

TABLE 58. 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: 2014
(Number)

Type of intellectual property (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	662	382	280
Received IP from others not owned by your company through participation in technical assistance or "know-how" agreements	797	518	279
Transferred IP to a spin-off or spin-out of your company	170	104	66
Received IP from a parent company as part of a spin-off or spin-out	49	37	12
Acquired more than 50% ownership in another company for the primary purpose of acquiring that company's IP	175	108	67
Acquired any financial interest in another company in to gain access to that company's IP	174	104	70
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	561	351	210
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)	211	114	97
Made use of open-source patents or other freely available IP not owned by your company	1,598	578	1,021

NOTES: Statistics are representative of companies in the United States that were eligible to receive Form BRDI-1 and performed or funded R&D. 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.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, and U.S. Census Bureau, Business R&D and Innovation Survey, 2014.