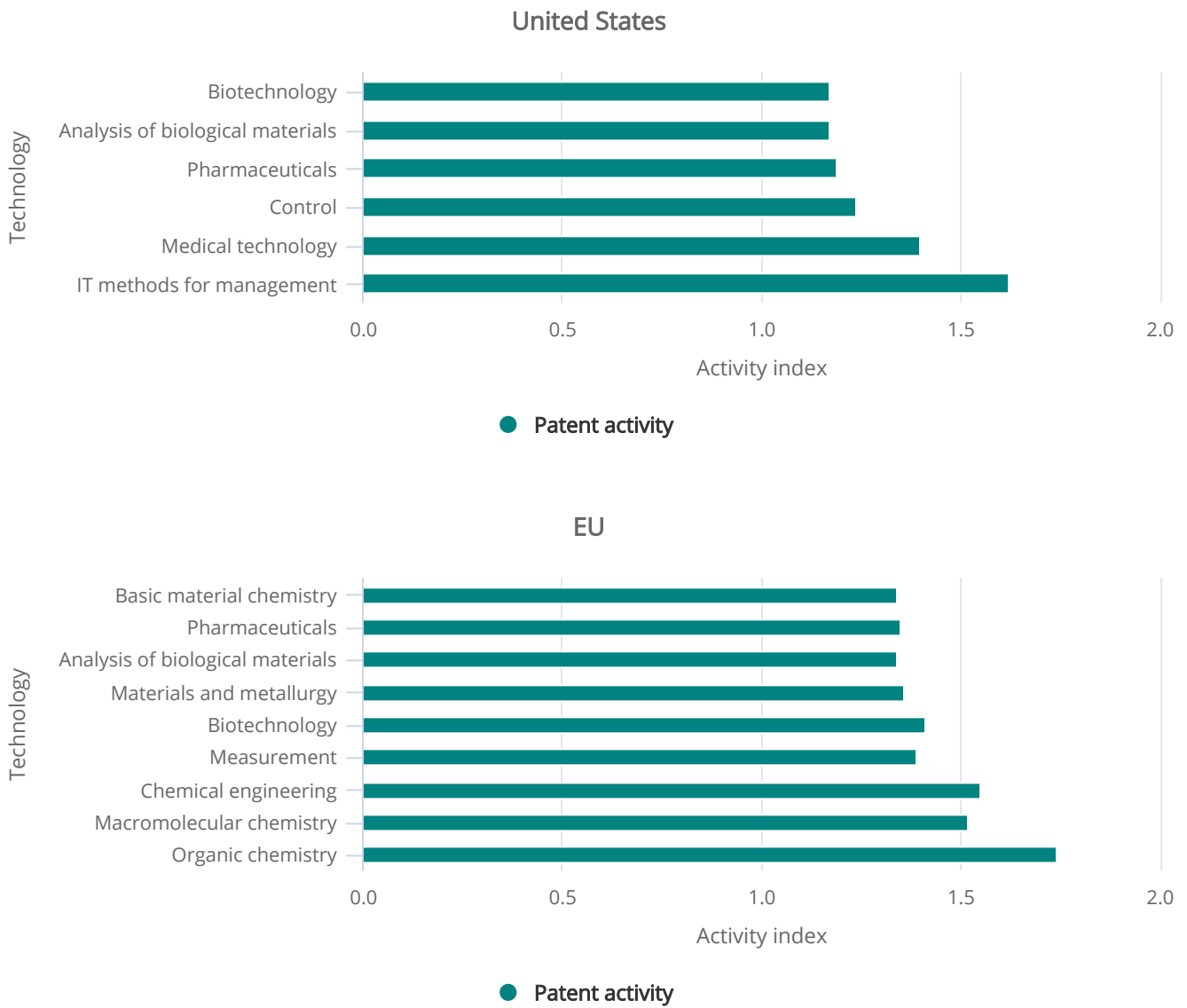
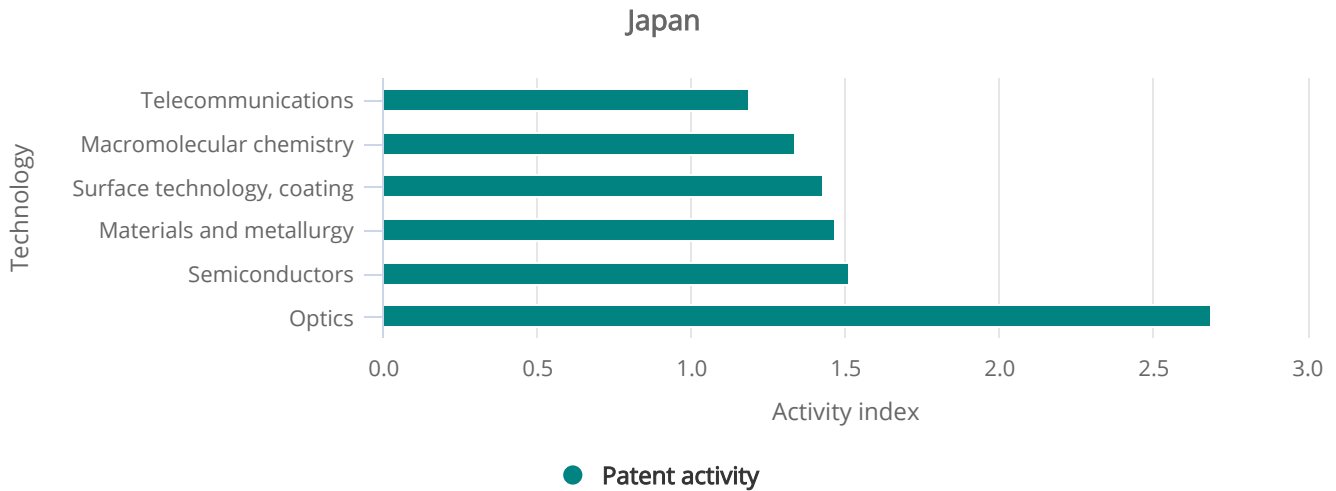


FIGURE 8-8

Patent activity index for selected technologies for the United States, the EU, and Japan: 2014-16





EU = European Union; IT = information technology.

**Note(s)**

A patent activity index is the ratio of a country's share of a technology area to its share of all patents. A patent activity index greater (less) than 1.0 indicates that the country is relatively more (less) active in the technology area. Patents are classified under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) classification of patents, which classifies International Patent Classification (IPC) codes under 35 technical fields. IPC reformed codes take into account changes that were made to the WIPO classification in 2006 under the eighth version of the classification and were used to prepare these data. However, because PatentsView only provides the original IPC codes as they appeared on patents and not the IPC reformed codes, current Cooperative Patent Classification codes on patents were converted back to the most recent IPC classification to prepare these statistics. Fractional counts of patents were assigned to each technological field on patents to assign the proper weight of a patent to the corresponding technological fields under the classification. Patents are fractionally allocated among regions, countries, or economies based on the proportion of residences of all named inventors.

**Source(s)**

Science-Metrix; PatentsView; SRI International, accessed April 2017.

*Science and Engineering Indicators 2018*