# **Initial Public Offerings: Sales Statistics Through 2023**

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**Table 2** (updated January 1, 2024)

## Mean First-day Returns, Categorized by Sales, for IPOs from 1980-2023

Sales, measured in millions, are for the last twelve months prior to going public. All sales have been converted into dollars of 2003 purchasing power, using the Consumers Price Index. From January 2003 to January 2023, the CPI has increased by 63%, so \$10 million in 2003 is equivalent to \$16.3 million in 2023. There are 9,180 IPOs, after excluding IPOs with an offer price of less than \$5.00 per share, units, REITs, SPACs, ADRs, closed-end funds, banks and S&Ls, small best efforts offers, firms not listed on CRSP within six months of the offering, and natural resource limited partnerships. Sales are from Thomson Financial's SDC, EDGAR, and the Graeme Howard-Todd Huxster collection of pre-EDGAR prospectuses. The average first-day return is 18.9%.

|                     | 1980-1989 1990-1998 |       | 1999-2 | 2000  | 2001-2 | 2023 |        |       |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|
|                     | Return              | N     | Return | N     | Return | N    | Return | N     |
| 0≤sales<\$10m       | 10.3%               | 425   | 17.4%  | 742   | 68.7%  | 332  | 21.0%  | 721   |
| \$10m≤sales<\$20m   | 8.6%                | 242   | 18.5%  | 395   | 81.4%  | 138  | 20.2%  | 109   |
| \$20m≤sales<\$50m   | 7.8%                | 500   | 18.8%  | 789   | 75.5%  | 154  | 20.2%  | 272   |
| \$50m≤sales<\$100m  | 6.3%                | 356   | 12.8%  | 590   | 62.9%  | 85   | 22.3%  | 358   |
| \$100m≤sales<\$200m | 5.1%                | 234   | 11.8%  | 454   | 35.8%  | 56   | 22.7%  | 319   |
| \$200m≤sales        | 3.4%                | 290   | 8.7%   | 646   | 25.0%  | 91   | 13.9%  | 880   |
|                     |                     |       |        |       |        |      |        |       |
| All                 | 7.2%                | 2,047 | 14.8%  | 3,616 | 64.6%  | 856  | 18.9%  | 2,662 |

#### Table 4a (updated December 22, 2023)

## Technology Company IPOs, 1980-2023 including Direct Listings

There are 3,320 IPOs and 9 direct listings that are tech stocks, for a total of 3,329 listings, after excluding those with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, ADRs, closed-end funds, natural resource limited partnerships (and most other LPs, but not buyout firms such as Carlyle Group), acquisition companies, REITs, bank and S&L IPOs, and firms not listed on CRSP. Missing and questionable numbers from the SDC new issues database are supplemented by direct inspection of prospectuses on EDGAR, information from Dealogic for IPOs after 1991, Howard and Co.'s Going Public: The IPO Reporter from 1980-1985, and the Graeme Howard-Todd Huxster collection of IPO prospectuses for 1975-2006. Tech stocks are defined as internetrelated stocks plus other technology stocks including telecom, but not including biotech. Loughran and Ritter (2004) list the SIC codes in their appendix 3 and sources of founding dates in appendix 1. The definition of technology stocks has been changed from that in Loughran and Ritter (2004 Financial Management), with SIC=3559, 3576, 3844, and 7389 added to tech. Some 7389 (business services) companies have had their SIC codes changed into non-tech categories, such as consulting and two new SIC codes that I have made up: 5614 for telemarketing firms and 7388 for non-tech business services such as Sotheby's Auctions. I have also added the S.E.C.'s computer communications equipment code of 3576 for 21 companies, including Cisco Systems.

For the column with VC-backed IPOs, there are 3,707 IPOs including both technology and non-technology companies.

Total proceeds are nominal and do not include overallotment shares, and are zero for direct listings. Price-to-sales ratios are computed using both the offer price (OP) and the first closing market price (MP) for computing the market capitalization of equity. Market cap is calculated using the post-issue shares outstanding, with all share classes included in the case of dual-class companies. The undiluted number of shares is used, which is some cases (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, and Castlight Health) understates the market cap due to the existence of substantial amounts of in-the-money employee stock options that are highly likely to be exercised. Sales are the last twelve months (LTM) revenues as reported in the prospectus. The median sales, in millions, is expressed in both nominal dollars and in dollars of 2014 purchasing power using the CPI. The median age, in years, is the number of years since the calendar year of the founding date and the calendar year of the IPO. The percentage of IPOs that are profitable measures profitability using trailing LTM earnings (usually using after extraordinary items earnings, and usually using pro forma numbers that are computed assuming that any recent or concurrent mergers have already occurred, and the conversion of convertible preferred stock into common stock). In some cases, last fiscal year earnings are used when LTM earnings are unavailable.

Even concepts like market cap (for the price-to-sales ratios) become ambiguous when you realize that companies like Facebook have many deep in-the-money options outstanding, so whether you use the fully diluted number of shares or the undiluted number can affect the calculations substantially for some companies.

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|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|------|----------------------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| Year      | of Tech<br>IPOs | VC-backed | n \$millions<br>Technology | Price-t<br>OP | MP   | Median sa<br>Nominal | \$2014 | Median age | %<br>profitable |
| 1980      | 22              | 388       | 378                        | 3.4           | 3.8  | 16.2                 | 48.8   | 6.5        | 91%             |
| 1981      | 72              | 648       | 838                        | 3.5           | 3.6  | 12.9                 | 34.8   | 9          | 88%             |
| 1982      | 42              | 490       | 648                        | 4.2           | 4.5  | 10.5                 | 26.2   | 5          | 83%             |
| 1983      | 173             | 2,798     | 3,271                      | 5.9           | 6.6  | 8.6                  | 20.2   | 6          | 71%             |
| 1984      | 50              | 614       | 551                        | 2.4           | 2.5  | 9.8                  | 22.4   | 6.5        | 80%             |
| 1985      | 37              | 667       | 375                        | 2.3           | 2.4  | 13.4                 | 29.7   | 7          | 84%             |
| 1986      | 77              | 1,558     | 1,217                      | 3.4           | 3.6  | 13.0                 | 27.8   | 6          | 74%             |
| 1987      | 59              | 1,315     | 1,330                      | 3.2           | 3.2  | 17.8                 | 37.4   | 5          | 86%             |
| 1988      | 28              | 674       | 888                        | 3.0           | 3.4  | 24.0                 | 48.5   | 5.5        | 79%             |
| 1989      | 35              | 869       | 748                        | 3.4           | 4.0  | 31.5                 | 60.9   | 6          | 77%             |
| 1990      | 32              | 1,085     | 764                        | 3.6           | 4.0  | 28.6                 | 52.5   | 8.5        | 94%             |
| 1991      | 71              | 3,887     | 2,760                      | 3.2           | 3.6  | 34.6                 | 60.0   | 9          | 75%             |
| 1992      | 115             | 4,970     | 5,875                      | 3.5           | 3.7  | 22.4                 | 38.0   | 8          | 65%             |
| 1993      | 127             | 5,929     | 5,715                      | 3.0           | 3.6  | 27.0                 | 44.3   | 8          | 74%             |
| 1994      | 115             | 3,691     | 3,583                      | 3.7           | 4.2  | 21.0                 | 33.7   | 9          | 70%             |
| 1995      | 205             | 7,165     | 9,786                      | 4.6           | 5.8  | 21.4                 | 33.3   | 8          | 71%             |
| 1996      | 276             | 11,681    | 16,256                     | 6.8           | 8.2  | 16.7                 | 25.2   | 7          | 47%             |
| 1997      | 174             | 5,016     | 7,479                      | 5.2           | 5.7  | 21.2                 | 31.1   | 8          | 50%             |
| 1998      | 113             | 4,037     | 8,118                      | 8.8           | 11.9 | 22.1                 | 32.0   | 7          | 36%             |
| 1999      | 370             | 22,298    | 33,512                     | 26.5          | 43.0 | 12.1                 | 17.2   | 4          | 14%             |
| 2000      | 261             | 23,598    | 42,537                     | 31.7          | 49.5 | 12.0                 | 16.6   | 5          | 14%             |
| 2001      | 24              | 2,658     | 5,833                      | 8.1           | 13.4 | 24.6                 | 32.9   | 9          | 30%             |
| 2002      | 20              | 1,956     | 2,587                      | 2.9           | 3.1  | 95.2                 | 125.8  | 9          | 40%             |
| 2003      | 18              | 1,824     | 2,242                      | 3.5           | 4.0  | 86.2                 | 111.0  | 8.5        | 39%             |
| 2004      | 61              | 7,183     | 9,064                      | 6.4           | 7.1  | 55.5                 | 70.1   | 8          | 44%             |
| 2005      | 45              | 3,458     | 6,993                      | 4.5           | 4.5  | 68.0                 | 83.5   | 9          | 36%             |
| 2006      | 48              | 4,860     | 4,873                      | 5.5           | 6.3  | 57.6                 | 67.9   | 9          | 50%             |
| 2007      | 76              | 10,566    | 12,572                     | 6.5           | 7.8  | 71.2                 | 79.8   | 8          | 30%             |
| 2008      | 6               | 863       | 1,194                      | 4.9           | 5.7  | 156.7                | 173.6  | 14         | 67%             |
| 2009      | 14              | 1,697     | 4,126                      | 3.0           | 3.6  | 174.3                | 193.1  | 11         | 71%             |
| 2010      | 33              | 4,038     | 4,347                      | 3.4           | 3.9  | 119.5                | 129.0  | 11         | 64%             |
| 2011      | 36              | 8,764     | 9,412                      | 6.1           | 6.6  | 141.3                | 150.1  | 10         | 36%             |
| 2012      | 40              | 21,096    | 20,887                     | 4.5           | 5.0  | 113.4                | 117.1  | 9.5        | 43%             |
| 2013      | 45              | 11,935    | 8,662                      | 5.3           | 6.1  | 105.8                | 107.5  | 9          | 27%             |
| 2014      | 53              | 18,542    | 9,965                      | 6.1           | 6.8  | 90.5                 | 90.5   | 11         | 17%             |
| 2015      | 38              | 9,890     | 10,087                     | 5.3           | 6.2  | 130.8                | 130.9  | 11         | 26%             |
| 2016      | 21              | 6,181     | 2,510                      | 4.2           | 4.3  | 109.5                | 108.2  | 10         | 29%             |
| 2017      | 30              | 11,269    | 7,844                      | 5.0           | 6.3  | 188.4                | 181.5  | 13         | 17%             |
| 2018      | 40              | 16,706    | 12,246                     | 7.6           | 11.3 | 182.1                | 171.8  | 12         | 15%             |
| 2019      | 38              | 27,534    | 22,881                     | 8.1           | 10.6 | 205.8                | 191.3  | 11         | 29%             |
| 2020      | 48              | 41,423    | 29,557                     | 13.6          | 21.8 | 211.2                | 191.7  | 12         | 20%             |
| 2021      | 126             | 72,300    | 59,375                     | 15.2          | 17.8 | 207.7                | 185.8  | 12         | 22%             |
| 2022      | 6               | 1,681     | 1,163                      | 5.6           | 6.0  | 92.7                 | 77.5   | 15         | 33%             |
| 2023      | 9               | 4,351     | 1,925                      | 13.6          | 13.6 | 6.5                  | 5.1    | 6          | 33%             |
| 1980-2023 | 3,329           | 394,859   | 396,974                    | 6.1           | 7.4  | 24.3                 | 39.4   | 8          | 47%             |

