

Table A-10. Companies that required an analyst action, by sampling group: 2024

(Number of companies)

Stratum	Total	Companies deleted ^a	Companies requiring action due to merger or acquisition ^b	Companies requiring action due to analyst review ^c
Total	2,900	2,800	60	<i>N</i> < 15
Known positive R&D	900	850	20	<i>N</i> < 15
Certainties	600	550	20	<i>N</i> < 15
Noncertainties	300	300	<i>N</i> < 15	<i>N</i> < 15
Known zero R&D	na	na	na	na
Certainties	na	na	na	na
Noncertainties	na	na	na	na
Unknown R&D	2,000	1,900	40	<i>N</i> < 15
Certainties	450	400	20	<i>N</i> < 15
Noncertainties	1,500	1,500	20	<i>N</i> < 15
Cases not in the frame	20	20	<i>N</i> < 15	0

na = not applicable.

^a Companies are deleted when they are found to be out of business or out of scope for the survey during the reporting period.^b Information regarding mergers and acquisitions comes from several sources. The information is collected on the form, and a presurvey contact requests the information from top R&D-performing companies. Information may also come from the company profiles that are maintained by survey staff.^c These companies are added based on a review of historic R&D reported to the Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey and public information available on the companies' R&D expenses.**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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