

Oregon

Oregon's 338,866 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.)

- Oregon had 90,672 small employers in 2006, representing 97.8% of the state's employers and 57.2% of its private-sector employment.
- The accommodation and food services industry was the state's largest small business employer in 2006; retail trade was the largest overall employer (Table 1).
- Small businesses created 64.6% of the state's net new jobs from 2004 to 2005 (Table 2).
- Oregon's real gross state product increased by 3.2% in 2007. By comparison, growth in the Far West region was 1.9% and the United States, 2.0%. (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Bureau of Economic Analysis)

For Further Information

- Data on all the states and territories is available at www.sba.gov/advo/research/profiles.
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* The number of small businesses is the number of small employers plus the number of nonemployers in 2006.

Oregon Small Business Facts

	Level in 2006†	% Change from 2005 2000	
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	90,672	1.4	9.1
Large employers (500+ employees)	2,023	2.6	-0.6
Nonemployers	248,194	0.8	17.0
	Level in 2002†	% Change from 1997	
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	151,986	11.0	
Woman-owned	88,317	9.7	
Equally male/female-owned	48,733	-28.4	
African American-owned	2,222	0.1	
Asian-owned	9,046	26.1	
Hispanic-owned	6,360	5.6	
Native American/Alaskan-owned	3,061	NA	
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-owned	350	2.6	
	Level in 2007†	% Change from 2006 2000	
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	1,442	1.7	7.6
Government employment	290	1.4	4.1
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	272	-3.3	3.7
Female self-employment	111	3.4	3.4
Male self-employment	161	-7.5	3.9
Minority self-employment	14	-6.0	79.9
Veteran self-employment	35	-4.3	-5.1
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	-0.2	0.1
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	22,619	-0.7	0.9
Quarterly establishment closings	22,520	9.7	2.2
Business bankruptcies	265	-12.0	-75.0
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	10.3	2.9	35.1
Bank branches	1,086	1.4	10.3
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000	19,081	10.6	NA
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)	513	9.5	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 Oregon 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	248.2	92.7	81.0	90.7	1,461.7	323.5	836.1
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	5.9	1.4	1.3	1.4	12.6	4.1	12.0
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.5	1.3
Utilities	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	8.0	0.3	1.2
Construction	24.8	14.4	13.4	14.3	96.7	45.5	87.5
Manufacturing	6.2	5.3	3.9	5.0	188.9	20.7	94.5
Wholesale trade	4.5	4.8	3.5	4.4	77.4	14.9	49.1
Retail trade	24.1	10.2	8.7	9.9	208.1	40.1	95.5
Transportation and warehousing	9.1	2.7	2.2	2.6	54.8	8.0	23.0
Information	4.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	37.6	4.0	13.4
Finance and insurance	7.3	3.8	3.3	3.6	68.5	9.8	26.0
Real estate and rental and leasing	29.3	5.4	5.1	5.4	32.3	12.8	25.4
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	38.1	10.7	9.8	10.5	79.8	30.8	58.3
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.5	0.1	0.3	41.3	0.1	5.2
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	14.4	4.7	4.0	4.6	95.4	15.1	46.3
Educational services	5.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	37.8	4.0	17.4
Health care and social assistance	25.1	8.8	7.7	8.7	186.7	34.6	99.8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	14.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	24.4	5.1	18.0
Accommodation and food services	3.3	7.9	6.4	7.8	145.7	39.8	105.9
Other services (except public admin.)	31.2	8.5	7.9	8.4	63.3	32.6	55.7
Unclassified	--	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6

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.)

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	55,525	16,769	4,772	3,768	6,718	3,851	35,878	19,647
2003 - 2004	16,162	13,856	3,737	533	4,280	1,269	23,675	-7,513
2002 - 2003	9,695	15,774	3,890	1,339	3,653	-3,528	21,128	-11,433

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	6.0	24.9	24.7	5.7	20.6	86.1	85.5	17.7
Quarter 3	5.4	24.6	24.4	5.8	16.5	84.3	81.6	16.5
Quarter 2	5.2	25.1	24.6	6.0	14.7	86.5	85.2	19.5
Quarter 1	5.9	25.8	23.5	5.1	16.6	88.1	82.2	13.8

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.