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Companies that required an analyst action, by sampling stratum: 2015

(Number)

Stratum	Total	Companies deleted ^a	Companies requiring action due to merger or acquisition ^b	Companies requiring action due to analyst review ^c
Total	3,608	3,502	90	16
Known positive R&D	714	681	23	10
Certainties	410	388	13	9
Noncertainties	304	293	10	1
Known zero R&D	157	150	6	1
Certainties	79	76	2	1
Noncertainties	78	74	4	0
Unknown R&D	2,728	2,662	61	5
Certainties	636	611	24	1
Noncertainties	2,092	2,051	37	4
Cases not in the frame	9	9	0	0

^a Companies are deleted when they are found to be out of business or out of scope for the survey during the reporting period.

^b Information regarding mergers and acquisitions comes from several sources. The information is collected on the form, and there is a presurvey phone call that requests the information from top R&D-performing companies. Information may also come from the company profiles that are maintained by survey staff.

^c These companies are added based on a review of historic R&D and reported to the Business R&D Innovation Survey and public information available on the companies' R&D expenses.

Note(s)

Companies were said to be known to conduct R&D (known positive R&D) if they reported positive R&D in any of the previous 5 survey years. Companies were said to have known zero R&D if they reported zero R&D in at least 1 of the previous 5 survey years and no positive R&D in any of the 5 years. Companies were said to be unknown if no R&D information was available.

Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, and U.S. Census Bureau, Business R&D and Innovation Survey, 2015.