

Table 764. Establishment Births, Deaths, and Employment by Sector and Firm Type—Startups, Young, and Mature Firms: 2009

[In thousands (388 represents 388,000). A firm may have one establishment (a single unit establishment) or many establishments (a multi-unit firm). Firms are defined at the enterprise level such that all establishments under the operational control of the enterprise are considered part of the firm. Sectors based on the Standard Industrial Classification System (SIC); see <http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sic_manual.html>. These data include nearly all nonfarm private establishments with paid employees as well as some public sector activities. The Business Dynamics Statistics data measure the net change in employment at the establishment level. Data are not comparable to Tables 760, 762, and 765, which are shown by industry based on North American Industry Classification System codes. Data are also not comparable to U.S. Small Business Administration data due to differing survey methodologies. For more information about concepts and methodology, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>. Minus sign (-) indicates decrease]

Sector and firm type ¹	Establishments			Number of employees	Change in employment				
	Number	Births ²	Deaths ³		Net total	Due to births ²	Due to deaths ³	Due to birth and expansion ⁴	Due to death and contraction ⁴
All sectors: ⁵									
Startups ⁶	388	388	-	2,218	2,218	2,126	-	2,218	-
Young firms ⁷	2,443	95	500	22,048	-2,411	468	2,427	3,498	5,908
Mature firms ⁸	3,771	150	276	89,140	-4,581	1,984	2,726	8,432	13,014
Agriculture:									
Startups ⁶	10	10	-	42	42	42	-	42	-
Young firms ⁷	60	3	13	441	-40	14	55	100	141
Mature firms ⁸	53	2	5	641	-33	17	29	82	115
Mining:									
Startups ⁶	2	2	-	15	15	(D)	-	15	-
Young firms ⁷	9	-	1	127	-9	3	12	26	35
Mature firms ⁸	15	1	1	481	-9	17	17	66	75
Construction:									
Startups ⁶	19	19	-	79	79	79	-	79	-
Young firms ⁷	172	8	52	1,173	-286	27	171	207	493
Mature firms ⁸	252	7	34	3,678	-669	35	156	370	1,039
Transportation, communication, and utilities:									
Startups ⁶	17	17	-	78	78	(D)	-	78	-
Young firms ⁷	98	4	23	837	-82	23	97	139	221
Mature firms ⁸	182	12	17	5,551	-273	168	190	540	813
Wholesale:									
Startups ⁶	18	18	-	81	81	81	-	81	-
Young firms ⁷	131	4	24	997	-100	20	105	148	248
Mature firms ⁸	294	11	19	5,515	-266	132	203	562	828
Manufacturing:									
Startups ⁶	11	11	-	120	120	120	-	120	-
Young firms ⁷	90	3	16	1,212	-216	28	137	155	371
Mature firms ⁸	202	5	14	11,580	-1,258	130	351	734	1,992
Retail:									
Startups ⁶	94	94	-	742	742	742	-	742	-
Young firms ⁷	511	17	104	4,920	-753	115	642	670	1,423
Mature firms ⁸	877	32	48	19,116	-738	587	473	1,764	2,502
Finance, insurance, and real estate:									
Startups ⁶	33	33	-	132	132	132	-	132	-
Young firms ⁷	227	10	55	1,276	-157	38	193	223	379
Mature firms ⁸	462	27	38	6,728	-314	232	292	749	1,062
Services:									
Startups ⁶	184	184	-	931	931	931	-	931	-
Young firms ⁷	1,146	44	212	11,065	-768	200	1,015	1,830	2,598
Mature firms ⁸	1,435	54	100	35,850	-1,021	665	1,015	3,567	4,588

- Represents zero. D Figure withheld to avoid disclosure pertaining to a specific organization or individual. ¹ Establishment type is computed by taking the difference between the current year of operation and the birth year. Firm age is computed from the age of the establishments belonging to that particular firm. For more information, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>. ² Birth year is defined as the year an establishment first reports positive employment. ³ Death year is defined as the year an establishment permanently shuts down. ⁴ For explanation of expansions and contractions, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>. ⁵ Excludes government and those sectors not elsewhere classified. ⁶ Less than 1 year old. ⁷ 1-10 years old. ⁸ More than 10 years old.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, "Business Dynamics Statistics," <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_database_list>, accessed May 2011.