

Table I

Number of IPOs by Calendar Year, Proceeds, and Gross Spread, 1985-1999

The sample consists of 3,656 firm commitment initial public offerings (IPOs) with domestic gross proceeds of at least \$20 million before the exercise of the overallotment option. Securities Data Co. is the source of the data. Closed-end funds, REITs, ADRs, and unit offerings are excluded. The amount of proceeds is expressed in terms of dollars of 1997 purchasing power (except IPOs in 1999), using the U.S. GDP price deflator. There are three categories of gross spreads expressed as a percentage of proceeds: below 7%, 7%, and above 7%.

Year	Panel A: \$20-79.99 million proceeds				Panel B: \$80 million – up proceeds				Panel C: All IPOs			
	Gross Spread				Gross Spread				Gross Spread			
	Below 7%	7%	Above 7%	All	Below 7%	7%	Above 7%	All	Below 7%	7%	Above 7%	All
1985	38	18	22	78	16	1	3	20	54 (55%)	19 (19%)	25 (26%)	98
1986	92	38	51	181	42	8	8	58	134 (56%)	46 (19%)	59 (25%)	239
1987	51	49	39	139	29	4	3	36	80 (46%)	53 (30%)	42 (24%)	175
1988	16	22	10	48	13	3	0	16	29 (45%)	25 (39%)	10 (16%)	64
1989	13	32	8	53	13	2	0	15	26 (38%)	34 (50%)	8 (12%)	68
1990	13	37	14	64	12	0	0	12	25 (33%)	37 (49%)	14 (18%)	76
1991	26	109	27	162	46	2	0	48	72 (34%)	111 (53%)	27 (13%)	210
1992	25	155	18	198	62	4	1	67	87 (33%)	159 (60%)	19 (7%)	265
1993	26	223	18	267	68	10	0	78	94 (27%)	233 (68%)	18 (5%)	345
1994	18	153	16	187	35	5	0	40	53 (23%)	158 (70%)	16 (7%)	227
1995	14	248	12	274	53	12	0	65	67 (20%)	260 (77%)	12 (3%)	339
1996	21	348	14	383	74	26	2	102	95 (20%)	374 (77%)	16 (3%)	485
1997	15	256	16	287	59	30	1	90	74 (20%)	286 (76%)	17 (4%)	377
1998	6	158	3	167	45	23	0	68	51 (22%)	181 (77%)	3 (1%)	235
1999	6	272	5	283	57	113	0	170	63 (14%)	385 (85%)	5 (1%)	453
1985-87	181 (46%)	105 (26%)	112 (28%)	398 (100%)	87 (76%)	13 (12%)	14 (12%)	114 (100%)	268 (52%)	118 (23%)	126 (25%)	512
1988-94	137 (14%)	731 (75%)	111 (11%)	979 (100%)	249 (90%)	26 (10%)	1 (0%)	276 (100%)	386 (31%)	757 (60%)	112 (9%)	1,255
1995-99	62 (4%)	1,282 (92%)	50 (4%)	1,394 (100%)	288 (58%)	204 (41%)	3 (1%)	495 (100%)	350 (18%)	1,486 (79%)	53 (3%)	1,889