

Maryland

Maryland's small businesses are key to the state's well-being. They account for a significant share of the state's economic production and hiring. This profile from the Office of Advocacy uses the latest available data to illustrate the status and contributions of Maryland small businesses. (Note that a small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Small businesses totaled 526,663 in the state in 2008. Of these, 109,693 were employers, and they accounted for 52.4% of private-sector jobs in the state (Table 1). Small firms made up 97.6% of the state's employers.
- Maryland's real gross state product increased by 1.3% and private-sector employment decreased by 4% in 2009. By comparison, real GDP in the United States grew 0.7% and private-sector employment declined by 5.5%.
- Business ownership is becoming more inclusive in the state. The number of both women and minority business owners has grown. In particular, minority-owned businesses numbered 164,253 in 2007, a 48.7% increase over 2002.
- The state's small business employment has undergone major shifts in recent years (Table 2).
- The state's businesses showed signs of stability and improvement in the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter (Table 3).

For Further Information

- Data on all states and territories is available at www.sba.gov/advocacy/848.
- For other small business data and analysis, visit www.sba.gov/advocacy/847, call (202) 205-6533, or email advocacy@sba.gov.
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Maryland Small Business Facts

	2008*	2007	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	109,693	112,642	103,361
Large employers (500+ employees)	2,699	2,659	2,610
Nonemployers	416,970	425,613	322,819
	Level in 2007*	% Share in 2007	% Change 2002-2007
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	269,789	51.1	8.7
Woman-owned	172,221	32.6	25.3
Equally male/female-owned	67,505	12.8	54.7
African American-owned	102,130	19.3	47.1
Asian-owned	35,981	6.8	37.4
Hispanic-owned	25,742	4.9	67.7
Native American/Alaskan-owned	3,318	0.6	-7.6
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-owned	337	0.1	306.0
Veteran-owned	54,049	10.2	n.a.
	Level in 2009*	% Change from 2008 2000	
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	1,984	-4.0	0.6
Government employment	471	1.5	10.3
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	270	-3.9	10.1
Female self-employment	96	-1.8	9.7
Male self-employment	174	-5.0	10.3
Minority self-employment	75	-15.7	65.8
Veteran self-employment	21	-21.0	-45.8
Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	2.6†	3.4†
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	27,035	-2.7	5.8
Quarterly establishment closings	31,602	2.1	19
Business bankruptcies	923	47.0	36.3
	2009*	2008	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	15.0	15.8	10.9
Number of bank branches	1,843	1,829	1,711
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	90,593	183,908	70,564
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	1,068	1,949	805
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Admin. Office of the U.S. Courts; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and U.S. Small Business Admin., Office of Advocacy. * Latest available data. †Percentage point change. ‡Data are for CRA loans.			

**Table 1: Firms and Employment in Maryland by Industry and Firm Size, 2008
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms	Employer Firms			Employment		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	417.0	112.4	95.7	109.7	2,232.5	399.2	1,159.5
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.7
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.2	0.9
Utilities	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.1	D
Construction	41.4	16.1	14.2	16.0	182.3	57.1	155.4
Manufacturing	4.0	3.3	2.3	3.1	122.2	12.8	56.0
Wholesale trade	5.5	5.0	3.7	4.6	97.7	16.0	56.2
Retail trade	32.6	12.3	10.6	11.9	294.1	48.5	110.1
Transportation and warehousing	19.2	3.2	2.6	3.0	66.0	9.3	26.3
Information	7.0	1.4	1.0	1.2	61.4	3.9	18.5
Finance and insurance	12.5	4.6	3.8	4.3	114.7	13.9	38.1
Real estate and rental and leasing	44.8	4.7	4.2	4.6	48.4	12.1	29.6
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	71.6	18.0	15.9	17.6	236.6	51.2	134.2
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.6	0.1	0.4	48.4	0.2	7.2
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	34.5	7.2	5.9	6.9	193.8	23.7	87.2
Educational services	14.3	1.9	1.4	1.8	75.5	6.5	36.4
Health care and social assistance	46.0	12.1	10.3	11.9	325.2	50.2	153.1
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	23.7	1.9	1.6	1.9	37.5	6.4	26.0
Accommodation and food services	5.9	8.5	6.5	8.3	201.7	35.2	123.5
Other services (except public admin.)	50.4	12.7	11.4	12.5	113.5	51.0	98.7
Unclassified	--	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See www.sba.gov/advocacy/849/12162 for data from other years, and for starts, closures, job creation and destruction by industry and by size category.)

Table 2: Net Job Change by Firm Size, 2004–2007 (Nonfarm)

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2004 - 2005	15,623	15,344	3,617	1,431	-1,245	-2,472	16,675	-1,052
2005 - 2006	66,588	18,498	6,614	7,089	18,240	10,010	60,451	6,137
2006 - 2007	-8,430	15,452	230	-2,902	-6,867	-8,632	-5,711	-2,719

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advocacy/849/12162.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2009 (Nonfarm, Thousands)

	Establishments				Employment Change Due To:			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 1	6.7	25.1	31.6	8.4	22.3	94.7	119.8	28.5
Quarter 2	7.1	26.0	30.2	7.8	26.1	101.3	113.4	25.3
Quarter 3	6.2	25.5	29.3	7.8	22.6	94.5	110.5	27.7
Quarter 4	7.0	26.4	28.7	7.5	22.2	96.0	107.6	23.9

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 2007 show that 86 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.