

TABLE 99

**Importance of trade secrets, by company size: 2017**

(Percent)

Company size	Companies (number)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
All companies	4,603,606	7.3	9.0	83.7
Micro companies				
1-4	2,615,093	5.8	7.7	86.6
5-9	885,880	7.3	8.9	83.8
Small companies				
10-19	562,922	9.0	10.9	80.1
20-49	353,037	11.3	12.7	76.0
Medium companies				
50-99	104,561	14.7	14.3	71.0
100-249	52,429	17.4	16.4	66.2
Large companies				
250-499	15,665	18.9	18.2	63.0
500-999	7,026	21.2	17.5	61.2
1,000-4,999	5,514	25.6 r	19.8 r	54.6
5,000-9,999	744	35.6	22.5	41.9
10,000-24,999	447	36.7	21.5	41.9
25,000 or more	288	38.1	21.3	40.6

r = relative standard error &gt; 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.