## **Table 4b** (updated January 1, 2024)

## Technology and Life Science Company IPOs, 1980-2023

There are 3,320 tech and 1,000 life science IPOs from 1980-2023, after excluding those with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, ADRs, closed-end funds, partnerships, acquisition companies, REITs, bank and S&L IPOs, and firms not listed on CRSP. Life science includes biotech and pharmaceutical firms. Life science is defined as SIC=2830, 2834, 2835, 2836, and 8731. In prior years, I had included 2833 (medical chemicals and botanical products) as well, but I am not including this industry in life science since in recent years it has been mainly cannabis-related companies.

Tech stocks are defined as internet-related stocks plus other technology stocks including telecom, but not including biotech. Loughran and Ritter (2004) list the SIC codes in their appendix 3 and sources of founding dates in appendix 1. The definition of technology stocks has been changed from that in Loughran and Ritter (2004 *Financial Management*), with SIC=3559, 3576, and 7389 added to tech. Some 7389 (business services) companies have had their SIC codes changed into non-tech categories, such as consulting and two new SIC codes that I created: 5614 for telemarketing firms and 7388 for non-tech business services such as Sotheby's Auctions. I have also added the S.E.C.'s computer communications equipment code of 3576 for 21 companies, including Cisco Systems.

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Sales are the last twelve months (LTM) revenues as reported in the prospectus. The median sales, in millions, are expressed in dollars of 2022 purchasing power using the CPI. Pro forma numbers are usually used if there have been recent mergers or mergers that coincide with the IPO. The percentage of IPOs that are profitable measures profitability using trailing LTM earnings (usually using after extraordinary items earnings, and usually using pro forma numbers that are computed assuming that any recent or concurrent mergers have already occurred, and the conversion of convertible preferred stock into common stock). In some cases, last fiscal year earnings are used when LTM earnings are unavailable.

|         |          | mber of IPO |          |            | 6 Profitable |            |                | n sales (\$202 |       |
|---------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Year    | Tech     | Life Sci    | Other    | Tech       | Life Sci     | Other      | Tech           | Life Sci       | Other |
| 1980    | 22       | 3           | 46       | 91%        | 67%          | 70%        | 58.6           | 20.5           | 77.3  |
| 1981    | 72       | 10          | 110      | 88%        | 30%          | 85%        | 41.8           | 4.9            | 43.3  |
| 1982    | 42       | 2           | 33       | 83%        | 50%          | 79%        | 31.4           | 4.0            | 29.9  |
| 1983    | 173      | 21          | 257      | 71%        | 42%          | 86%        | 24.8           | 7.4            | 88.8  |
| 1984    | 50       | 2           | 119      | 80%        | 100%         | 85%        | 27.0           | 136.3          | 69.5  |
| 1985    | 37       | 5           | 144      | 84%        | 40%          | 87%        | 35.7           | 12.5           | 106.3 |
| 1986    | 77       | 23          | 293      | 74%        | 35%          | 84%        | 33.4           | 10.8           | 95.2  |
| 1987    | 59       | 10          | 216      | 86%        | 20%          | 85%        | 45.0           | 7.8            | 110.9 |
| 1988    | 28       | 2           | 75       | 79%        | 0%           | 85%        | 58.3           | 9.9            | 229.7 |
| 1989    | 35       | 4           | 77       | 77%        | 0%           | 82%        | 73.2           | 2.7            | 122.2 |
| 1990    | 32       | 4           | 74       | 94%        | 0%           | 87%        | 63.0           | 4.5            | 129.0 |
| 1991    | 71       | 32          | 183      | 75%        | 16%          | 88%        | 72.3           | 7.0            | 154.8 |
| 1992    | 115      | 33          | 264      | 65%        | 18%          | 80%        | 45.6           | 2.6            | 142.0 |
| 1993    | 127      | 27          | 356      | 74%        | 22%          | 75%        | 53.2           | 3.0            | 120.2 |
| 1994    | 115      | 20          | 267      | 70%        | 20%          | 80%        | 40.4           | 3.2            | 107.1 |
| 1995    | 205      | 21          | 236      | 71%        | 14%          | 75%        | 40.0           | 5.8            | 118.8 |
| 1996    | 276      | 44          | 357      | 47%        | 14%          | 73%        | 30.3           | 4.1            | 99.4  |
| 1997    | 174      | 22          | 278      | 50%        | 14%          | 77%        | 37.4           | 9.9            | 111.7 |
| 1998    | 113      | 10          | 160      | 36%        | 30%          | 69%        | 38.5           | 13.4           | 123.8 |
| 1999    | 370      | 10          | 96       | 14%        | 20%          | 63%        | 20.7           | 10.1           | 194.1 |
| 2000    | 261      | 50          | 69       | 14%        | 12%          | 50%        | 20.2           | 6.6            | 153.2 |
| 2001    | 24       | 5           | 51       | 30%        | 0%           | 66%        | 38.1           | 0.3            | 571.2 |
| 2002    | 20       | 5           | 41       | 40%        | 40%          | 63%        | 151.2          | 228.0          | 684.8 |
| 2003    | 18       | 8           | 37       | 39%        | 0%           | 76%        | 160.4          | 0.1            | 623.8 |
| 2004    | 61       | 30          | 82       | 44%        | 7%           | 70%        | 84.3           | 5.3            | 300.6 |
| 2005    | 45       | 16          | 98       | 36%        | 13%          | 70%        | 100.3          | 18.2           | 320.0 |
| 2006    | 48       | 24          | 85       | 50%        | 8%           | 80%        | 81.7           | 4.8            | 472.6 |
| 2007    | 76       | 19          | 64       | 30%        | 5%           | 73%        | 95.9           | 1.9            | 323.0 |
| 2007    | 6        | 1           | 14       | 67%        | 0%           | 57%        | 208.7          | 0.4            | 268.7 |
| 2009    | 14       | 3           | 24       | 71%        | 67%          | 71%        | 232.1          | 50.1           | 598.8 |
| 2010    | 33       | 11          | 47       | 64%        | 0%           | 70%        | 155.1          | 0.0            | 419.0 |
| 2010    | 36       | 8           | 37       | 36%        | 0%           | 59%        | 180.4          | 4.0            | 412.6 |
| 2011    | 40       | 10          | 43       | 43%        | 0%           | 77%        | 140.7          | 0.5            | 424.6 |
| 2012    | 45       | 40          | 73       | 27%        | 7%           | 58%        | 129.2          | 11.9           | 507.1 |
| 2013    | 53       | 71          | 82       | 17%        | 7 <i>%</i>   | 57%        | 108.8          | 0.0            | 286.2 |
| 2014    | 38       | 42          | 38       | 26%        | 0%           | 66%        | 157.4          | 0.0            | 205.8 |
| 2015    | 21       |             | 36<br>29 | 20%        | 8%           | 59%        |                |                |       |
| 2010    | 30       | 25<br>22    | 44       | 29%<br>17% | 0%           | 39%<br>42% | 130.1<br>218.2 | 1.1            | 775.6 |
|         |          | 32          |          |            |              |            |                | 0.0            | 516.2 |
| 2018    | 39<br>37 | 59<br>42    | 36       | 15%        | 0%           | 51%        | 203.3          | 0.0            | 536.2 |
| 2019    | 37       | 42          | 27       | 30%        | 0%<br>50     | 50%        | 219.7          | 0.0            | 121.5 |
| 2020    | 46       | 76          | 43       | 22%        | 5%           | 47%        | 220.0          | 0.0            | 311.5 |
| 2021    | 121      | 89          | 101      | 22%        | 2%           | 49%        | 202.4          | 0.0            | 325.4 |
| 2022    | 6        | 16          | 16       | 33%        | 0%           | 38%        | 92.7           | 0.0            | 7.2   |
| 2023    | 9        | 13          | 32       | 33%        | 0%           | 48%        | 6.2            | 0.0            | 20.4  |
| 2001-23 | 866      | 645         | 1,151    | 32%        | 4%           | 62%        | 134.6          | 0.0            | 371.3 |
| 1980-23 | 3,320    | 1,000       | 4,861    | 47%        | 10%          | <b>75%</b> | 46.9           | 1.4            | 135.2 |

