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Companies located in the United States that performed or funded R&D and engaged in intellectual property transfer activities, by type of activity and industrial sector: 2018

(Number)

Type of intellectual property (IP) transfer activity	Industrial sector		
	All	Manufacturing	Nonmanufacturing
Transferred IP to others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or "know how" agreements	882	553	329
Received IP from others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or "know how" agreements	1,179	768	411
Transferred IP to a spin-off or spin-out of your company	199	106	93
Received IP from a parent company as part of a spin-off or spin-out	45	31	14
Acquired more than 50% ownership in another company for the primary purpose of acquiring its IP	244	129	115
Acquired any financial interest in another company in order to gain access to its IP	210	143	68
Participated in cross-licensing agreements—the agreements in which two or more parties grant a license to each other for the use of the subject matter claimed in one or more of the patents owned by each party	688	462	225
Allowed free use of patents or other IP owned by your company (e.g., allowing free use of software patents by the open-source community)	765	306	459
Made use of open-source patents or other freely available IP not owned by your company	2,571	957	1,613

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Industrial sector is based on the dominant business code for domestic R&D performance, where available. For companies that did not report business codes, the classification used for sampling was assigned. Beginning in survey year 2018, statistics are representative of companies located in the United States that performed or funded \$50,000 or more of R&D. This change has affected the comparability of these estimates with estimates published for years prior to 2018. Statistics are based on companies in the United States that reported to the survey. No systematic item imputation was applied. Beginning in survey year 2018, these statistics include an adjustment to the weight to account for unit nonresponse.

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