

Table 738. Firm Births and Deaths by Employment Size of Enterprise: 1990 to 2004

[In thousands (541.1 represents 541,100). Data represent activity from March of the beginning year to March of the ending year. Establishments with no employment in the first quarter of the beginning year were excluded. This table provides the number of births and deaths of initial establishments (based on Census ID) as an approximation of firm births and deaths]

Item	Births (initial locations)				Deaths (initial locations)			
	Total	Less than 20 employees	Less than 500 employees	500 employees or more	Total	Less than 20 employees	Less than 500 employees	500 employees or more
Firms:								
1990 to 1991	541.1	515.9	540.9	0.3	546.5	517.0	546.1	0.4
1995 to 1996	597.8	572.4	597.5	0.3	512.4	485.5	512.0	0.4
1998 to 1999	579.6	554.3	579.3	0.3	544.5	514.3	544.0	0.4
1999 to 2000	574.3	548.0	574.0	0.3	542.8	514.2	542.4	0.5
2000 to 2001	585.1	558.0	584.8	0.3	553.3	524.0	552.8	0.5
2001 to 2002	569.8	541.5	568.3	1.5	586.9	557.1	586.5	0.4
2002 to 2003	612.3	585.6	612.0	0.3	540.7	514.6	540.3	0.3
2003 to 2004	628.9	601.9	628.7	0.3	541.0	515.0	540.7	0.3
Employment:								
1990 to 1991	3,105	1,713	2,907	198	3,208	1,723	3,044	164
1995 to 1996	3,256	1,845	3,056	200	3,100	1,560	2,808	291
1998 to 1999	3,225	1,670	2,991	235	3,180	1,645	2,969	210
1999 to 2000	3,229	1,793	3,031	198	3,177	1,654	2,946	230
2000 to 2001	3,418	1,821	3,109	310	3,262	1,701	3,050	212
2001 to 2002	3,370	1,748	3,034	336	3,660	1,755	3,257	403
2002 to 2003	3,667	1,856	3,174	493	3,324	1,608	2,880	445
2003 to 2004	3,575	1,889	3,241	334	3,221	1,615	2,868	353

¹ A change in methodology ("based on Census ID" rather than "plant number") has affected the allocation of firms by employment size.

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, "Firm Size Data, Statistics of U.S. Businesses and Nonemployer Statistics"; <<http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html>>; accessed 6 April 2007.