per 1 mn inhabitants	per 1 mn inhabitants
0.0	**91**	**6**
(2015)	(2015)	(2018)
Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: WIPO

Dissemination of modern communication technology
per 100 inhabitants

- mobile cellular subscriptions
- internet users
- fixed broadband subscriptions
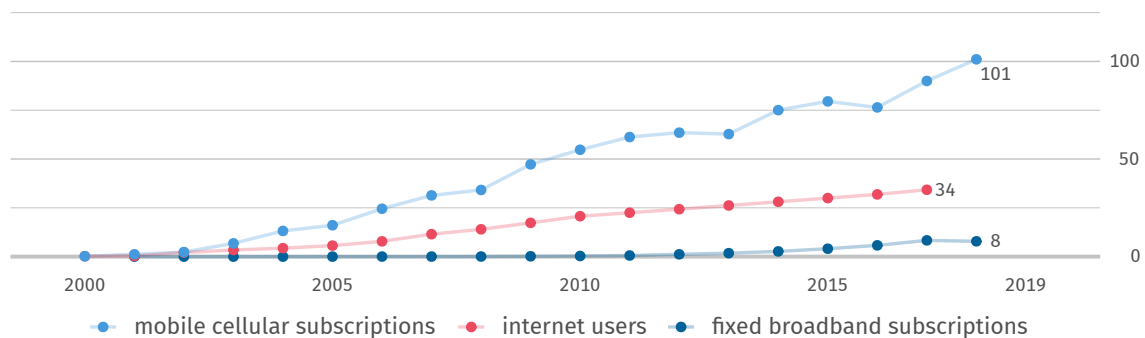
Source: ITU

Sources

EDGAR	Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research, European Commission
FAO	United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization
ILOSTAT	International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT - Database
IMF-IFS	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
IMF-WEO	International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook
ITU	United Nations, International Telecommunication Union
OICA	International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers
UN Comtrade	United Nations, Comtrade Database
UNCTAD	United Nations, Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNPOP	United Nations, Population Division
WB-WDI	World Bank, World Development Indicators
WHO	World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

* Own calculations based on the original data source.

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