

Table 2**Intellectual property activity of R&D active companies located in the United States, by type of activity and industrial sector: 2018**

(Number and percent)

Total and type of intellectual property (IP) activity	Industrial sector		
	All	Manufacturing	Nonmanufacturing
Total R&D active companies (number)	26,817	15,445	11,372
Applied for patent(s) from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	22	26	17
Applied for nonprovisional patent(s) from USPTO	17	21	12
Applied for or plan to apply for patent(s) in foreign jurisdictions	10	13	6
Issued utility patent(s) by USPTO	15	18	10
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)	3	2	4
Made use of open-source patents or other freely available IP not owned by your company	10	6	14

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.

Source(s):

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