

Table 762. Employer Firms, Establishments, Employment, and Annual Payroll by Firm Size: 1990 to 2008

[In thousands except as noted (5,074 represents 5,074,000). Firms are an aggregation of all establishments owned by a parent company with some annual payroll. Establishments are locations with active payroll in any quarter. This table illustrates the changing importance of enterprise sizes over time, not job growth, as enterprises can grow or decline and change enterprise size cells over time]

Item	Total	All industries—employment size of firm						
		0 to 4 ¹	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 99	100 to 499	Less than 500	500 or more
Firms:								
1990.....	5,074	3,021	952	563	454	70	5,060	14
1995.....	5,369	3,250	981	577	470	76	5,354	15
2000.....	5,653	3,397	1,021	617	516	84	5,635	17
2004.....	5,886	3,580	1,043	633	526	87	5,869	17
2005.....	5,984	3,678	1,050	630	521	87	5,966	17
2006.....	6,022	3,670	1,061	647	536	91	6,004	18
2007.....	6,050	3,705	1,060	645	532	89	6,031	18
2008.....	5,930	3,618	1,044	633	526	90	5,912	18
Establishments:								
1990.....	6,176	3,032	971	600	590	255	5,448	728
1995.....	6,613	3,260	998	618	639	284	5,799	814
2000.....	7,070	3,406	1,035	652	674	312	6,080	990
2004.....	7,388	3,586	1,056	667	693	330	6,331	1,056
2005.....	7,500	3,684	1,063	662	679	332	6,421	1,079
2006.....	7,601	3,677	1,073	679	698	346	6,473	1,129
2007.....	7,705	3,711	1,074	682	723	356	6,546	1,159
2008.....	7,601	3,625	1,057	667	705	360	6,414	1,187
Employment:								
1990.....	93,469	5,117	6,252	7,543	17,710	13,545	50,167	43,302
1995.....	100,315	5,395	6,440	7,734	18,422	14,660	52,653	47,662
2000.....	114,065	5,593	6,709	8,286	20,277	16,260	57,124	56,941
2004.....	115,075	5,845	6,853	8,500	20,643	16,758	58,597	56,477
2005.....	116,317	5,937	6,898	8,454	20,444	16,911	58,645	57,672
2006.....	119,917	5,960	6,974	8,676	21,077	17,537	60,224	59,693
2007.....	120,604	6,139	6,975	8,656	20,923	17,174	59,867	60,737
2008.....	120,904	6,086	6,878	8,497	20,685	17,548	59,694	61,210
Annual payroll (bil. dol.):								
1990.....	2,104	117	114	144	352	279	1,007	1,097
1995.....	2,666	142	137	175	437	361	1,252	1,414
2000.....	3,879	186	174	231	608	528	1,727	2,152
2004.....	4,254	206	196	258	670	588	1,917	2,337
2005.....	4,483	220	206	269	700	617	2,013	2,470
2006.....	4,792	230	214	282	742	661	2,129	2,664
2007.....	5,027	235	222	292	769	687	2,205	2,822
2008.....	5,131	232	223	294	775	706	2,229	2,901

¹ Employment is measured in March, thus some firms (start-ups after March, closures before March, and seasonal firms) will have zero employment and some annual payroll.

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, "Statistics of U.S. Businesses," <<http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html>>, accessed May 2011.

Table 763. Number of Active Establishments by Firm Age and Size of Employer: 2009

[In thousands (2,794 represents 2,794,000). 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. 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 to be compared with Table 760, which is shown by industry based on North American Industry Classification System codes. Data are also not comparable to U.S. Small Business Administration data (Tables 761 and 762) due to differing survey methodologies. For more information about concepts and methodology, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>]

Firm age ¹	Firm size							Share of employment	Share of job creation	Share of job destruction
	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 99	100 to 499	Less than 500	500 or more			
Total.....	2,794	1,074	657	680	349	5,554	1,141	1.00	1.00	1.00
Startups.....	348	34	14	9	2	407	(Z)	0.06	0.16	—
1 to 5 years.....	924	295	154	112	23	1,507	10	0.23	0.16	0.20
6 to 10 years.....	493	201	118	103	27	943	21	0.14	0.09	0.12
11 to 20 years.....	566	258	159	144	54	1,180	81	0.19	0.13	0.17
21 years and over.....	463	285	212	312	243	1,516	1,029	0.38	0.46	0.52
Share of employment.....	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.17	0.14	0.50	0.50	(X)	(X)	(X)
Share of job creation.....	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.18	0.13	0.59	0.41	(X)	(X)	(X)

— Represents zero. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500. ¹ Establishment age 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>.

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.