### TABLE 89-2
Importance of intellectual property protection for companies with 1–9 employees, by type: 2017
(Percent)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of intellectual property</th>
<th>Companies (number)</th>
<th>Very important</th>
<th>Somewhat important</th>
<th>Not at all important</th>
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| Utility patents (patents for inventions) | 3,500,973          | 2.3
| Design patents (patents for appearance)  | 3,500,973          | 2.5
| Trademarks                          | 3,500,973          | 5.8
| Copyrights                          | 3,500,973          | 5.7
| Trade secrets                       | 3,500,973          | 6.2
| Nondisclosure agreements            | 3,500,973          | 7.2

Note(s):
Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States.

Source(s):