#### **Table 4g** (updated January 1, 2024)

## Life Science Company IPOs, 1980-2023

IR is the initial return (underpricing), measured as the equally weighted average of the first-day return from the offer price to close. There are 1,000 biotech IPOs from 1980-2023, after excluding those with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, ADRs, closed-end funds, partnerships, special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), REITs, bank and S&L IPOs, and firms not listed on CRSP. Missing and questionable numbers from the SDC new issues database are supplemented by direct inspection of prospectuses on EDGAR, information from Dealogic for IPOs after 1991, Howard and Co.'s *Going Public: The IPO Reporter* from 1980-1985, and the Graeme Howard-Todd Huxster collection of IPO prospectuses for 1975-2006.

Life science includes biotech and pharmaceutical firms, defined as SIC=2830, 2834, 2835, 2836, and 8731.

Sales are the last twelve months (LTM) revenues as reported in the prospectus. The median sales, in millions, are expressed in dollars of 2022 purchasing power using the CPI. Pro forma numbers are usually used if there have been recent mergers or mergers that coincide with the IPO. The percentage of IPOs that are profitable measures profitability using trailing LTM earnings (usually using after extraordinary items earnings, and usually using pro forma numbers that are computed assuming that any recent or concurrent mergers have already occurred, and the conversion of convertible preferred stock into common stock). In some cases, last fiscal year earnings are used when LTM earnings are unavailable. EPS is earnings per share. Age is the median age in years, defined as the calendar year of the IPO minus the calendar year of founding.

Many of the biotech companies with positive sales have research contracts producing revenue, rather than product sales.

|              | Numbe      | r of IPOs | Life Sci      | Life Scien | ice IPOs | Life Sc       | i sales (\$2022. | , millions) |
|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Year         | Total      | Life Sci  | IR,%          | EPS>0      | Age      | # zero        | % zero           | Median      |
| 1980         | 71         | 3         | 44.3%         | 67%        | 4        | 0             | 0.0%             | 20.5        |
| 1981         | 192        | 10        | 14.1%         | 30%        | 4.5      | 2             | 20.0%            | 4.9         |
| 1982         | 77         | 2         | 16.0%         | 50%        | 2        | 0             | 0.0%             | 4.0         |
| 1983         | 451        | 21        | 6.2%          | 42%        | 3        | 1             | 4.8%             | 7.4         |
| 1984         | 171        | 2         | 0.2%          | 100%       | 16       | 0             | 0.0%             | 136.3       |
| 1985         | 186        | 5         | 2.4%          | 40%        | 3        | 1             | 20.0%            | 12.5        |
| 1986         | 393        | 23        | 7.0%          | 35%        | 5        | 0             | 0.0%             | 10.8        |
| 1987         | 285        | 10        | 5.1%          | 20%        | 4        | 0             | 0.0%             | 7.8         |
| 1988         | 105        | 2         | -1.6%         | 0%         | 9        | 1             | 50.0%            | 7.8<br>9.9  |
| 1989         | 116        | 4         | 3.8%          | 0%         | 6        | 0             | 0.0%             | 2.7         |
| 1989         | 110        | 4         | 0.8%          | 0%         | 4        | 2             | 50.0%            | 4.5         |
| 1990         | 286        | 32        | 12.8%         | 16%        | 4        | 3             | 9.4%             | 7.0         |
| 1991         | 412        | 33        | 9.9%          | 18%        | 5        | 6             | 18.2%            | 2.6         |
| 1992         | 510        | 27        | 7.7%          | 22%        | 5        | 3             | 11.1%            | 3.0         |
| 1993         | 402        | 20        | 3.4%          | 20%        | 7.5      | 3             | 15.0%            | 3.0         |
| 1994         | 462        | 21        | 5.4 %<br>6.6% | 14%        | 7.3<br>5 | 5             | 23.8%            | 5.8         |
| 1995         | 402<br>677 | 44        | 12.2%         | 14%        | 4        | <i>3</i><br>7 | 23.8%<br>15.9%   | 3.8<br>4.1  |
| 1990<br>1997 | 474        | 22        | 8.3%          | 14%        | 6        | 3             | 13.6%            | 4.1<br>9.9  |
| 1997         | 283        | 10        | 6.2%          | 30%        | 7        | 0             | 0.0%             |             |
| 1998<br>1999 | 283<br>476 |           |               | 30%<br>20% | 5.5      |               |                  | 13.4        |
|              |            | 10        | 31.8%         |            |          | 1             | 10.0%            | 10.1        |
| 2000         | 380        | 50        | 31.9%         | 12%        | 6<br>5   | 10            | 20.0%            | 6.6         |
| 2001         | 80         | 5         | 10.7%         | 0%         | 3<br>9   | 2             | 40.0%            | 0.3         |
| 2002         | 66         | 5         | -4.9%         | 40%        |          | 0             | 0.0%             | 228.0       |
| 2003         | 63         | 8         | 2.6%          | 0%         | 6<br>7   | 4             | 50.0%            | 0.1         |
| 2004         | 173        | 30        | 7.8%<br>8.0%  | 7%         |          | 6             | 20.0%            | 5.3         |
| 2005         | 159        | 16        |               | 13%        | 6        | 1             | 6.3%             | 18.2        |
| 2006         | 157        | 24        | 4.2%          | 8%<br>50   | 8        | 4             | 16.7%            | 4.8         |
| 2007         | 159        | 19        | 2.2%          | 5%         | 8        | 8             | 42.1%            | 2.0         |
| 2008         | 21         | 1         | -5.7%         | 0%         | 9        | 0             | 0.0%             | 0.4         |
| 2009         | 41         | 3         | 1.3%          | 67%        | 14       | 0             | 0.0%             | 50.0        |
| 2010         | 91         | 11        | 0.9%          | 0%         | 6        | 6             | 54.5%            | 0.0         |
| 2011         | 81         | 8         | 6.4%          | 0%         | 5.5      | 3             | 37.5%            | 4.0         |
| 2012         | 93         | 10        | 7.8%          | 0%         | 7        | 5             | 50.0%            | 0.5         |
| 2013         | 158        | 40        | 19.3%         | 7%         | 10       | 12            | 30.0%            | 11.9        |
| 2014         | 206        | 71        | 13.8%         | 7%         | 10       | 38            | 53.5%            | 0.0         |
| 2015         | 118        | 42        | 22.9%         | 0%         | 7        | 26            | 61.9%            | 0.0         |
| 2016         | 75         | 25        | 7.0%          | 8%         | 8        | 8             | 32.0%            | 1.1         |
| 2017         | 106        | 32        | 7.0%          | 0%         | 6.5      | 23            | 71.9%            | 0.0         |
| 2018         | 134        | 59        | 13.8%         | 0%         | 5        | 39            | 66.1%            | 0.0         |
| 2019         | 113        | 42        | 21.7%         | 0%         | 4        | 33            | 78.6%            | 0.0         |
| 2020         | 165        | 76        | 37.6%         | 5%         | 6        | 49<br>55      | 64.5%            | 0.0         |
| 2021         | 311        | 89        | 24.4%         | 2%         | 5        | 55            | 61.8%            | 0.0         |
| 2022         | 38         | 16        | 49.4%         | 0%         | 4        | 13            | 81.3%            | 0.0         |
| 2023         | 54         | 13        | 5.4%          | 0%         | 4        | 10            | 76.9%            | 0.0         |
| 2001-23      | 2,662      | 645       | 17.7%         | 4%         | 7        | 345           | 53.5%            | 0.0         |
| 1980-2023    | 9,181      | 1,000     | 15.9%         | 10%        | 6        | 393           | 39.3%            | 1.4         |

