

Table 72. Companies that collaborated with nonprofit organizations, by company size and type of collaboration: 2023

(Percent)

Company size (number of employees)	All companies (number)	All companies with any kind of collaboration with nonprofit organizations (number)	All companies with any kind of collaboration with nonprofit organizations	Performed collaborative research between business and nonprofit researchers	Funded research at nonprofit organizations	Licensed or purchased IP from a nonprofit organization	Signed nondisclosure agreements, material transfer agreements, or other agreements with nonprofit organizations governing usage of IP	Engaged in formal or informal personnel exchanges with nonprofit organizations
All companies	5,033,879	68,303	1.4	38.8	16.9	6.9	25.3	61.0
Micro companies								
1–4	2,859,754	37,285	1.3	41.5	15.9	6.7	24.8	62.1
5–9	941,906	12,401	1.3	35.1	15.9	7.4	27.9	59.5
Small companies								
10–19	601,238	8,320	1.4	38.1	16.8	6.8	20.1	63.4
20–49	409,021	6,397	1.6	31.8	19.5	6.1	25.7	60.2
Medium companies								
50–99	120,787	1,788	1.5	34.5	24.4	8.1 r	30.8	60.1
100–249	67,846	1,108	1.6	31.2 r	24.7	5.0 r	28.6	45.9
Large companies								
250–499	18,154	256	1.4	41.8 r	19.1	10.9	27.3	48.4 r
500–999	7,356	217	3.0 r	48.4 r	21.2	10.1	30.9	41.9 r
1,000–4,999	5,942	289	4.9 r	53.3 r	34.9	14.2	41.9	34.6
5,000–9,999	922	100	10.8	58.0	42.0	18.0	49.0	52.0
10,000–24,999	594	65	10.9	47.7	44.6	33.8	61.5	46.2
25,000 or more	360	78	21.7	47.4	60.3	42.3	46.2	41.0

r = relative standard error > 50%.

IP = intellectual property.

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States.

Source(s):

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