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Importance of utility patents, by company size: 2017

(Percent)

Company size	Companies (number)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
All companies	4,603,606	2.5	4.2	93.3
Micro companies				
1-4	2,615,093	2.2	3.8	93.9
5-9	885,880	2.5	4.1	93.4
Small companies				
10-19	562,922	2.6	4.6	92.8
20-49	353,037	3.1	4.7	92.2
Medium companies				
50-99	104,561	4.1	5.3	90.5
100-249	52,429	5.4	6.8	87.8
Large companies				
250-499	15,665	6.4	8.6	85.0
500-999	7,026	8.0	9.8	82.1
1,000-4,999	5,514	13.1 r	10.4	76.5
5,000-9,999	744	22.8	12.9	64.3
10,000-24,999	447	24.0	14.4	61.6
25,000 or more	288	27.0	11.8	61.2

r = relative standard error > 50%.

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. 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.