#### **Table 4i** (updated January 1, 2024)

#### VC-backed Tech IPOs, 1980-2023

There are 1,996 Venture Capital-backed tech IPOs, after excluding those with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, ADRs, closed-end funds, best effort offers, natural resource limited partnerships (and most other LPs, but not buyout firms such as Carlyle Group), special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), direct listings, REITs, bank and S&L IPOs, and firms not listed on CRSP. Missing and questionable numbers from the SDC new issues database are supplemented by direct inspection of prospectuses on EDGAR, information from Dealogic for IPOs after 1991, Howard and Co.'s Going Public: The IPO Reporter from 1980-1985, and the Graeme Howard-Todd Huxster collection of IPO prospectuses for 1975-2006. Tech stocks are defined as internet-related stocks plus other technology stocks including telecom, but not including biotech. Loughran and Ritter (2004) list the SIC codes in their appendix 3 and sources of founding dates in appendix 1. The definition of technology stocks has been changed from that in Loughran and Ritter (2004 Financial Management), with SIC=3559, 3576, 3844, and 7389 added to tech. Some 7389 (business services) companies have had their SIC codes changed into non-tech categories, such as consulting and two new SIC codes that I have made up: 5614 for telemarketing firms and 7388 for non-tech business services such as Sotheby's Auctions. I have also added the S.E.C.'s computer communications equipment code of 3576 for 21 companies, including Cisco Systems.

Price-to-sales ratios are computed using both the offer price (OP) and the first closing market price (MP) for computing the market capitalization of equity. Market cap is calculated using the post-issue shares outstanding, with all share classes included in the case of dual-class companies. The undiluted number of shares is used, which is some cases (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, and Castlight Health) understates the market cap due to the existence of substantial amounts of inthe-money employee stock options that are highly likely to be exercised. Sales are the last twelve months (LTM) revenues as reported in the prospectus. The median sales, in millions, is expressed in both nominal dollars and in dollars of 2021 purchasing power using the CPI. The median age, in years, is the number of years since the calendar year of the founding date and the calendar year of the IPO. The percentage of IPOs that are profitable measures profitability using trailing LTM earnings (usually using after extraordinary items earnings, and usually using proforma numbers that are computed assuming that any recent or concurrent mergers have already occurred, and the conversion of convertible preferred stock into common stock). In some cases, last fiscal year earnings are used when LTM earnings are unavailable.

Even concepts like market cap (for the price-to-sales ratios) become ambiguous when you realize that companies like Facebook have many deep in-the-money options outstanding, so whether you use the fully diluted number of shares or the undiluted number can affect the calculations substantially for some companies.

|           | Number of VC-    | Median Median sales, Price-to-sales \$mm |      | Median  | %      |                  |            |
|-----------|------------------|--|------|---------|--------|------------------|------------|
| Year      | backed tech IPOs | OP                                       | MP   | Nominal | \$2021 | age              | profitable |
| 1980      | 14               | 3.0                                      | 3.4  | 16.9    | 56.9   | 6.5              | 93%        |
| 1981      | 29               | 3.8                                      | 4.3  | 11.9    | 35.8   | 9                | 90%        |
| 1982      | 15               | 6.1                                      | 7.6  | 18.9    | 52.6   | 3                | 67%        |
| 1983      | 67               | 7.2                                      | 8.1  | 11.7    | 31.2   | 5                | 66%        |
| 1984      | 26               | 2.3                                      | 2.3  | 21.9    | 56.1   | 5                | 81%        |
| 1985      | 16               | 3.0                                      | 3.3  | 17.1    | 42.5   | 5                | 81%        |
| 1986      | 31               | 4.3                                      | 4.7  | 17.0    | 40.6   | 5                | 71%        |
| 1987      | 39               | 3.2                                      | 3.2  | 22.0    | 51.7   | 5<br>5<br>5<br>5 | 87%        |
| 1988      | 17               | 2.6                                      | 2.7  | 28.2    | 63.7   | 6                | 94%        |
| 1989      | 23               | 3.4                                      | 3.7  | 35.5    | 76.7   | 7                | 83%        |
| 1990      | 24               | 3.9                                      | 4.5  | 28.6    | 58.6   | 7.5              | 100%       |
| 1991      | 45               | 3.2                                      | 3.5  | 35.9    | 69.8   | 9                | 71%        |
| 1992      | 67               | 3.9                                      | 4.4  | 22.0    | 41.7   | 7                | 61%        |
| 1993      | 88               | 3.1                                      | 3.6  | 24.3    | 44.6   | 8                | 72%        |
| 1994      | 64               | 4.3                                      | 5.2  | 18.9    | 33.8   | 8                | 66%        |
| 1995      | 115              | 5.5                                      | 6.9  | 19.7    | 34.3   | 8                | 70%        |
| 1996      | 154              | 9.8                                      | 11.3 | 14.3    | 24.2   | 7                | 35%        |
| 1997      | 73               | 6.9                                      | 8.3  | 19.3    | 31.7   | 6                | 38%        |
| 1998      | 55               | 11.6                                     | 14.8 | 18.8    | 30.4   | 6                | 22%        |
| 1999      | 250              | 30.9                                     | 56.6 | 11.0    | 17.6   | 4                | 9%         |
| 2000      | 183              | 41.4                                     | 65.7 | 9.3     | 14.4   | 5                | 6%         |
| 2001      | 17               | 14.9                                     | 17.4 | 22.8    | 34.1   | 6                | 12%        |
| 2001      | 13               | 3.5                                      | 3.9  | 87.3    | 128.9  | 6                | 31%        |
| 2002      | 12               | 5.2                                      | 6.1  | 65.0    | 93.6   | 7                | 50%        |
| 2003      | 40               | 6.9                                      | 7.9  | 41.0    | 57.9   | 7                | 30%        |
| 2005      | 22               | 6.4                                      | 7.2  | 46.5    | 63.8   | 7.5              | 23%        |
| 2005      | 27               | 6.2                                      | 8.1  | 51.2    | 67.6   | 8                | 52%        |
| 2007      | 58               | 7.3                                      | 8.3  | 66.5    | 83.2   | 8                | 26%        |
| 2007      | 4                | 4.1                                      | 4.7  | 156.7   | 194.1  | 12               | 50%        |
| 2009      | 6                | 4.6                                      | 5.8  | 105.7   | 130.9  | 9.5              | 50%        |
| 2010      | 23               | 3.2                                      | 3.9  | 112.9   | 136.9  | 10               | 61%        |
| 2010      | 30               | 6.8                                      | 7.2  | 117.2   | 130.2  | 9.5              | 37%        |
| 2011      | 35               | 4.6                                      | 5.0  | 103.7   | 119.7  | 9.3              | 37%        |
| 2012      | 35               | 5.8                                      | 7.1  | 103.7   | 119.7  | 9                | 17%        |
| 2013      | 40               | 6.5                                      | 8.2  | 86.8    | 97.1   | 10               | 18%        |
| 2014      | 29               | 6.0                                      | 7.5  | 76.6    | 85.7   | 10               | 21%        |
| 2015      | 15               | 4.5                                      | 5.9  | 101.7   | 112.3  | 9                | 27%        |
| 2010      | 24               | 5.0                                      | 6.9  | 158.4   | 170.6  | 13               | 13%        |
| 2017      | 30               | 8.6                                      | 12.4 | 173.6   | 183.1  | 12               | 13%        |
| 2018      | 26               | 9.8                                      | 13.7 | 173.0   | 152.4  | 10.5             | 15%        |
| 2019      | 33               | 9.8<br>15.7                              | 27.2 | 201.3   | 204.1  | 10.5             | 18%        |
| 2020      | 33<br>77         | 20.3                                     | 26.6 | 136.4   | 136.4  | 11               | 16%        |
| 2021      |                  | 20.5                                     | 24.0 | 70.4    | 65.5   | 11<br>14         | 0%         |
| 2022      | 1<br>4           | 12.7                                     | 13.5 | 243.8   | 214.5  | 8.5              | 25%        |
|           |                  |  |      |         |        |                  |            |
| 1980-2023 | 1,996            | 7.6                                      | 9.7  | 24.0    | 43.8   | 7                | 39%        |

