

TABLE A-1. Target population counts, by frame partition: 2008–12  
(Number of companies)

Year	Total <sup>a</sup>	Known positive R&D	Known zero R&D	Unknown R&D
2008	1,926,012	16,059	75,923	1,834,030
2009	2,090,181	22,181	79,031	1,988,969
2010	2,013,399	24,723	67,281	1,921,395
2011	1,964,757	27,049	73,930	1,863,778
2012	1,971,731	29,512	73,004	1,869,215

<sup>a</sup> For each year, the estimate of the number of companies in the total target population is based on the original sampling frame that was created to select the sample. The target population estimates in this table do not include R&D performers from the previous year's sample, which were not on the original sampling frame but were found during the survey's annual contact update procedures. See table A-5 for the counts of companies that were added to each year's sample.

NOTES: 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 years of the survey. Companies were said to have known zero R&D if they reported zero R&D in at least 1 year of the previous 5 years of the survey and no positive R&D in any of the 5 years. Companies were said to be unknown if no R&D information was available.

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