

**Table 748. Employer Firm Births and Deaths and Business Bankruptcies by State: 2005 to 2008**

[Births represent an employing unit which is determined, for the first time, as meeting the definition of "employer" in the state unemployment compensation law or a previously terminated employing unit, which again is determined as meeting the definition of employer]

State	Births			Deaths			Business bankruptcies <sup>1</sup>		
	2005	2007	2008	2005	2007	2008	2005	2007	2008
<b>United States <sup>2</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>938,927</b>	<b>923,932</b>	<b>874,816</b>	<b>935,736</b>	<b>926,283</b>	<b>966,647</b>	<b>32,406</b>	<b>23,889</b>	<b>33,822</b>
Alabama . . . . .	10,575	9,813	9,194	10,168	10,710	11,468	322	285	395
Alaska . . . . .	1,982	1,777	1,922	2,294	3,615	2,879	67	63	76
Arizona . . . . .	21,339	18,208	15,847	18,249	16,019	21,219	522	332	691
Arkansas . . . . .	7,591	8,157	8,499	7,021	7,596	7,511	363	335	429
California . . . . .	121,482	113,829	103,572	151,944	143,591	150,314	3,576	2,697	4,697
Colorado . . . . .	26,610	23,035	21,921	14,035	23,080	27,591	748	536	756
Connecticut . . . . .	9,220	9,265	9,164	11,131	11,052	11,488	104	250	366
Delaware . . . . .	3,299	2,921	2,980	3,355	2,775	3,698	190	243	361
District of Columbia . . . . .	4,316	4,302	3,939	3,952	3,378	2,765	46	35	42
Florida . . . . .	84,890	75,533	72,203	58,737	60,724	72,003	1,278	1,455	2,759
Georgia . . . . .	29,804	30,062	28,980	29,315	29,517	29,945	2,161	1,316	1,714
Hawaii . . . . .	3,763	3,611	3,475	3,794	4,185	3,973	55	43	51
Idaho . . . . .	9,312	8,065	6,854	6,334	6,995	7,273	141	79	167
Illinois . . . . .	30,445	30,013	31,493	32,846	33,213	35,689	901	868	1,178
Indiana . . . . .	14,545	13,863	13,959	16,504	12,826	14,380	586	484	692
Iowa . . . . .	6,004	5,903	5,893	6,802	7,601	7,679	367	227	270
Kansas . . . . .	7,095	7,799	8,156	7,330	8,376	7,648	313	196	244
Kentucky . . . . .	9,617	8,816	8,821	8,515	8,320	8,790	297	258	390
Louisiana . . . . .	9,393	10,356	9,527	9,123	8,334	7,656	683	451	571
Maine . . . . .	4,251	4,243	4,202	4,711	4,565	5,095	98	118	154
Maryland . . . . .	22,083	20,168	18,392	21,769	20,835	21,251	493	406	405
Massachusetts . . . . .	19,723	18,427	18,581	18,878	21,695	20,223	350	297	334
Michigan . . . . .	24,642	23,166	22,090	26,971	20,359	34,272	757	1,019	1,394
Minnesota . . . . .	12,555	12,313	11,811	15,302	12,004	12,597	1,400	473	656
Mississippi . . . . .	6,071	6,871	5,776	6,823	7,550	6,800	186	234	298
Missouri . . . . .	17,239	15,510	15,061	20,109	19,422	21,290	368	316	534
Montana . . . . .	4,768	4,751	4,181	4,394	4,476	4,771	116	47	71
Nebraska . . . . .	5,127	4,752	4,602	4,982	5,092	5,200	265	202	221
Nevada . . . . .	11,299	11,057	10,202	8,485	9,222	10,771	292	234	395
New Hampshire . . . . .	4,758	4,588	4,587	5,406	5,523	5,515	441	306	318
New Jersey . . . . .	33,022	36,381	26,774	32,751	34,183	31,167	661	705	925
New Mexico . . . . .	5,272	6,158	5,971	5,670	6,003	5,972	755	102	185
New York . . . . .	62,045	67,577	65,624	62,667	65,500	69,267	1,488	1,235	1,534
North Carolina . . . . .	25,906	29,042	24,153	22,867	23,570	23,734	537	473	738
North Dakota . . . . .	1,893	1,812	1,842	2,512	2,192	2,344	74	57	54
Ohio . . . . .	22,542	21,900	20,361	23,429	23,434	21,038	1,590	1,172	1,436
Oklahoma . . . . .	8,609	8,961	8,943	7,231	7,777	7,787	751	315	392
Oregon . . . . .	14,445	14,333	13,952	14,804	13,479	14,182	871	298	283
Pennsylvania . . . . .	36,609	34,558	35,587	36,989	34,528	42,318	1,159	889	1,078
Rhode Island . . . . .	3,677	3,460	3,310	4,164	4,536	4,459	75	65	122
South Carolina . . . . .	12,341	12,554	11,634	10,681	11,603	11,657	163	118	196
South Dakota . . . . .	2,102	2,124	2,127	2,354	2,442	2,311	149	74	95
Tennessee . . . . .	17,484	17,619	17,167	17,135	17,602	18,614	542	483	653
Texas . . . . .	55,858	55,865	55,214	55,039	55,269	36,108	2,964	2,241	2,728
Utah . . . . .	11,536	13,403	11,238	11,871	11,419	8,105	427	139	302
Vermont . . . . .	1,911	2,228	2,146	2,346	2,374	2,555	65	56	52
Virginia . . . . .	25,061	28,174	25,517	21,359	21,726	23,971	527	436	798
Washington . . . . .	30,353	33,191	33,701	40,944	35,077	37,955	681	439	565
West Virginia . . . . .	3,493	3,434	3,363	4,869	4,824	4,644	229	117	169
Wisconsin . . . . .	13,656	12,663	12,905	13,397	12,920	12,711	785	363	525
Wyoming . . . . .	2,632	2,707	2,593	2,689	2,903	2,703	60	35	42

<sup>1</sup> For year ending June 30. See headnote, Table 753. <sup>2</sup> Includes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, not shown separately. Bankruptcy data also includes Guam and Northern Mariana Islands.