Table 12 (updated January 1, 2024)
Number of IPOs Categorized by the LTM Sales (in millions of 2005 \$), 1980-2023

LTM is last twelve months. MV is the post-issue market value valued at the offer price. Sales and market value are in millions. PSR is the price-to-sales ratio, and is the median ratio, not the ratio of medians.

|          |          | of IPOs      | Percentag |             |             | ians, \$2 | 2005 |  |
|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------|--|
| Year     | <\$50 mm | >\$50 mm     | <\$50 mm  | >\$50mm     | Sales       | MV        | PSR  |  |
| 1980     | 38       | 33           | 54%       | 46%         | 44          | 74        | 2.2  |  |
| 1981     | 140      | 52           | 73%       | 27%         | 28          | 72        | 2.9  |  |
| 1982     | 54       | 23           | 70%       | 30%         | 21          | 65        | 3.0  |  |
| 1983     | 286      | 165          | 63%       | 37%         | 28          | 88        | 2.8  |  |
| 1984     | 99       | 72           | 58%       | 42%         | 39          | 53        | 1.6  |  |
| 1985     | 95       | 91           | 51%       | 49%         | 46          | 68        | 1.3  |  |
| 1986     | 199      | 194          | 51%       | 49%         | 49          | 77        | 1.5  |  |
| 1987     | 137      | 148          | 48%       | 52%         | 53          | 96        | 1.5  |  |
| 1988     | 44       | 61           | 42%       | 58%         | 83          | 116       | 1.5  |  |
| 1989     | 49       | 67           | 42%       | 58%         | 60          | 111       | 2.0  |  |
| 1990     | 44       | 66           | 40%       | 60%         | 56          | 124       | 2.0  |  |
| 1991     | 118      | 168          | 41%       | 59%         | 69          | 127       | 1.6  |  |
| 1992     | 191      | 221          | 46%       | 54%         | 58          | 119       | 1.8  |  |
| 1993     | 230      | 280          | 45%       | 55%         | 61          | 115       | 1.9  |  |
| 1994     | 214      | 188          | 53%       | 47%         | 47          | 92        | 1.8  |  |
| 1995     | 258      | 204          | 56%       | 44%         | 39          | 134       | 3.0  |  |
| 1996     | 411      | 266          | 61%       | 39%         | 32          | 137       | 3.9  |  |
| 1997     | 273      | 201          | 58%       | 42%         | 41          | 133       | 3.0  |  |
| 1998     | 148      | 135          | 52%       | 48%         | 47          | 187       | 3.4  |  |
| 1999     | 342      | 134          | 72%       | 28%         | 19          | 361       | 18.4 |  |
| 2000     | 279      | 101          | 73%       | 27%         | 14          | 460       | 30.1 |  |
| 2001     | 25       | 54           | 31%       | 69%         | 146         | 479       | 2.3  |  |
| 2002     | 16       | 50           | 24%       | 76%         | 263         | 517       | 2.1  |  |
| 2003     | 14       | 49           | 22%       | 78%         | 173         | 370       | 2.7  |  |
| 2004     | 70       | 103          | 40%       | 60%         | 87          | 298       | 3.8  |  |
| 2005     | 46       | 113          | 29%       | 71%         | 133         | 360       | 2.6  |  |
| 2006     | 54       | 103          | 34%       | 66%         | 105         | 325       | 3.8  |  |
| 2007     | 59       | 100          | 37%       | 63%         | 81          | 373       | 6.1  |  |
| 2008     | 4        | 17           | 19%       | 81%         | 172         | 375       | 4.0  |  |
| 2009     | 4        | 37           | 10%       | 90%         | 239         | 517       | 1.8  |  |
| 2010     | 22       | 69           | 24%       | 76%         | 132         | 355       | 2.7  |  |
| 2011     | 24       | 57           | 30%       | 70%         | 131         | 614       | 4.9  |  |
| 2012     | 19       | 74           | 20%       | 80%         | 126         | 377       | 3.4  |  |
| 2013     | 58       | 100          | 37%       | 63%         | 94          | 441       | 5.0  |  |
| 2014     | 98       | 108          | 48%       | 52%         | 60          | 286       | 7.2  |  |
| 2015     | 60       | 58           | 51%       | 49%         | 46          | 403       | 9.8  |  |
| 2016     | 34       | 41           | 45%       | 55%         | 65          | 422       | 5.0  |  |
| 2017     | 47       | 59           | 45%       | 55%         | 90          | 470       | 6.2  |  |
| 2018     | 71       | 63           | 53%       | 47%         | 33          | 398       | 12.8 |  |
| 2019     | 58       | 55           | 51%       | 49%         | 46          | 428       | 14.4 |  |
| 2020     | 96       | 69           | 58%       | 42%         | 21          | 572       | 23.5 |  |
| 2021     | 140      | 171          | 45%       | 55%         | 79          | 852       | 18.4 |  |
| 2021     | 29       | 9            | 76%       | 24%         | 0.6         | 179       | 233  |  |
| 2023     | 36       | 18           | 67%       | 33%         | 10          | 272       | 27.2 |  |
| 980-2023 | 4,733    | <b>4,449</b> | 51%       | 49 <i>%</i> | <b>25.9</b> | 141       | 5.4  |  |

## Table 12a (updated January 1, 2024) Number of IPOs Categorized by the LTM Sales (in 2005 \$), 1980-2023

MV is the post-issue market value valued at the first closing price. Sales and MV are in millions. PSR is the price-to-sales ratio. There has been 46.8% CPI inflation since 2005, and thus the cutoff would be \$73.4 million in 2022 dollars.

