

## Illinois

Small businesses significantly impact Illinois's economy. They represent 98.3 percent of all employers and employ 48.0 percent of the private-sector labor force. Small businesses are crucial to the fiscal condition of the state and numbered 1.2 million in 2010.

This profile uses the latest available data to illustrate the status of Illinois's small businesses. (Note that a small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Illinois's economy was strong in 2011, with real gross state product increasing 3.7 percent and private-sector employment increasing 1.4 percent (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- Small businesses employed 2.4 million workers in 2010 (Table 1) with most of the employment coming from firms with 20-499 employees.
- The employment situation from 2007-2010 was weak, and small businesses in Illinois had a net job loss (Table 2). The unemployment rate in 2010-2011 decreased by 0.7 percent.
- Most of Illinois's small businesses are very small as 78.1 percent of all businesses have no employees, and most employers have fewer than 20 employees.
- In 2011, the number of opening establishments was higher than closing establishments, and the net employment change from this turnover was positive (Table 3).
- Self-employment in Illinois declined over the last decade. Male self-employment fared the best compared with other demographic groups.

### For Further Information

- Data on all states and territories are available at [www.sba.gov/advocacy/848](http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/848).
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Illinois Small Business Facts			
	2010*	2009	2000
<b>Number of Businesses</b>			
Small employers (<500 employees)	249,249	249,638	249,606
Large employers (500+ employees)	4,363	4,369	4,465
Nonemployers	903,025	880,722	668,171
<b>Level in 2007* (000)</b>			
	<b>Firms</b>		<b>Employment Receipts(\$M)</b>
<b>Business Owner Demographics</b>			
Male-owned	579	1,872	378,972
Woman-owned	343	336	46,167
Equally male/female-owned	163	288	39,954
African American-owned	107	45	5,081
Asian-owned	59	103	16,559
Hispanic-owned	57	77	8,831
Native American/Alaskan-owned	5	4	528
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-owned	-	-	-
Veteran-owned	119	339	68,217
Publicly held, unclassified	39	2,807	970,577
	<b>Level in</b>	<b>% Change from</b>	
	<b>2011*</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Workforce (Thousands)</b>			
Private-sector employment	4,826	1.4	-7.3
Government employment	837	-2.0	-0.3
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	544	0.8	-3.4
Female self-employment	179	1.0	-16.8
Male self-employment	364	0.7	4.9
Minority self-employment	106	7.3	-8.7
Veteran self-employment	49	31.6	-23.2
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	9.8	-0.7†	5.3‡
<b>Business Turnover</b>			
Quarterly establishment openings	60,208	-1.0	8.7
Quarterly establishment closings	59,944	-1.3	14.1
Business bankruptcies	2,135	-2.8	68.1
	<b>2011*</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Income and Finance</b>			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	43.7	39.2	34.2
Number of bank branches	4,926	4,942	3,978
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	112,677	141,953	146,983
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	1,782	1,854	1,984

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 Illinois by Industry and Firm Size, 2010  
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms	Employer Firms			Employment		
		All Firms Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	All Firms Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	903.0	253.6	221.2	249.2	4,980.0	849.4	2,388.7
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	5.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.9	0.7	1.2
Mining	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	8.0	1.6	4.7
Utilities	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	28.9	0.5	2.9
Construction	94.0	29.0	27.3	28.8	188.0	81.6	164.3
Manufacturing	10.0	13.1	9.0	12.4	530.9	51.7	263.1
Wholesale trade	14.5	16.1	12.5	15.3	299.0	52.3	166.4
Retail trade	67.1	25.3	22.2	24.7	589.3	93.7	212.2
Transportation and warehousing	58.0	10.7	9.2	10.3	214.0	26.2	69.9
Information	11.5	3.0	2.2	2.7	120.7	8.6	34.2
Finance and insurance	32.5	13.0	11.2	12.6	302.2	35.6	110.1
Real estate and rental and leasing	85.5	9.7	8.9	9.5	75.1	25.1	51.2
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	123.9	36.4	33.5	35.8	348.8	96.8	201.8
Management of companies and enterprises	0.0	1.5	0.2	0.9	162.9	0.5	17.1
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	74.1	14.5	12.4	14.1	444.0	39.7	149.9
Educational services	24.7	3.5	2.6	3.4	152.3	11.1	57.6
Health care and social assistance	96.6	25.8	22.1	25.5	741.7	105.1	347.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	44.4	4.2	3.5	4.1	76.1	13.3	49.3
Accommodation and food services	11.8	20.5	16.3	20.2	454.3	90.8	280.6
Other services (except public admin.)	146.8	29.5	27.1	29.3	241.5	114.1	204.7
Unclassified	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	D	0.4

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See [www.sba.gov/advocacy/849/12162](http://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, 2007–2010 (Nonfarm)**

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2010	-111,666	21,880	-3,591	-10,665	-29,128	-16,535	-38,039	-73,627
2009	-313,002	15,278	-13,887	-22,999	-68,807	-54,944	-145,359	-167,643
2008	118,339	26,971	-1,686	-7,373	-4,631	6,777	20,058	98,281
2007	31,250	32,467	726	-2,645	1,031	-13,681	17,898	13,352

Note: Data source differs from previous publications.

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

**Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2011 (Nonfarm, Thousands)**

	Establishments				Employment			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Openings	14.1	14.8	16.2	15.0	39.3	46.5	49.1	48.4
Expansions	53.2	54.5	55.1	53.6	204.6	227.3	225.8	218.0
Contractions	53.9	53.2	53.9	54.6	194.1	202.1	207.9	209.3
Closings	15.5	14.4	15.1	14.9	43.2	40.7	46.0	48.8

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

Note: These figures contain all firm sizes; Census data from 2010 show that 87 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.