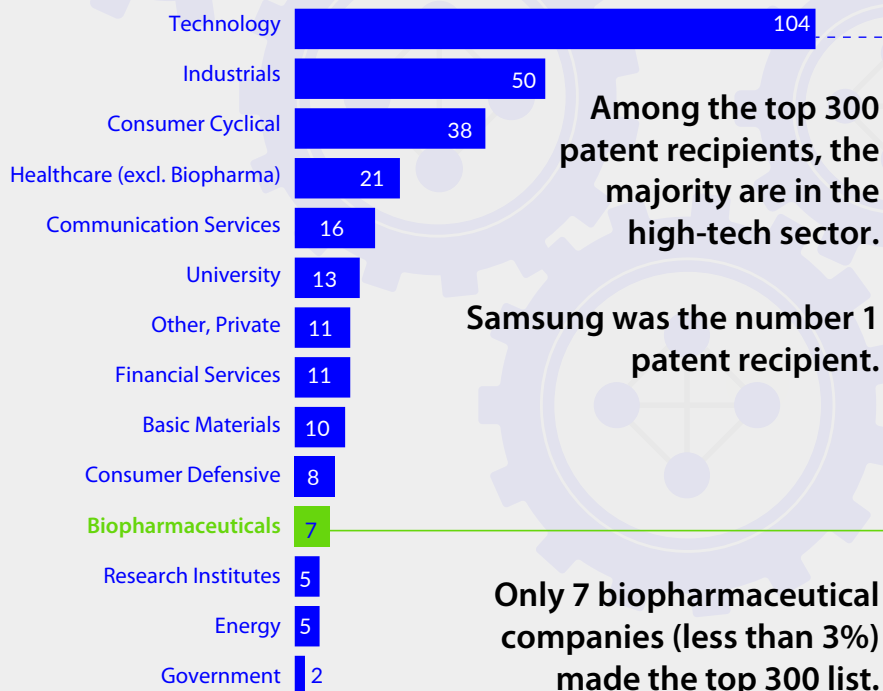


Are biopharmaceutical companies getting too many patents? No.

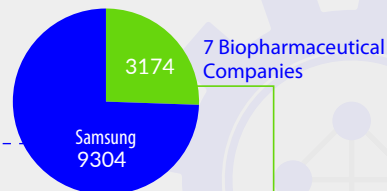
The top 300 organizations receiving the most US patents (2024)

Number of companies by sector



FACT:

Patents granted in 2024



The 7 biopharma companies collectively received about one-third as many patents as the leading company, Samsung.²

FACT:

10:1

R&D intensity: Biopharmaceutical companies spent, on average, ten times more on R&D per patent received than the top patentees from other sectors.^{2,3}

FACT:

Of the 39% of drugs that still have a patent, 58% have four or less patents. This is far fewer patents than on products in other sectors.⁶

TaylorMade® golf club⁴

200+



Fitbit® products⁵

528

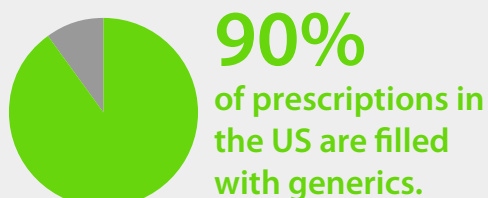
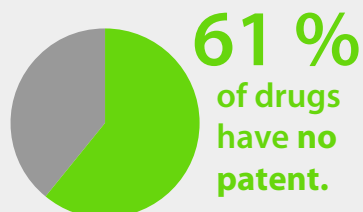


Drugs with patents

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FACT:



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