| dollars.     | Number   | of IPOs   | Percentage of IPOs |            | Med       | lians, \$20 | \$2005     |  |
|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--|
| Year         | <\$50 mm | >\$50 mm  | <\$50 mm           | >\$50 mm   | Sales     | MV          | PSR        |  |
| 1980         | 38       | 33        | 54%                | 46%        | 44        | 83          | 2.5        |  |
| 1981         | 140      | 52        | 73%                | 27%        | 28        | 77          | 2.9        |  |
| 1982         | 54       | 23        | 70%                | 30%        | 21        | 68          | 3.1        |  |
| 1983         | 286      | 165       | 63%                | 37%        | 28        | 93          | 3.2        |  |
| 1984         | 99       | 73        | 58%                | 42%        | 39        | 54          | 1.6        |  |
| 1985         | 95       | 92        | 51%                | 49%        | 46        | 69          | 1.5        |  |
| 1986         | 199      | 194       | 51%                | 49%        | 49        | 78          | 1.6        |  |
| 1987         | 137      | 148       | 48%                | 52%        | 53        | 99          | 1.6        |  |
| 1988         | 44       | 60        | 42%                | 58%        | 83        | 126         | 1.6        |  |
| 1989         | 49       | 67        | 42%                | 58%        | 60        | 122         | 2.4        |  |
| 1990         | 44       | 66        | 40%                | 60%        | 56        | 131         | 2.2        |  |
| 1991         | 118      | 168       | 41%                | 59%        | 69        | 144         | 1.8        |  |
| 1992         | 191      | 221       | 46%                | 54%        | 58        | 133         | 2.0        |  |
| 1993         | 230      | 280       | 45%                | 55%        | 61        | 124         | 2.1        |  |
| 1994         | 214      | 188       | 53%                | 47%        | 47        | 98          | 2.1        |  |
| 1995         | 258      | 204       | 56%                | 44%        | 39        | 161         | 3.5        |  |
| 1996         | 411      | 266       | 61%                | 39%        | 32        | 158         | 4.5        |  |
| 1997         | 273      | 201       | 58%                | 42%        | 41        | 149         | 3.4        |  |
| 1998         | 148      | 135       | 52%                | 48%        | 47        | 223         | 3.6        |  |
| 1999         | 342      | 134       | 72%                | 28%        | 19        | 551         | 30.3       |  |
| 2000         | 279      | 101       | 73%                | 27%        | 14        | 641         | 40.9       |  |
| 2001         | 25       | 55        | 31%                | 69%        | 146       | 507         | 2.8        |  |
| 2002         | 16       | 50        | 24%                | 76%        | 263       | 560         | 2.3        |  |
| 2003         | 14       | 49        | 22%                | 78%        | 173       | 392         | 2.7        |  |
| 2004         | 70       | 103       | 40%                | 60%        | 87        | 352         | 4.2        |  |
| 2005         | 46       | 113       | 29%                | 71%        | 133       | 347         | 2.7        |  |
| 2006         | 54       | 103       | 34%                | 66%        | 105       | 353         | 3.9        |  |
| 2007<br>2008 | 59       | 100<br>17 | 37%<br>19%         | 63%<br>81% | 83<br>172 | 457<br>425  | 6.7        |  |
| 2008         | 4        | 37        | 19%                | 90%        | 239       | 425<br>622  | 3.9<br>2.0 |  |
| 2009         | 4<br>22  | 57<br>69  | 24%                | 90%<br>76% | 132       | 379         | 2.8        |  |
| 2010         | 24       | 57        | 30%                | 70%<br>70% | 132       | 319<br>747  | 2.8<br>5.6 |  |
| 2011         | 19       | 74        | 20%                | 80%        | 126       | 503         | 4.4        |  |
| 2012         | 58       | 100       | 37%                | 63%        | 94        | 571         | 5.4        |  |
| 2013         | 98       | 108       | 48%                | 52%        | 60        | 350         | 8.9        |  |
| 2015         | 60       | 58        | 51%                | 49%        | 46        | 437         | 12.2       |  |
| 2016         | 34       | 41        | 45%                | 55%        | 65        | 409         | 6.5        |  |
| 2017         | 47       | 59        | 44%                | 56%        | 90        | 509         | 7.5        |  |
| 2018         | 71       | 63        | 53%                | 47%        | 33        | 481         | 17.5       |  |
| 2019         | 58       | 55        | 52%                | 48%        | 46        | 599         | 18.3       |  |
| 2020         | 96       | 69        | 58%                | 42%        | 21        | 815         | 38.2       |  |
| 2021         | 140      | 171       | 45%                | 55%        | 79        | 1,040       | 23.1       |  |
| 2022         | 29       | 9         | 76%                | 24%        | 0.6       | 312         | 526        |  |
| 2023         | 36       | 18        | 67%                | 33%        | 10        | 249         | 24.9       |  |
| 1980-2023    | 4,733    | 4,449     | 52%                | 48%        | 25.9      | 158         | 6.1        |  |

Table 12b (updated January 1, 2024)
Number of IPOs Categorized by the LTM Sales (in 2011 \$), 1980-2023

|           | Number  | Number of IPOs |              | Percentage of IPOs |              |  |
|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| Year      | of IPOs | <\$1 billion   | >\$1 billion | <\$1 billion       | >\$1 billion |  |
| 1980      | 71      | 71             | 0            | 100%               | 0%           |  |
| 1981      | 192     | 190            | 2            | 99%                | 1%           |  |
| 1982      | 77      | 77             | 0            | 100%               | 0%           |  |
| 1983      | 451     | 440            | 11           | 98%                | 2%           |  |
| 1984      | 171     | 169            | 2            | 99%                | 1%           |  |
| 1985      | 186     | 182            | 4            | 98%                | 2%           |  |
| 1986      | 393     | 375            | 18           | 95%                | 5%           |  |
| 1987      | 285     | 267            | 18           | 94%                | 6%           |  |
| 1988      | 105     | 94             | 11           | 90%                | 10%          |  |
| 1989      | 116     | 108            | 8            | 93%                | 7%           |  |
| 1990      | 110     | 103            | 7            | 94%                | 6%           |  |
| 1991      | 286     | 270            | 16           | 94%                | 6%           |  |
| 1992      | 412     | 385            | 27           | 93%                | 7%           |  |
| 1993      | 510     | 481            | 29           | 94%                | 6%           |  |
| 1994      | 402     | 384            | 18           | 96%                | 4%           |  |
| 1995      | 462     | 437            | 25           | 95%                | 5%           |  |
| 1996      | 677     | 658            | 19           | 97%                | 3%           |  |
| 1997      | 474     | 450            | 24           | 95%                | 5%           |  |
| 1997      | 283     | 264            | 19           | 93%                | 7%           |  |
| 1999      | 476     | 455            | 21           | 96%                | 4%           |  |
| 2000      | 380     | 366            | 14           | 96%                | 4%<br>4%     |  |
|           | 80      |                |              |                    |              |  |
| 2001      |         | 60             | 20           | 75%                | 25%          |  |
| 2002      | 66      | 50             | 16           | 76%                | 24%          |  |
| 2003      | 63      | 58             | 5            | 92%                | 8%           |  |
| 2004      | 173     | 151            | 22           | 87%                | 13%          |  |
| 2005      | 159     | 139            | 20           | 87%                | 13%          |  |
| 2006      | 157     | 138            | 19           | 88%                | 12%          |  |
| 2007      | 159     | 142            | 17           | 89%                | 11%          |  |
| 2008      | 21      | 18             | 3            | 86%                | 14%          |  |
| 2009      | 41      | 28             | 13           | 68%                | 32%          |  |
| 2010      | 91      | 78             | 13           | 86%                | 14%          |  |
| 2011      | 81      | 67             | 14           | 83%                | 17%          |  |
| 2012      | 93      | 77             | 16           | 83%                | 17%          |  |
| 2013      | 158     | 128            | 30           | 81%                | 19%          |  |
| 2014      | 206     | 175            | 31           | 85%                | 15%          |  |
| 2015      | 118     | 107            | 11           | 91%                | 9%           |  |
| 2016      | 75      | 61             | 14           | 81%                | 19%          |  |
| 2017      | 106     | 90             | 16           | 85%                | 15%          |  |
| 2018      | 134     | 122            | 12           | 91%                | 9%           |  |
| 2019      | 112     | 103            | 9            | 92%                | 8%           |  |
| 2020      | 165     | 148            | 17           | 90%                | 10%          |  |
| 2021      | 311     | 286            | 25           | 92%                | 8%           |  |
| 2022      | 39      | 36             | 3            | 92%                | 8%           |  |
| 2023      | 54      | 47             | 7            | 87%                | 13%          |  |
| 1980-2023 | 9,181   | 8,535          | 646          | 93%                | 7%           |  |

