

**Table 764. Firm Births and Deaths by Employment Size of Enterprise: 1990 to 2006**

[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)			
	Less than 20	Less than 500	500 employees	500 employees or more	Less than 20	Less than 500 employees	500 employees	500 employees or more
	Total	employees	employees	or more	Total	employees	employees	or more
<b>Firms:</b>								
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
2000 to 2001	585.1	558.0	584.8	0.3	553.3	524.0	552.8	0.5
2001 to 2002 <sup>1</sup>	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
2004 to 2005	644.1	616.0	643.9	0.3	565.7	539.1	565.5	0.3
2005 to 2006	670.1	640.7	669.8	0.2	599.3	573.3	599.1	0.3
<b>Employment:</b>								
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
2000 to 2001	3,418	1,821	3,109	310	3,262	1,701	3,050	212
2001 to 2002 <sup>1</sup>	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
2004 to 2005	3,609	1,931	3,279	330	3,307	1,685	2,981	326
2005 to 2006	3,682	1,999	3,412	270	3,220	1,711	2,964	256

<sup>1</sup> 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>>.

**Table 765. Establishments and Employment Changes from Births, Deaths, Expansions, and Contractions by Employment Size of Enterprise: 2005 to 2006**

[In thousands (6,639 represents 6,639,000), except percent. See headnote, Table 764. An establishment is a single physical location at which business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. An enterprise is a business organization consisting of one or more domestic establishments under common ownership or control. Minus sign (-) indicates decrease]

Employment size of firm	Establishments Births <sup>1</sup> Deaths <sup>2</sup> Employment Change in employment					Percent change in employment due to—			
						Births <sup>1</sup>	Deaths <sup>2</sup>	Births and expansions <sup>3</sup>	Deaths and contractions <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,639</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>116,294</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>-13.2</b>
1-4	2,857	514	467	5,932	1,002	15.1	-13.3	37.9	-21.0
5-9	1,062	85	73	6,893	296	8.0	-6.8	21.6	-17.3
10-19	662	43	37	8,449	292	6.6	-5.5	18.7	-15.3
20-99	678	42	31	20,438	590	5.4	-4.3	16.0	-13.1
100-499	328	29	15	16,910	346	5.3	-3.7	14.5	-12.5
Less than 500	5,587	713	623	58,622	2,526	6.8	-5.5	18.8	-14.5
500 or more	1,052	112	79	57,672	1,073	4.8	-3.7	13.6	-11.7

<sup>1</sup> Births are establishments that have zero employment in the first quarter of the initial year and positive employment in the first quarter of the subsequent year. <sup>2</sup> Deaths are establishments that have positive employment in the first quarter of the initial year and zero employment in the first quarter of the subsequent year. <sup>3</sup> Expansions are establishments that have positive first quarter employment in both the initial and subsequent years and increase employment during the time period between the first quarter of the initial year and the first quarter of the subsequent year. <sup>4</sup> Contractions are establishments that have positive first quarter employment in both the initial and subsequent years and decrease employment during the time period between the first quarter of the initial year and the first quarter of the subsequent year.

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, "Statistics of U.S. Businesses," <<http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html>>, accessed August 2010.