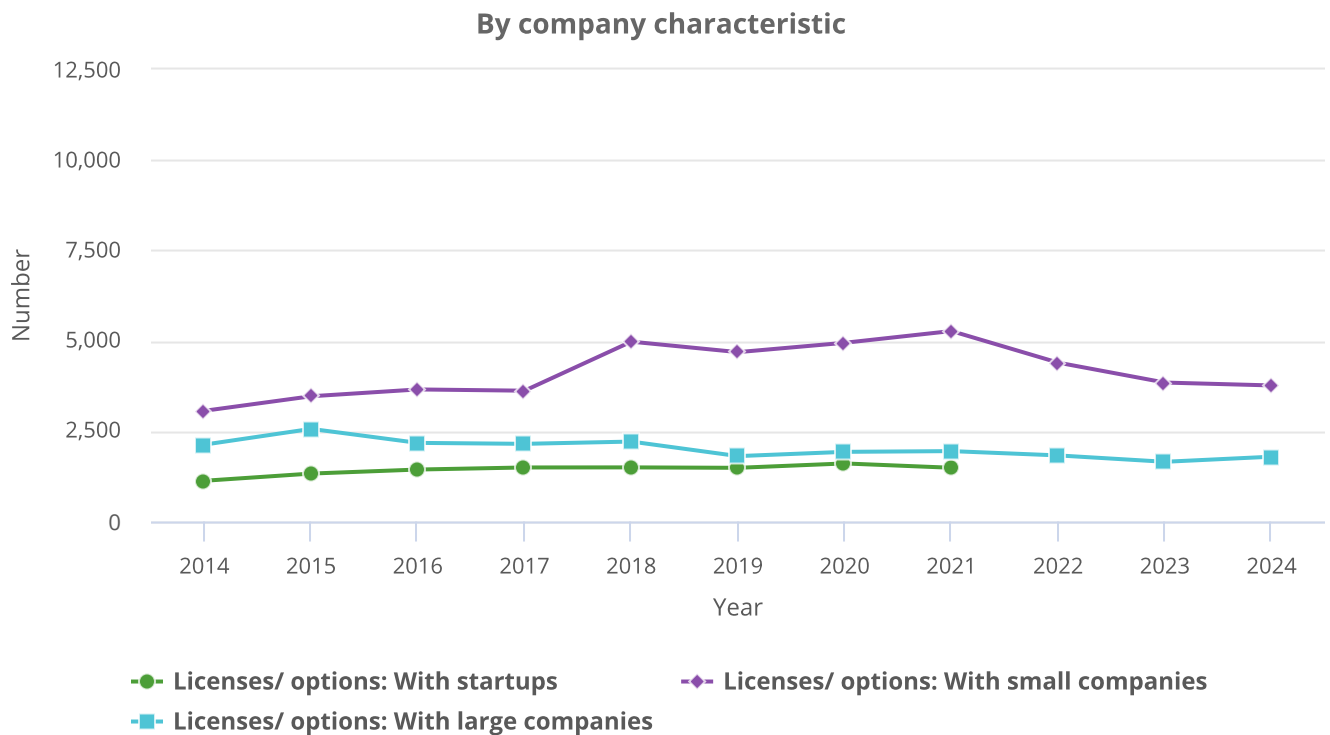
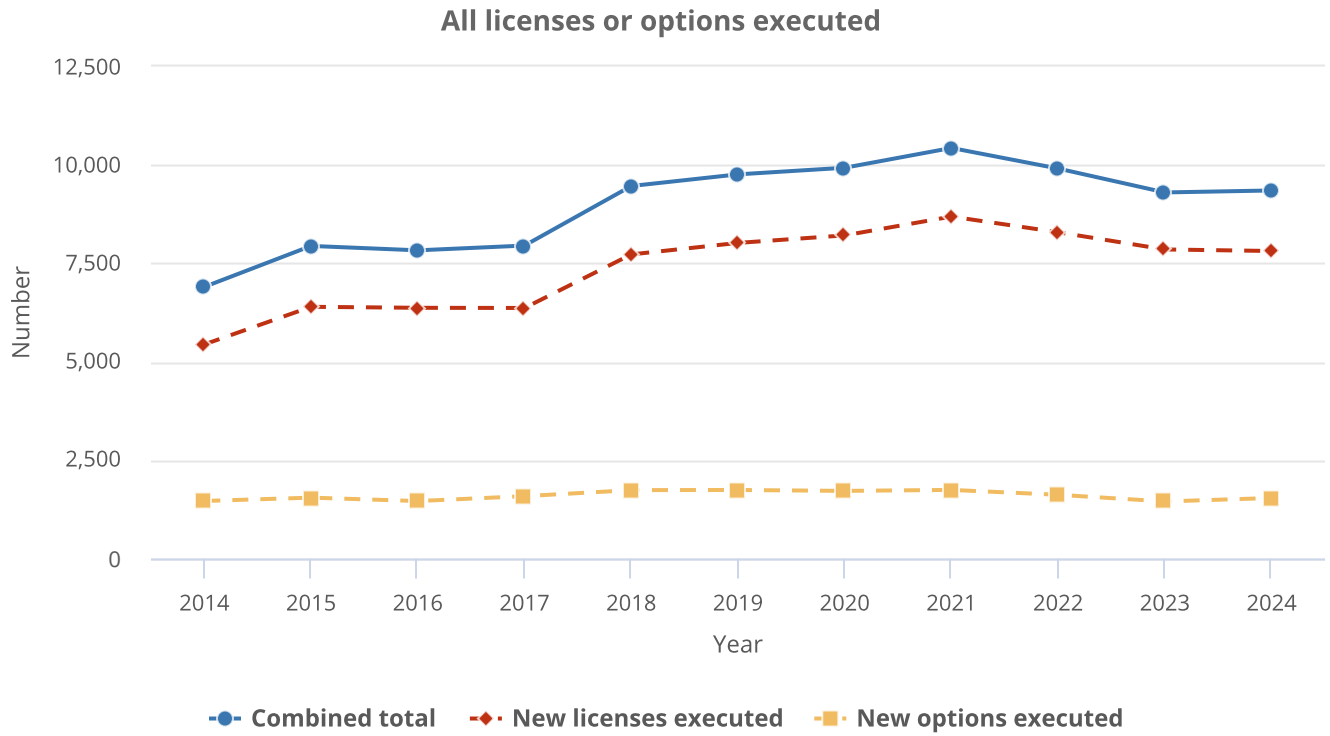


Figure TRN-4. University technology licenses or license options executed, by company characteristic: 2014–24



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. A subset of the total license and options executed are held by the three company types designated by AUTM. 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. Data are not available for licenses or license options executed with startups from 2022 to 2024. Data are not available for new licenses executed for 2022 and 2023 in the current data pull, so data from a prior data pull in July 2025 are included to bridge the gap.

Source(s):

AUTM, AUTM Licensing Survey (various years), accessed January 2026.

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