### **Table 16** (updated March 8, 2023)

### Long-run Returns on IPOs Categorized by the Pre-issue Sales of the Firm, 1980-2021

All Last Twelve Months (LTM) sales figures for the firms going public have been converted into dollars of January 2022 purchasing power using the Consumer Price Index. 9,089 IPOs from 1980-2021 are used, with returns calculated through the end of December 2022. IPOs with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, ADRs, REITs, closed end funds, natural resource partnerships, banks and S&Ls, small best efforts offers, and IPOs not listed on CRSP within six months of the offer date are excluded. mm is millions of dollars. Buy-and-hold returns are calculated until the earlier of the three-year anniversary or the delisting date (no later than Dec. 31 of 2022 for IPOs from 2020 and 2021). Market-adjusted returns use the CRSP value-weighted index. Style adjustments use firms matched by market cap and book-to-market ratio with at least five years of CRSP listing and no follow-on equity issues in the prior five years. Specifically, the firm with the closest book-to-market ratio within the size decile of the IPO is used for the matching firm. For post-issue book value of equity numbers, I use the post-issue common equity numbers from SDC with corrections by checking the prospectus, and for the remaining missing numbers I use the equity book values reported for the nearest quarter after the IPO on COMPUSTAT, and further missing numbers are calculated using the reported pre-IPO equity book values plus the amount of the proceeds (assuming that overallotment option shares and costs of issuing offset each other) times the fraction of the primary shares. For dual-class shares, the post-issue book-to-market ratio is calculated using the larger of the post-issue number of shares reported from SDC (with corrections to account for all share classes) and the total shares outstanding reported from CRSP at end of the IPO date. Market capitalization (size) is calculated using the first closing market price after the IPO and the post-issue number of shares outstanding. If a matching firm is delisted before the IPO, it is assumed that the proceeds of the delisted firm are then invested in the next-best matching firm at the time of the IPO. All returns include dividends and capital gains, including the index returns.

|                   |                   | Average             | Averag | ge 3-year Buy-and-ho | old Return     |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------|
| Sales (in 2022\$) | Number<br>of IPOs | First-day<br>Return | IPOs   | Market-adjusted      | Style-adjusted |
| 0-9.999 mm        | 1,766             | 23.6%               | -14.0% | -47.4%               | -32.4%         |
| 10-19.999 mm      | 677               | 27.1%               | -1.3%  | -38.1%               | -17.5%         |
| 20-49.999 mm      | 1,454             | 24.5%               | 15.2%  | -26.2%               | -10.1%         |
| 50-99.999 mm      | 1,405             | 18.8%               | 30.5%  | -12.1%               | -0.6%          |
| 100-499.999 mm    | 2,450             | 14.5%               | 39.6%  | -0.5%                | 6.2%           |
| 500 mm and up     | 1,337             | 10.4%               | 31.0%  | -3.0%                | -3.4%          |
| 0-99.999 mm       | 5,302             | 23.0%               | 7.4%   | -31.1%               | -16.0%         |
| 100 mm and up     | 3,787             | 13.1%               | 36.6%  | -1.4%                | 2.8%           |
| 1980-2021         | 9,089             | 18.9%               | 19.6%  | -18.7%               | -8.1%          |

### **Table 16a** (updated March 8, 2023)

## Long-run Returns on IPOs Categorized by the Pre-issue Sales of the Firm, 1980-2021

The caption to Table 16 describes the return calculations in more detail. The average 3-year buyand-hold returns are calculated starting at the closing market price on the first day of trading.

|                       |                   | Average             | Avera | ige 3-year Buy-and-l | nold Return    |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| Sales (in 2021\$)     | Number<br>of IPOs | First-day<br>Return | IPOs  | Market-adjusted      | Style-adjusted |
|                       |                   |                     |       |                      |                |
| Less than \$1 billion | 8,321             | 19.7%               | 18.4% | -20.4%               | -9.2%          |
| \$1 billion and up    | 768               | 9.3%                | 32.5% | 0.2%                 | 3.5%           |
| 1980-2021             | 9,089             | 18.9%               | 19.6% | -18.7%               | -8.1%          |

Note: The -18.7% 3-year market-adjusted buy-and-hold return for all IPOs corresponds to an annualized market-adjusted return of -5.0% per year, with an average holding period of 2.8 years, because 1.196/1.383=0.865 (which is the wealth relative, or public market equivalent), and 0.865<sup>0.357</sup>=0.950. The 38.3% buy-and-hold market return is 18.7% above the 19.6% average buy-and-hold return, and 0.357 is equal to 1/2.8. Alternatively stated, underperformance of 5.0% per year for 2.8 years results in a wealth relative of 0.865.

#### **Table 16b** (updated March 8, 2023)

## Long-run Returns on IPOs Categorized by the Profitability of the Firm, 1980-2021

All Last Twelve Months (LTM) sales figures for the firms going public have been converted into dollars of January 2022 purchasing power using the Consumer Price Index. 9,089 IPOs (including the 2016 IPO of BATS Global Markets, which listed on BATS) from 1980-2021 are used, with returns calculated through the end of December 31, 2022. IPOs with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, ADRs, REITs, closed end funds, natural resource partnerships, banks and S&Ls, small best efforts offers, and IPOs not listed on CRSP within six months of the offer date are excluded. Buy-and-hold returns are calculated from the first closing market price until the earlier of the three-year anniversary or the delisting date (Dec. 31 of 2022) for IPOs from 2020 and 2021). Market-adjusted returns use the CRSP value-weighted index. Style adjustments use firms matched by market cap and book-to-market ratio with at least five years of CRSP listing and no follow-on equity issues in the prior five years. The market-adjusted and style-adjusted returns are the average buy-and-hold return on the IPOs minus the average compounded return on the benchmark. For post-issue book value of equity numbers, I use the post-issue common equity numbers from SDC with corrections by checking the prospectus, and for the remaining missing numbers I use the equity book values reported for the nearest quarter after the IPO on COMPUSTAT, and further missing numbers are calculated using the reported pre-IPO equity book values plus the amount of the proceeds (assuming that overallotment option shares and costs of issuing offset each other) times the fraction of the primary shares. For dualclass shares, the post-issue book-to-market ratio is calculated using the larger of the post-issue number of shares reported from SDC (with corrections to account for all share classes) and the total shares outstanding reported from CRSP at end of the IPO date. Market capitalization (size) is calculated using the first closing market price after the IPO and the post-issue number of shares outstanding. Earnings per share (EPS) is for the pre-IPO last twelve months (LTM). All returns include dividends and capital gains, including the index returns.

|                      |                   | Average          | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                 |                |  |  |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Trailing LTM EPS     | Number<br>of IPOs | First-day Return | IPOs                               | Market-adjusted | Style-adjusted |  |  |
| Unprofitable         | 3,811             | 26.6%            | -0.3%                              | -27.8%          | -22.3%         |  |  |
| Profitable           | 5,278             | 13.3%            | 34.0%                              | -12.1%          | 2.1%           |  |  |
|                      | Sales             | s less than \$10 | 00 million (                       | \$2022)         |                |  |  |
| Unprofitable         | 2,866             | 29.5%            | -8.7%                              | -36.9%          | -28.3%         |  |  |
| Profitable           | 2,436             | 15.4%            | 26.5%                              | -24.2%          | -1.4%          |  |  |
| All less than \$100m | 5,302             | 23.0%            | 7.4%                               | -31.1%          | -16.0%         |  |  |
|                      | Sales             | more than \$1    | 00 million                         | (\$2022)        |                |  |  |
| Unprofitable         | 945               | 17.5%            | 25.1%                              | -0.2%           | -4.0%          |  |  |
| Profitable           | 2,842             | 11.6%            | 40.4%                              | -1.8%           | 5.1%           |  |  |
| All more than \$100m | 3,787             | 13.1%            | 36.6%                              | -1.4%           | 2.8%           |  |  |
| 1980-2021            | 9,089             | 18.9%            | 19.6%                              | -18.7%          | -8.1%          |  |  |

# **Table 16c** (updated August 7, 2023)

# Long-run Returns Measured from the Offer Price on Tech and non-Tech Stock IPOs Excluding the Internet Bubble, 1980-2021

# Panel A: IPOs from 1980-2021, excluding 1999-2000, categorized by industry

|          |       | Average             | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |  |
|----------|-------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
|          |       | First-day<br>Return | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |  |
| Tech     | 2,674 | 20.0%               | 72.9%                              | 27.1%               | 46.1%              |  |
| Non-Tech | 5,558 | 11.3%               | 30.9%                              | -12.9%              | -0.6%              |  |
| All      | 8,232 | 14.1%               | 44.6%                              | 0.1%                | 14.6%              |  |

