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University technology licenses or license options executed, by company characteristic: 2011, 2016, and 2021

(Number)

Company characteristic	2011	2016	2021
All licenses, total active	6,085	7,726	10,409
New licenses or options executed	5,862	7,165	8,769
Startups	898	1,415	1,480
Small companies	3,124	3,598	5,344
Large companies	1,840	2,152	1,945

Note(s):

AUTM collects data on invention and patent-related activities of its member universities and hospitals. Responding institutions may report for any 12-month period ending in the identified year. Startup companies reported by universities in AUTM data refer only to those companies that were formed in the reporting year specifically to develop the technology being licensed. Counts of licenses to startups and small companies are mutually exclusive. Small companies are those with fewer than 500 employees.

Source(s):

AUTM, AUTM Licensing Survey (various years), accessed April 2023.

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