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Company methods of obtaining technology capabilities for innovation activities, by company size: 2017–19

(Number and percent)

| Employment size | All companies | Acquired technology products | Acquired intellectual property rights | Modified or adapted existing technology | Developed new technology in-house |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| All companies | 1,674,779 | 48.5 | 9.2 | 40.2 | 14.9 |
| Micro companies | | | | | |
| 1–4 | 786,804 | 42.9 | 8.1 | 36.0 | 14.0 |
| 5–9 | 362,402 | 50.3 | 9.3 | 39.6 | 12.9 |
| Small companies | | | | | |
| 10–19 | 247,732 | 54.0 | 10.0 | 43.6 | 14.8 |
| 20–49 | 176,931 | 54.8 | 10.4 | 46.1 | 16.5 |
| Medium companies | | | | | |
| 50–99 | 55,200 | 58.5 | 10.7 | 51.3 | 22.2 |
| 100–249 | 28,789 | 61.6 | 13.6 | 58.5 | 26.5 |
| Large companies | | | | | |
| 250–499 | 9,341 | 65.0 | 16.6 | 65.9 | 34.3 |
| 500–999 | 3,775 | 63.7 | 23.6 | 67.8 | 39.1 |
| 1,000–4,999 | 2,893 | 65.5 | 24.5 | 71.5 | 49.6 |
| 5,000–9,999 | 438 | 72.8 | 40.9 | 82.2 | 64.8 |
| 10,000–24,999 | 290 | 72.4 | 44.5 | 83.8 | 65.9 |
| 25,000 or more | 183 | 73.8 | 54.1 | 83.1 | 74.3 |

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, 2020 Annual Business Survey: Data Year 2019.