# Panel B: Categorized by sales and industry (sales in \$2021)

|                       |                | Average          | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| LTM Sales             | Number of IPOs | First-day Return | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |
| Sales < \$100 million |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 1,840          | 20.0%            | 67.7%                              | 17.0%               | 41.5%              |
| Non-Tech              | 2,925          | 13.1%            | 16.4%                              | -28.4%              | -10.6%             |
| Sales> \$100 million  |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 834            | 19.9%            | 84.4%                              | 49.5%               | 56.4%              |
| Non-Tech              | 2,633          | 9.3%             | 47.1%                              | 4.4%                | 10.6%              |

# Panel C: Profitable issuers, categorized by sales and industry

|                       |                | Average<br>First-day<br>Return | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| LTM Sales             | Number of IPOs |                                | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |
| Sales < \$100 million |                |                                |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 1,010          | 17.6%                          | 70.6%                              | 15.2%               | 43.0%              |
| Non-Tech              | 1,452          | 11.8%                          | 28.8%                              | -22.5%              | 0.2%               |
| Sales> \$100 million  |                |                                |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 467            | 16.4%                          | 96.6%                              | 53.4%               | 63.5%              |
| Non-Tech              | 2,161          | 9.2%                           | 49.6%                              | 5.1%                | 12.9%              |

# Panel D: Unprofitable issuers, categorized by sales and industry

|                       |                | Average          | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| LTM Sales             | Number of IPOs | First-day Return | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |
| Sales < \$100 million |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 830            | 22.9%            | 64.2%                              | 19.1%               | 39.6%              |
| Non-Tech              | 1,473          | 14.4%            | 4.2%                               | -34.3%              | -21.3%             |
| Sales> \$100 million  |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 367            | 24.4%            | 68.4%                              | 44.7%               | 47.4%              |
| Non-Tech              | 472            | 9.5%             | 35.7%                              | 1.2%                | -0.1%              |

# **Table 16d** (updated August 7, 2023)

# Long-run Returns Measured from the First Closing Market Price on Tech and non-Tech Stock IPOs Excluding the Internet Bubble, 1980-2021

# Panel A: IPOs from 1980-2021, excluding 1999-2000, categorized by industry

| Industry | Number First-d | Average          | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |
|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|          |                | First-day Return | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |
| Tech     | 2,674          | 20.0%            | 42.0%                              | -3.8%               | 15.2%              |
| Non-Tech | 5,558          | 11.3%            | 20.0%                              | -23.8%              | -11.5%             |
| All      | 8,232          | 14.1%            | 27.2%                              | -17.3%              | -2.8%              |

# Panel B: Categorized by sales and industry (sales in \$2021)

|                       |                | Average          | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| LTM Sales             | Number of IPOs | First-day Return | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |
| Sales < \$100 million |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 1,840          | 20.0%            | 36.7%                              | -14.1%              | 10.4%              |
| Non-Tech              | 2,925          | 13.1%            | 6.3%                               | -38.6%              | -20.8%             |
| Sales> \$100 million  |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 834            | 19.9%            | 53.8%                              | 18.9%               | 25.8%              |
| Non-Tech              | 2,633          | 9.3%             | 35.3%                              | -7.4%               | -1.2%              |

## Panel C: Profitable issuers, categorized by sales and industry

|                       |                                 | Average | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                    |        |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| LTM Sales             | Number First-day of IPOs Return | IPOs    | Market-<br>adjusted                | Style-<br>adjusted |        |
| Sales < \$100 million |                                 |         |                                    |                    |        |
| Tech                  | 1,010                           | 17.6%   | 42.4%                              | -13.0%             | 14.8%  |
| Non-Tech              | 1,452                           | 11.8%   | 18.2%                              | -33.1%             | -10.5% |
| Sales> \$100 million  |                                 |         |                                    |                    |        |
| Tech                  | 467                             | 16.4%   | 66.8%                              | 23.2%              | 33.4%  |
| Non-Tech              | 2,161                           | 9.2%    | 37.4%                              | -7.1%              | 0.7%   |

# Panel D: Unprofitable issuers, categorized by sales and industry

|                       |                | Average          | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |                     |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| LTM Sales             | Number of IPOs | First-day Return | IPOs                               | Market-<br>adjusted | Style-<br>adjusted |
| Sales < \$100 million |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 830            | 22.9%            | 29.8%                              | -15.3%              | 5.2%               |
| Non-Tech              | 1,473          | 14.4%            | -5.5%                              | -44.0%              | -31.0%             |
| Sales> \$100 million  |                |                  |                                    |                     |                    |
| Tech                  | 367            | 24.4%            | 37.1%                              | 13.4%               | 16.1%              |
| Non-Tech              | 472            | 9.5%             | 25.6%                              | -8.9%               | -10.2%             |

# Table 18a Long-run Returns on IPOs Categorized by VC-backing and Real Sales

This table appears as Table 7 in "Going Public with IPOs and SPAC Mergers" by Rongbing Huang, Jay R. Ritter, and Donghang Zhang, forthcoming in *Research Handbook on the Structure of Private Equity and Venture Capital*. The sample is composed of 9,088 IPOs from 1980-2021, with returns calculated through the end of December 2022. IPOs with an offer price below \$5.00 per share, unit offers, small best efforts offerings, ADRs, REITs, closed end funds, SPACs, natural resource limited partnerships, banks and S&Ls, and IPOs not listed on CRSP within six months of the offer date are excluded. Buy-and-hold returns are calculated from the first closing market price in Panels A and B, and from the offer price in Panels C and D, until the earlier of the three-year anniversary or the delisting date (Dec. 30 of 2022 for IPOs from 2020 and 2021). Market-adjusted returns use the CRSP value-weighted index. Style adjustments use firms matched by market cap and book-to-market ratio with at least five years of CRSP listing and no follow-on equity issues in the prior five years. Sales are the trailing twelve month revenues listed in the IPO prospectus, measured in terms of dollars of January 2022 purchasing power using the CPI.

Panel A: IPOs with Sales<\$100 million from 1980-2021 categorized by VC-backing

|                  |         | Average   | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |          |          |
|------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                  | Number  | First-day |                                    | Market-  | Style-   |
| VC-backed or not | of IPOs | Return    | IPOs                               | adjusted | adjusted |
| VC-backed        | 2,710   | 28.6%     | 12.4%                              | -19.9%   | -8.1%    |
| NonVC-backed     | 2,582   | 17.1%     | 2.4%                               | -42.7%   | -24.1%   |
| All              | 5,292   | 23.0%     | 7.5%                               | -31.0%   | -15.9%   |

Panel B: IPOs with Sales>\$100 million from 1980-2021 categorized by VC-backing

|                  |         | Average   | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |          |          |
|------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                  | Number  | First-day |                                    | Market-  | Style-   |
| VC-backed or not | of IPOs | Return    | IPOs                               | adjusted | adjusted |
| VC-backed        | 949     | 22.5%     | 48.1%                              | 12.5%    | 12.2%    |
| NonVC-backed     | 2,847   | 10.0%     | 32.6%                              | -6.1%    | -0.5%    |
| All              | 3,796   | 13.1%     | 36.4%                              | -1.5%    | 2.7%     |

Panel C: IPOs with Sales<\$100 million, with returns measured from the offer price

|                  |         | Average   | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |          |          |
|------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                  | Number  | First-day |                                    | Market-  | Style-   |
| VC-backed or not | of IPOs | Return    | IPOs                               | adjusted | adjusted |
| VC-backed        | 2,710   | 28.6%     | 34.9%                              | 2.6%     | 14.4%    |
| NonVC-backed     | 2,582   | 17.1%     | 15.4%                              | -29.7%   | -11.1%   |
| All              | 5,292   | 23.0%     | 25.4%                              | -13.2%   | 2.0%     |

Panel D: IPOs with Sales>\$100 million, with returns measured from the offer price

|                  |         | Average   | Average 3-year Buy-and-hold Return |          |          |
|------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                  | Number  | First-day |                                    | Market-  | Style-   |
| VC-backed or not | of IPOs | Return    | IPOs                               | adjusted | adjusted |
| VC-backed        | 949     | 22.5%     | 78.4%                              | 42.8%    | 42.5%    |
| NonVC-backed     | 2,847   | 10.0%     | 44.3%                              | 5.6%     | 11.2%    |
| All              | 3,796   | 13.1%     | 52.8%                              | 14.9%    | 19.0%    |