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Importance of utility patents, by company size: 2018

(Number and percent)

Employment size	Companies (number)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
All companies	4,805,151	3.3	5.5	91.2
Micro companies				
1–4	2,667,724	2.8	4.9	92.3
5–9	936,576	3.5	5.8	90.7
Small companies				
10–19	579,513	3.9	6.4	89.7
20–49	402,199	3.9	6.5	89.6
Medium companies				
50–99	119,497	5.4	7.3	87.3
100–249	65,565	6.5	8.0	85.5
Large companies				
250–499	18,897	6.9	9.9	83.2
500–999	7,289	8.5	13.4	78.1
1,000–4,999	6,199	11.3	13.9	74.8
5,000–9,999	823	21.3	15.1	63.5
10,000–24,999	514	28.3	14.0	57.7
25,000 or more	358	27.0	26.4	46.7

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 Census Bureau, 2019 Annual Business Survey: Data Year 2018.