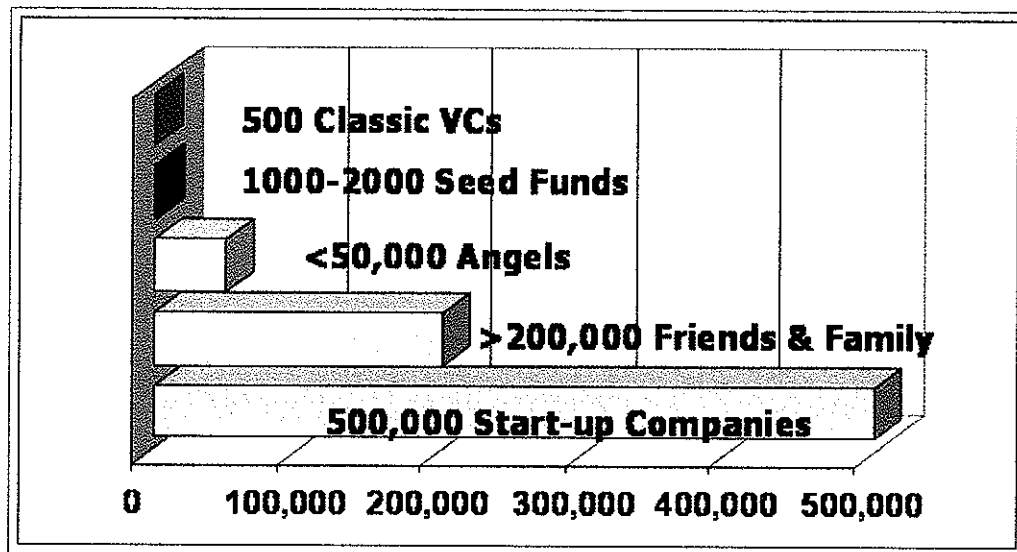


Risk Capital Measures

At the very early stages of most businesses, funding comes from founders, friends and family, debt and from research and technology transfer grants such as those offered by the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. The following graphic depicts the yearly average number of start-ups in the United States and their primary sources of funding.

New Company Formation: Source of Funds – Typical Year



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