

TABLE 8-9 

### U.S. companies introducing new or significantly improved products or processes, by company size and industry sector: 2013–15

(Number and percent)

Company size and industry	Companies (number) <sup>a</sup>	Percent reporting product and/or process improvements
All companies (number of domestic employees)	1,413,932	16.8
Micro-companies		
5–9	550,695	13.4
Small companies		
10–19	422,056	17.8
20–49	287,091	18.7
Medium companies		
50–99	82,729	22.4
100–249	46,480	20.9
Large companies		
250–499	13,024	24.2
500–999	5,535	17.9
1,000–4,999	4,918	35.8
5,000–9,999	541	29.5
10,000–24,999	363	33.8
25,000 or more	500	68.9
All companies with 5 or more domestic employees		
Manufacturing industries (NAICS 31–33)	112,782	33.1
Nonmanufacturing industries (NAICS 21–23, 42–81)	1,301,150	15.4

NAICS = North American Industry Classification System.

<sup>a</sup> Statistics for the number of companies are based only on companies in the United States that reported data for at least one of the items on the survey relating to new or significantly improved products or processes, regardless of whether the company performed or funded R&D. These statistics do not include an adjustment to the weight to account for unit nonresponse.

**Source(s)**



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