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SEC in 2023, the most of any audit firm.

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EY audited 1,004 of the 6,950 public companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission between March 1, 2022, and May 14, 2023, the most of any audit firm, according to a [new analysis](#) by Audit Analytics.

Overall, 258 audit firms competed for those 6,950 public company clients—a 4.5%

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Rank	Audit Firm	Clients	Market Share
1.	EY	1,004	14%
2.	Deloitte	887	13%
3.	PwC	720	10%
4.	KPMG	612	9%
5.	Marcum	521	7%
6.	GT	288	4%
7.	BDO	221	3%
8.	BF Borgers	187	3%
9.	Withum	177	3%
10.	RSM US	138	2%

The top 10 firms are the same as last year, even though some positions have changed, according to Audit Analytics. Grant Thornton, BDO USA, and BF Borgers moved up to sixth, seventh, and eighth place, respectively. Withum, which was sixth in 2022, dropped to ninth in 2023 with 177 audit clients, down from 296 last year. And even though BDO USA moved up one spot to seventh in 2023, the firm lost 15 audit clients over the past year.

One thing that has influenced audit market share over the past few years is the emergence of special-purpose acquisition companies and shell companies, Audit Analytics said. As of May 14, there were 707 SPACs and shell companies registered with the SEC. After removing SPACs, the top 10 firms by registrant count changes.

Audit Analytics said:

While the Big Four figures remain relatively unchanged, the smaller firms shift slightly. Most notably, the shifts in rank for Grant Thornton and Marcum when excluding SPACs.

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Top 10 Audit Firms

Excluding SPACs

Rank	Auditor	# of Clients	Market Share
1	EY	1,002	16%
2	Deloitte	886	14%
3	PwC	719	12%
4	KPMG	608	10%
5	Grant Thornton	272	4%
6	Marcum	235	4%
7	BDO	188	3%
8	BF Borgers	151	2%
9	RSM	136	2%
10	Crowe	84	1%

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The Big Four firms dominated the market share of large-accelerated filers, auditing 88% of this market. EY remained in the lead for a seventh consecutive year with 600 clients, auditing 28% of all large-accelerated filers. Outside of the Big Four, there were 33 other firms that competed for the remaining 12% of the large-accelerated filer market. Since last year's analysis, the population of large-accelerated filers decreased by 4%, according to Audit Analytics.

Deloitte is once again the top audit firm of both accelerated filers (19% of market share) and non-accelerated filers (20% of market share).

You can find out more results of the Audit Analytics analysis [here](#).

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