

Table A-4. Companies sampled, by sampling stratum: 2024

(Number of companies)

Stratum	Total
Total	45,500
Known positive R&D	21,500
Certainties	17,000
Noncertainties	4,900
Known zero R&D	na
Certainties	na
Noncertainties	na
Unknown R&D	24,000
Certainties	7,400
Noncertainties	16,500

na = not applicable.

Note(s):

Beginning in survey year 2021, companies in the known zero R&D group were combined with the unknown R&D group. See the Technical Notes section at <https://nces.nsf.gov/surveys/business-enterprise-research-development/2024#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 have *unknown R&D* if no R&D information was available.

Source(s):

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