

Mississippi

Mississippi'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 Mississippi small businesses. (Note that a small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Small businesses totaled 231,801 in the state in 2008. Of these, 45,875 were employers, and they accounted for 49.7% of private-sector jobs in the state (Table 1). Small firms made up 96.6% of the state's employers.
- Mississippi's real gross state product increased by 1.7% and private-sector employment decreased by 5.8% 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 46,823 in 2007, a 57.3% 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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Mississippi Small Business Facts

	2008*	2007	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	45,875	47,104	46,753
Large employers (500+ employees)	1,614	1,571	1,581
Nonemployers	185,926	185,968	134,853
	Level in 2007*	% Share in 2007	% Change 2002-2007
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	122,561	54.2	11.6
Woman-owned	60,849	26.9	29.2
Equally male/female-owned	35,942	15.9	55.3
African American-owned	40,608	18.0	62.4
Asian-owned	4,025	1.8	37.8
Hispanic-owned	1,830	0.8	38.0
Native American/Alaskan-owned	727	0.3	6.3
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-owned	92	0.0	-27.0
Veteran-owned	26,143	11.6	n.a.
	Level in 2009*	% Change from 2008 2000	
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	838	-5.8	-8.5
Government employment	241	0.9	9.7
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	121	-11.0	-9.9
Female self-employment	35	-16.2	-13.8
Male self-employment	86	-8.7	-8.1
Minority self-employment	30	14.5	50.1
Veteran self-employment	16	18.8	-15.1
Unemployment rate (%)	9.6	2.8†	3.9†
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	8,769	-3.3	-9.2
Quarterly establishment closings	10,494	-0.9	8.4
Business bankruptcies	484	35.6	138.4
	2009*	2008	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	7.1	7.6	4.5
Number of bank branches	1,199	1,181	1,102
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	45,699	62,296	58,619
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	644	839	1,034

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 Mississippi 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	185.9	47.5	40.4	45.9	944.7	177.2	467.0
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	4.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	4.4	3.1	4.1
Mining	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.4	0.8	3.2
Utilities	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	9.0	1.1	4.3
Construction	32.2	4.9	4.4	4.9	53.4	18.7	45.0
Manufacturing	2.2	2.3	1.4	2.0	162.6	7.9	50.9
Wholesale trade	2.7	2.4	1.6	2.1	37.2	7.8	25.1
Retail trade	16.2	8.1	7.0	7.8	145.4	31.6	66.0
Transportation and warehousing	10.0	1.9	1.6	1.8	34.4	6.0	14.4
Information	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	15.9	1.5	4.5
Finance and insurance	6.6	2.4	2.1	2.3	35.9	6.7	17.8
Real estate and rental and leasing	12.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	11.0	5.0	8.6
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	16.7	4.4	4.0	4.3	31.7	14.2	25.8
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.2	0.0	0.2	7.4	D	2.1
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	20.1	2.0	1.6	1.9	50.7	6.7	22.9
Educational services	3.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	18.2	1.6	10.0
Health care and social assistance	15.1	4.8	4.0	4.7	150.1	21.6	65.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	5.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	8.4	2.5	6.4
Accommodation and food services	3.0	3.5	2.6	3.4	123.2	16.1	52.3
Other services (except public admin.)	32.2	6.3	5.9	6.2	40.4	24.2	37.8
Unclassified	--	0.1	0.1	0.1	D	D	D

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.)

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

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	-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
2006 - 2007	-3,003	9,006	1,462	1,509	-2,235	-7,828	-4,917	1,914

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	2.2	11.4	14.4	2.7	8.6	39.7	56.3	9.5
Quarter 2	2.1	11.5	13.7	2.7	8.7	39.1	54.0	10.6
Quarter 3	2.1	11.6	13.0	2.7	8.3	42.1	47.8	10.9
Quarter 4	2.4	11.7	12.9	2.4	10.7	40.3	41.3	10.2

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.