

Table 616. Average Percent Share of Private Sector Gross Job Gains and Losses by Firm Size: 1992 through 2006

[In percent. Covers third quarter 1992 through fourth quarter 2006. Data are for firms (legal businesses, either corporate or otherwise, which may consist of several establishments). Based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages; for details see source]

Item	1 to 4 employ- ees	5 to 9 employ- ees	10 to 19 employ- ees	20 to 49 employ- ees	50 to 99 employ- ees	100 to 249 employ- ees	250 to 499 employ- ees	500 to 999 employ- ees	1,000 or more
Gross job gains	14.4	11.5	11.9	14.3	9.1	9.7	5.9	4.9	18.3
Expanding firms . . .	7.0	10.6	12.0	15.2	10.0	11.1	6.8	5.7	21.6
Opening firms.	52.3	16.0	11.6	9.7	4.2	3.0	1.3	0.8	1.1
Gross job losses	14.7	11.9	12.2	14.4	9.1	9.6	5.8	4.8	17.5
Contracting firms. . .	7.5	11.1	12.3	15.3	10.0	10.8	6.7	5.5	20.8
Closing firms	49.8	15.6	11.6	10.1	4.7	3.8	1.7	1.2	1.5
Net growth	9.5	6.3	8.0	12.3	9.4	11.7	7.4	6.2	29.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Business Employment Dynamics, Fourth Quarter 2006 News*, USDL 07-1244, August 16, 2007. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/bdm/home.htm>>.