

TABLE 63-3

Innovating companies, by effect of regulations or legislation on innovation, for companies with 10 or more employees: 2015–17

(Percent)

Regulation or legislation	Companies (number)	Stimulated innovation	Created no major problems	Created uncertainty	Generated an excessive burden	Not applicable
Product safety or consumer protection	571,307	6.1	35.1	7.8	6.4	45.5
Operational and worker safety	571,307	7.1	43.6	7.0	5.7	37.2
Environmental	571,307	5.8	39.0	7.8	5.7	42.3
Intellectual property	571,307	4.6	36.9	4.8	1.8	52.1
Tax	571,307	5.1	30.0	16.8	17.3	31.8
Employment or social affairs	571,307	4.5	34.8	14.5	9.0	37.9

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because companies could select more than one option. Innovating companies are defined here as those with product, process, marketing, or organizational innovation. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Business Survey, 2017.