Table 71. 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: 2024

(Number)

Type of 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	660	430	230
Received IP from others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or know-how agreements	890	510	390
Transferred IP to a spin-off or spin-out of your company	180	80	100
Received IP from a parent company as part of a spin-off or spin-out	60	40	30
Acquired more than 50% ownership in another company for the primary purpose of acquiring its IP	400	120	290
Acquired any financial interest in another company in order to gain access to its IP	220	130	100
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	540	340	200
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)	640	210	430
Made use of open-source patents or other freely available IP not owned by your company	2,520	850	1,680

IP = intellectual property.

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. Statistics are based on companies in the United States that reported to the survey. No systematic item imputation was applied.

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