

Mississippi

Mississippi's 46,437 small employers and 185,968 nonemployers make significant contributions to the state's economy, and they bring innovative products and services to the marketplace.* They are an important source of employment and opportunity throughout the state. This profile by the Office of Advocacy uses the latest statistics to describe the small business contribution in the greatest possible detail. (Note: A small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Mississippi's real gross state product increased by 1.7% and private-sector employment decreased by 0.9% in 2008. By comparison, real GDP growth in the United States was 0.7% and private-sector employment declined by 0.7%.
- The retail trade industry was the state's largest small business employer in 2006; manufacturing was the largest overall employer (Table 1).
- Small businesses are a major force in the state's net job change, as shown in Table 2.
- The number of small employers in Mississippi was 46,437 in 2006, accounting for 96.7% of the state's employers and 50.1% of its private-sector employment. (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.)

For Further Information

- Data on all states and territories is available at www.sba.gov/advo/research/profiles.
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* Small employer data from 2006; nonemployer from 2007.

Mississippi Small Business Facts

	2007†	2006	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	n.a.	46,437	46,753
Large employers (500+ employees)	n.a.	1,574	1,581
Nonemployers	185,968	175,064	134,853
	2002‡	% Share in 2002	% Change 1997–2002
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	109,802	58.5	14.1
Woman-owned	47,102	25.1	22.9
Equally male/female-owned	23,150	12.3	-20.8
African American-owned	25,002	13.3	41.9
Asian-owned	2,921	1.6	22.4
Hispanic-owned	1,326	0.7	34.2
Native American/Alaskan-owned	684	0.4	n.a.
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-owned	126	0.1	-4.5
	2008‡	% Change from	
		2007	2000
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	890	-0.9	-2.8
Government employment	241	1.6	8.7
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	136	-8.5	1.3
Female self-employment	42	-12.4	2.9
Male self-employment	94	-6.6	0.6
Minority self-employment	24	10.7	25.5
Veteran self-employment	13	-39.9	-28.5
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	0.6	1.2
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	9,072	-12.4	-6.1
Quarterly establishment closings	10,594	6.2	9.5
Business bankruptcies	357	36.3	75.9
	2008‡	2007	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	6.5	6.2	4.5
Number of bank branches	1,181	1,180	1,102
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	n.a.	74,485	58,619
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	n.a.	919	1,034
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy (www.sba.gov/advo/research/sbl_08study.pdf , Table 4b.) n.a. not available.			
† Latest available data; certain figures are economywide. ‡ Data are for CRA loans.			

**Table 1. Firms and Employment in Mississippi by Industry and Firm Size, 2006 and 2007
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms (2007)	Employer Firms (2006)			Employment (2006)		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	186.0	48.0	41.0	46.4	940.6	175.3	471.1
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	4.2	0.8	0.7	0.8	(D)	3.6	(D)
Mining	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	4.2	0.7	2.7
Utilities	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	8.4	1.1	4.1
Construction	35.0	5.2	4.6	5.1	54.8	19.2	44.1
Manufacturing	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.0	172.7	7.7	54.0
Wholesale trade	2.8	2.4	1.7	2.2	37.9	8.0	24.4
Retail trade	16.9	8.3	7.2	8.0	149.0	32.3	68.6
Transportation and warehousing	10.8	2.1	1.7	1.9	33.0	6.2	14.7
Information	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	17.1	1.7	4.9
Finance and insurance	6.7	2.5	2.1	2.3	34.6	6.7	16.9
Real estate and rental and leasing	13.4	1.9	1.8	1.9	10.8	4.9	8.4
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	16.6	4.3	3.9	4.2	32.6	13.5	25.4
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.2	0.0	0.1	8.9	0.1	2.3
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	18.9	2.0	1.7	1.9	49.3	6.6	22.2
Educational services	3.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	17.4	1.5	10.2
Health care and social assistance	14.1	4.7	4.0	4.6	143.4	20.4	63.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	5.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	8.2	2.3	(D)
Accommodation and food services	2.9	3.4	2.5	3.2	112.0	14.9	55.5
Other services (except public admin.)	30.0	6.3	5.9	6.2	40.8	23.7	38.2
Unclassified	--	0.2	0.2	0.2	(D)	(D)	(D)

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html for data from other years, and for starts, closures, job creation and destruction by industry and by size category.)

(D) Data suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individual firms.

Table 2: Net Job Change by Firm Size, 2003–2006 (Nonfarm)

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2003 - 2004	15,722	8,467	3,420	3,437	-404	2,035	16,955	-1,233
2004 - 2005	-2,534	5,966	-698	-676	-9,036	34	-4,410	1,876
2005 - 2006	11,423	6,177	1,723	1,032	2,647	1,005	12,584	-1,161

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2008 (Nonfarm, Thousands)

	Establishments				Employment Change Due To:			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 1	2.3	13.1	14.2	2.6	9.2	48.4	49.6	8.9
Quarter 2	2.3	12.5	14.6	2.6	10.6	44.9	58.2	9.9
Quarter 3	2.0	12.6	13.9	2.7	8.8	45.2	54.5	11.6
Quarter 4	2.5	12.3	14.3	2.7	11.0	46.0	57.0	11.7

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics. (For more detailed data see www.bls.gov/bdm/home.htm.)

Note: These figures contain all firm sizes; Census data from 2006 show that 86 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.