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**Product or process innovation in companies participating in intellectual property transfer activities for companies with 1–9 employees, by R&D activity: 2017**

(Percent)

| Intellectual property transfer activity   | Product or process innovating companies |       |      | Companies with R&D |       |      | Companies without R&D |       |      |
|---|---|-------|------|--------------------|-------|------|-----------------------|-------|------|
|   | Companies (number)                      | Total |      | Companies (number) | Total |      | Companies (number)    | Total |      |
|   |   | Yes   | No   |                    | Yes   | No   |                       | Yes   | No   |
| Transferred intellectual property to others through technical assistance agreements | 880,153                                 | 1.9   | 98.1 | 241,255            | 4.8   | 95.2 | 638,898               | 0.8   | 99.2 |
| Received intellectual property from others through technical assistance agreements  | 880,153                                 | 2.4   | 97.6 | 241,255            | 5.3   | 94.7 | 638,898               | 1.4   | 98.6 |
| Participated in cross-licensing agreements  | 880,153                                 | 1.4   | 98.6 | 241,255            | 3.3   | 96.7 | 638,898               | 0.7   | 99.3 |
| Allowed free use of patents or intellectual property                                | 880,153                                 | 1.0   | 99.0 | 241,255            | 2.7   | 97.3 | 638,898               | 0.4   | 99.6 |
| Made use of open-source patents or intellectual property                            | 880,153                                 | 4.2   | 95.8 | 241,255            | 10.5  | 89.5 | 638,898               | 1.8   | 98.2 |

**Note(s):**

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. R&D activity is based on unedited company responses to innovation questions, not R&D expenditures. 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.