Figure INV-5
Rating of importance of different types of intellectual property protections by U.S. companies that performed or funded R&D: 2018

- Trade secrets
- Trademarks
- Copyrights
- Utility patents
- Design patents
- Mask works

Percent

Note(s):
"Important" is the sum of two columns of response, very important and somewhat important. The Business Research and Development Survey does not include companies with fewer than 10 domestic employees.

Source(s):

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