

Maryland

Maryland's 522,822 small businesses provide economic opportunities to diverse groups of people and bring innovative products and services to the marketplace.* This profile from the Office of Advocacy compiles the latest facts and figures on the status and role of small business in the state. (Note that a small business is defined here as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Maryland had 112,547 small employers in 2006, representing 97.7% of the state's employers and 53.4% of its private-sector employment.
- The construction industry was the state's largest small business employer in 2006; health care and social assistance was the largest overall employer (Table 1).
- Small businesses created all of the state's net new jobs from 2004 to 2005 (Table 2).
- Maryland's real gross state product increased by 2.0% in 2007. By comparison, growth in the Mid-Atlantic region was 2.8% and the United States, 2.0%. (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Bureau of Economic Analysis)

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* The number of small businesses is the number of small employers plus the number of nonemployers in 2006.

Maryland Small Business Facts

	Level in 2006†	% Change from 2005 2000	
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	112,547	0.7	8.9
Large employers (500+ employees)	2,602	1.3	-0.3
Nonemployers	410,275	2.6	27.1
	Level in 2002†	% Change from 1997	
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	248,100	14.2	
Woman-owned	137,410	18.7	
Equally male/female-owned	43,644	-23.4	
African American-owned	69,410	45.8	
Asian-owned	26,184	19.1	
Hispanic-owned	15,353	37.6	
Native American/Alaskan-owned	3,589	NA	
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-owned	83	-55.4	
	Level in 2007†	% Change from 2006 2000	
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	2,131	0.6	6.3
Government employment	479	1.7	6.5
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	268	-3.4	9.3
Female self-employment	92	-7.7	4.4
Male self-employment	177	-1.0	12.0
Minority self-employment	62	-9.1	51.4
Veteran self-employment	33	2.1	-15.4
Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	-0.2	-
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	28,018	-0.8	9.6
Quarterly establishment closings	28,736	6.8	8.2
Business bankruptcies	380	14.1	-72.0
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	17.9	6.2	64.1
Bank branches	1,805	3.2	5.5
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000	78,325	125.7	NA
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)	923	4.0	NA
Sources: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Summary of Deposits; and U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy (www.sba.gov/advo/research/lending.html).			
† Latest available data; certain figures are economywide.			

**Table 1. Firms and Employment in Maryland by Industry and Firm Size, 2006
(Non-farm, thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer firms	Employer firms			Employment		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	410.3	115.1	98.4	112.5	2,232.2	407.6	1,192.4
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.8	0.2	1.0
Utilities	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	9.9	(D)	0.9
Construction	41.7	17.0	15.0	16.9	196.7	60.8	165.4
Manufacturing	3.9	3.4	2.4	3.2	131.1	12.9	61.9
Wholesale trade	5.7	5.2	3.8	4.8	98.3	16.7	59.5
Retail trade	32.9	12.9	11.1	12.4	307.1	50.7	119.3
Transportation and warehousing	19.1	3.4	2.7	3.2	68.1	9.8	28.3
Information	7.3	1.5	1.1	1.3	61.4	4.0	18.5
Finance and insurance	12.8	4.8	4.0	4.5	125.5	14.9	43.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	52.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	50.2	13.5	31.8
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	69.1	18.1	16.0	17.8	228.1	51.9	137.4
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.6	0.1	0.4	51.0	0.3	7.9
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	29.6	7.2	5.9	6.9	176.6	23.7	86.0
Educational services	12.8	1.7	1.3	1.7	67.2	5.5	34.9
Health care and social assistance	43.9	12.0	10.3	11.8	310.5	50.0	149.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	21.0	2.0	1.7	2.0	37.3	7.1	26.3
Accommodation and food services	5.6	8.3	6.4	8.1	193.9	33.7	121.4
Other services (except public admin.)	48.9	12.7	11.5	12.6	116.2	50.8	98.7
Unclassified	--	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	(D)	0.5

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html for data from other years, and for starts, closures, job creation and destruction by industry and by size category.)

(D) Data suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individual firms.

Table 2: Net Job Change by Firm Size, 2002–2005 (Non-farm)

	Total	Employment size of firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2004 - 2005	15,623	15,344	3,617	1,431	-1,245	-2,472	16,675	-1,052
2003 - 2004	62,197	21,384	7,878	6,012	13,129	-737	47,666	14,531
2002 - 2003	26,131	18,229	6,271	2,171	10,089	10,741	47,501	-21,370

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2007 (Non-farm, thousands)

	Establishments				Employment			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 4	7.6	28.7	29.5	7.5	27.3	107.2	110.8	27.1
Quarter 3	7.9	28.9	30.1	7.6	29.6	106.6	111.4	27.0
Quarter 2	5.6	29.1	29.4	6.4	19.5	109.8	107.3	21.5
Quarter 1	7.0	29.3	29.5	7.3	24.1	106.8	103.8	22.2

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics. (For more detailed data see www.bls.gov/bdm/home.htm.)

Note: The establishment turnover figures contain all firm sizes, but Census data from 2005 showed that 87 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.