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Companies located in the United States that performed or funded R&D and engaged in intellectual property transfer activities, by type of activity and industrial sector: 2017

(Number)

Type of intellectual property (IP) transfer activity	Industrial sector		
	All	Manufacturing	Nonmanufacturing
Transferred IP to others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or "know how" agreements	838	490	348
Received IP from others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or "know how" agreements	967	656	310
Transferred IP to a spin-off or spin-out of your company	267	126	141
Received IP from a parent company as part of a spin-off or spin-out	80	62	19
Acquired more than 50% ownership in another company for the primary purpose of acquiring its IP	250	131	119
Acquired any financial interest in another company in order to gain access to its IP	210	132	78
Participated in cross-licensing agreements—the agreements in which two or more parties grant a license to each other for the use of the subject matter claimed in one or more of the patents owned by each party	651	380	271
Allowed free use of patents or other IP owned by your company (e.g., allowing free use of software patents by the open-source community)	656	208	447
Made use of open-source patents or other freely available IP not owned by your company	2,033	766	1,267

Note(s)

Statistics are representative of companies in the United States that performed or funded R&D. Industrial sector is based on the dominant business code for domestic R&D performance, where available. For companies that did not report business codes, the classification used for sampling was assigned.

Source(s)

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