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Importance of trade secrets, by company size: 2018

(Number and percent)

Employment size	Companies (number)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
All companies	4,805,151	8.6	10.8	80.6
Micro companies				
1–4	2,667,724	6.6	9.1	84.3
5–9	936,576	8.9	11.3	79.8
Small companies				
10–19	579,513	11.0	12.5	76.5
20–49	402,199	12.7	14.9	72.4
Medium companies				
50–99	119,497	16.4	17.1	66.5
100–249	65,565	19.6	17.0	63.4
Large companies				
250–499	18,897	21.2	19.6	59.2
500–999	7,289	24.9	21.7	53.4
1,000–4,999	6,199	25.9	20.9	53.2
5,000–9,999	823	36.8	25.9	37.2
10,000–24,999	514	42.5	17.7	39.8
25,000 or more	358	39.7	30.8 r	29.5

r = relative standard error > 50%.

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because of rounding or unavailable 2017 North American Industry Classification System detail for select records beyond the 4-digit industry classification. Industry classification is based on dominant establishment payroll. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States.

Source(s):

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