Texas

3.1 million small businesses
99.8 percent of Texas businesses

4.9 million small business employees
44.5 percent of Texas employees

Source of data: Statistics of US Businesses (Census)

Business dynamics

Establishments
Between March 2020 and March 2021, 80,636 Texas establishments opened and 64,980 closed, for a net increase of 15,656. Employment expanded at 142,090 establishments and contracted at 179,181. Small businesses accounted for 75,286 openings and 59,474 closings.

Employment
Opening and expanding Texas establishments added 1.2 million jobs, while closing and contracting establishments lost 1.5 million, for a net decrease of 334,627 jobs. Small businesses gained 798,857 jobs and lost 943,549, for a net decrease of 144,692 jobs.

Counts include temporary closures and reopenings
Source: Business Employment Dynamics (BLS)
Small business loans

The Community Reinvestment Act requires large banks to report new small business loans. In 2020, reporting banks issued $10.2 billion in loans to Texas businesses with revenues of $1 million or less. Total reported new lending to businesses through loans of $100,000 or less was $12.6 billion. Total reported new lending to businesses through loans of $1 million or less was $38.8 billion.

Source: CRA Aggregate Data (FFIEC)

New lending to businesses with revenues under $1 million

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Small business count by size and industry

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* Not reported by the Census Bureau

Sources: Nonemployer Statistics, 2019 (Census); Statistics of US Businesses, 2019 (Census)

Small business exports

A total of 38,074 identified firms exported goods worth $250.4 billion from Texas in 2020. Of those exporters, 35,124—or 92.3 percent—were small. Exports by small firms reached $95.4 billion, making up 38.1 percent of exports by identified firms.

Source: A profile of US importing and exporting companies, 2019-2020 (Census)
### Business ownership share by demographic group

#### Women
- **Workers:** Women made up 45.6 percent of workers and owned 43.4 percent of businesses.
- **Ownership:**

#### Veterans
- **Workers:** Veterans made up 5.4 percent of workers and owned 6.5 percent of businesses.
- **Ownership:**

#### Hispanics
- **Workers:** Hispanics made up 37.6 percent of workers and owned 30.1 percent of businesses.
- **Ownership:**

#### Racial minorities
- **Workers:** Racial minorities made up 24.8 percent of workers and owned 21.0 percent of businesses.
- **Ownership:**

Ownership shares include equal and majority ownership.

Sources of data: [American Community Survey](https://www.census.gov/acs), 2018 (Census and IPUMS); [Annual Business Survey](https://www.census.gov), 2018 (Census); [Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics](https://www.census.gov), 2018 (Census)

### Business count by owner demographic group

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<td>Male</td>
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<td>Veteran</td>
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<td>Not Veteran</td>
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<td>797,000</td>
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<td>Not Hispanic</td>
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<td>Owned equally by both groups</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander</td>
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<td>Hispanic or Racial Minority</td>
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Sources: [Annual Business Survey](https://www.census.gov), 2018 (Census); [Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics](https://www.census.gov), 2018 (Census)
Texas small business employment grew by 47.7 percent between 1995 and 2019, which exceeded the national small business employment growth rate.

### Small business employment and payroll by industry

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<td>Construction</td>
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Source: Statistics of US Businesses, 2019 (Census)

### About this profile

Small businesses are defined here as firms with fewer than 500 employees. Figures and statistics may incorporate approximations because of missing or problematic data. Data analyzed here largely predate the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had impacts on businesses that have differed by industry, geography, and demographic group. Electronic versions of this and other geographic profiles are available online. Visit advocacy.sba.gov for additional resources.