

TABLE A-10

Companies that required an analyst action, by sampling stratum: 2020

(Number)

Stratum	Total	Companies deleted ^a	Companies requiring action due to merger or acquisition ^b	Companies requiring action due to analyst review ^c
Total	3,000	2,900	100	D
Known positive R&D	800	750	60	D
Certainties	600	550	50	D
Noncertainties	250	250	D	0
Known zero R&D	70	70	D	0
Certainties	40	40	D	0
Noncertainties	30	30	D	0
Unknown R&D	2,100	2,000	40	D
Certainties	450	450	D	D
Noncertainties	1,600	1,600	30	D
Cases not in the frame	30	30	D	0

D = suppressed to ensure confidentiality of individual companies.

^a Companies are deleted when they are found to be out of business or out of scope for the survey during the reporting period.^b Information regarding mergers and acquisitions comes from several sources. The information is collected on the form, and there is a presurvey contact that requests the information from top R&D-performing companies. Information may also come from the company profiles that are maintained by survey staff.^c These companies are added based on a review of historic R&D reported to the Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey and public information available on the companies' R&D expenses.**Note(s):**Beginning in survey year 2019, counts reflect a change in rounding methodology. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Companies were said to be known to conduct R&D (*known positive R&D*) if they reported positive R&D in any of the previous 5 survey years. Companies were said to have *known zero R&D* if they reported zero R&D in at least 1 of the previous 3 survey years and no positive R&D in any of the previous 5 survey years. Companies were said to be *unknown* if no R&D information was available.**Source(s):**

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