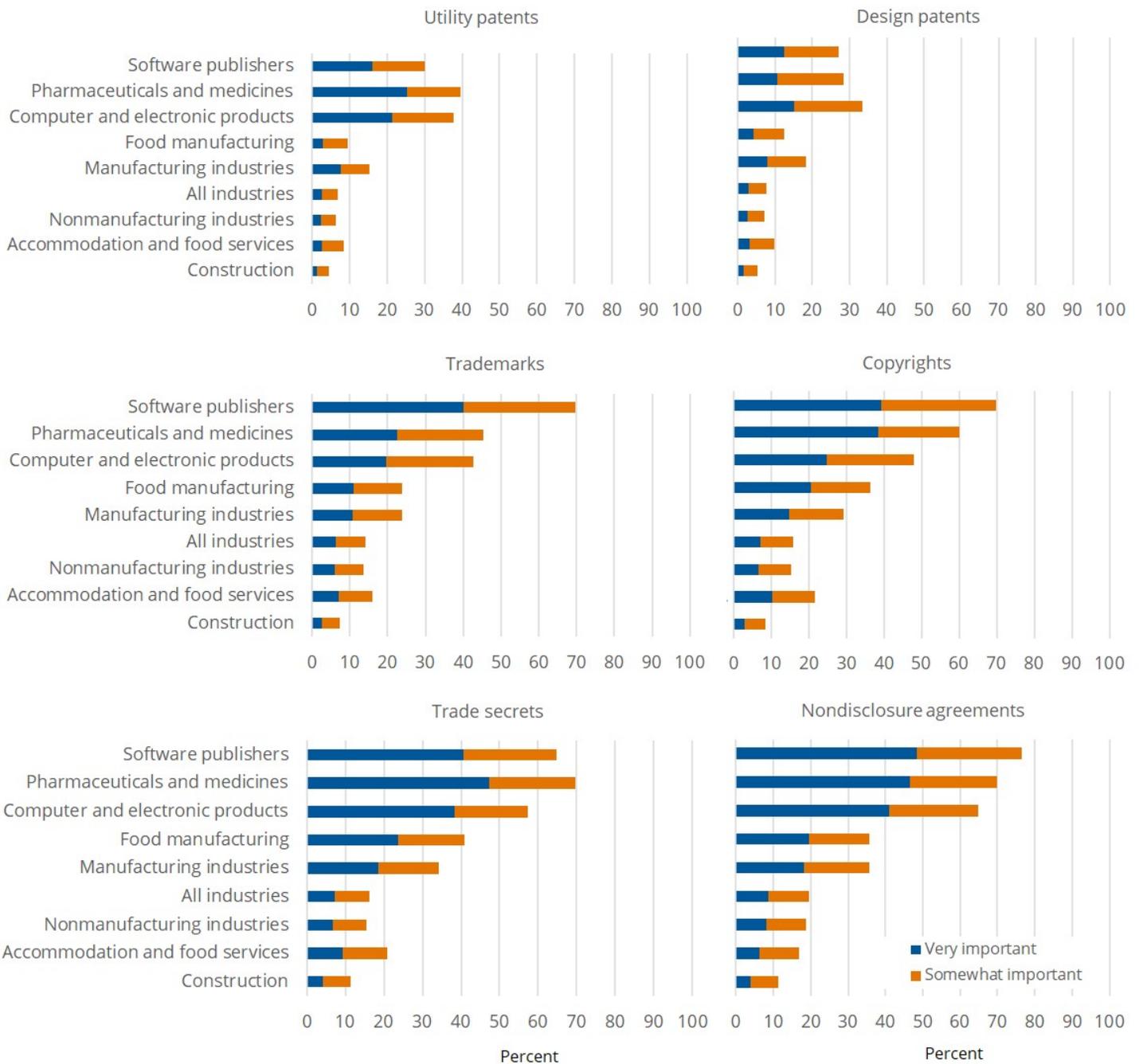


**Figure 1**

**Importance of intellectual property protection, by type of protection and selected industry: 2017**



NAICS = 2017 North American Industry Classification System.

**Note(s):**

Industry classification is based on dominant establishment payroll. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States with at least one employee. There were estimated to be 4,603,606 such companies in 2017.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics and Census Bureau, Annual Business Survey, 2017.