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**Companies located in the United States that performed or funded R&D and engaged in intellectual property transfer activities, by type of activity and industrial sector: 2020**

(Number)

Type of intellectual property (IP) transfer activity	Industrial sector		
	All	Manufacturing	Nonmanufacturing
Transferred IP to others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or know-how agreements	1,020	600	430
Received IP from others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or know-how agreements	1,130	790	340
Transferred IP to a spin-off or spin-out of your company	250	120	140
Received IP from a parent company as part of a spin-off or spin-out	60	40	20
Acquired more than 50% ownership in another company for the primary purpose of acquiring its IP	350	180	180
Acquired any financial interest in another company in order to gain access to its IP	290	140	150
Participated in cross-licensing agreements—the agreements in which two or more parties grant a license to each other for the use of the subject matter claimed in one or more of the patents owned by each party	620	380	250
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)	800	240	560
Made use of open-source patents or other freely available IP not owned by your company	2,460	730	1,740

**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. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States that performed or funded \$50,000 or more of R&D and are not comparable 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; beginning in survey year 2020, the company counts reflect a change in rounding methodology.

**Source(s):**

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