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University technology transfer activity indicators: 2007, 2012, and 2017

(Number of activities)

Technology transfer activity	2007	2012	2017
Invention disclosures and patenting			
Inventions disclosed	14,398	19,827	24,998
Patent applications	11,797	14,192	15,335
Patents issued	3,622	5,153	7,459
Licensing			
All licenses, total active in the year	30,351	40,006	45,657
Licenses issued	4,354	5,130	6,283
Startup companies			
Startup companies formed	555	705	1080
Operational startups	3,388	4,002	6,050

Note(s)

AUTM collects data on invention and patent-related activities of its member universities. The number of member universities varies slightly from year to year. There were 161 in 2007, 165 in 2015, and 167 in 2017. The response rate of the survey in 2017 was 61.9% (AUTM 2018). Responding institutions may report for any 12-month period ending in the identified year.

Source(s)

AUTM, AUTM Licensing Survey (various years), accessed 5 May 2019.

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