

Employer Firm Births and Deaths by Employment Size of Firm, 1989-2001

Period	Industry	Total	Beginning year employment size of firm			Size Class as Percent of Total	
			<20	<500	500+	<20	<500
Firms							
2000-2001	Firm births	585,140	558,037	584,837	303	95.4	99.9
	Firm deaths	553,291	523,960	552,839	452	94.7	99.9
	Net change	31,849	34,077	31,998	(149)	-	-
1999-2000	Firm births	574,300	548,030	574,023	277	95.4	100.0
	Firm deaths	542,831	514,242	542,374	457	94.7	99.9
	Net change	31,469	33,788	31,649	(180)	-	-
1998-1999	Firm births	579,609	554,288	579,287	322	95.6	99.9
	Firm deaths	544,487	514,293	544,040	447	94.5	99.9
	Net change	35,122	39,995	35,247	(125)	-	-
1997-1998	Firm births	589,982	564,804	589,706	276	95.7	100.0
	Firm deaths	540,601	511,567	540,112	489	94.6	99.9
	Net change	49,381	53,237	49,594	(213)	-	-
1996-1997	Firm births	590,644	564,197	590,335	309	95.5	99.9
	Firm deaths	530,003	500,014	529,481	522	94.3	99.9
	Net change	60,641	64,183	60,854	(213)	-	-
1995-1996	Firm births	597,792	572,442	597,503	289	95.8	100.0
	Firm deaths	512,402	485,509	512,024	378	94.8	99.9
	Net change	85,390	86,933	85,479	(89)	-	-
1994-1995	Firm births	594,369	568,896	594,119	250	95.7	100.0
	Firm deaths	497,246	472,441	496,874	372	95.0	99.9
	Net change	97,123	96,455	97,245	(122)	99.3	-
1993-1994	Firm births	570,587	546,437	570,337	250	95.8	100.0
	Firm deaths	503,563	476,667	503,125	438	94.7	99.9
	Net change	67,024	69,770	67,212	(188)	-	-
1992-1993	Firm births	564,504	539,601	564,093	411	95.6	99.9
	Firm deaths	492,651	466,550	492,266	385	94.7	99.9
	Net change	71,853	73,051	71,827	26	-	100.0
1991-1992	Firm births	544,596	519,014	544,278	318	95.3	99.9
	Firm deaths	521,606	492,746	521,176	430	94.5	99.9
	Net change	22,990	26,268	23,102	(112)	-	-
1990-1991	Firm births	541,141	515,870	540,889	252	95.3	100.0
	Firm deaths	546,518	516,964	546,149	369	94.6	99.9
	Net change	(5,377)	(1,094)	(5,260)	(117)	-	-
1989-1990	Firm births	584,892	558,478	584,660	232	95.5	100.0
	Firm deaths	531,400	502,685	530,991	409	94.6	99.9
	Net change	53,492	55,793	53,669	(177)	-	-
1990-1995	Firm births	1,797,117	1,679,831	1,795,661	1,456	93.5	99.9
	Firm deaths	1,546,705	1,426,040	1,545,007	1,698	92.2	99.9
	Net change	250,412	253,791	250,654	(242)	-	-

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Employment							
2000-2001	Firm births	3,418,369	1,821,298	3,108,501	309,868	53.3	90.9
	Firm deaths	3,261,621	1,700,677	3,049,714	211,907	52.1	93.5
	Existing firm expansions	14,939,658	3,065,106	7,033,084	7,906,574	20.5	47.1
	Existing firm contractions	14,096,436	2,074,544	5,940,996	8,155,440	14.7	42.1
	Net change	999,970	1,111,183	1,150,875	(150,905)	-	-
1999-2000	Firm births	3,228,804	1,792,946	3,031,079	197,725	55.5	93.9
	Firm deaths	3,176,609	1,653,694	2,946,120	230,489	52.1	92.7
	Existing firm expansions	15,857,582	3,378,838	7,744,430	8,113,152	21.3	48.8
	Existing firm contractions	12,550,358	1,924,624	5,323,677	7,226,681	15.3	42.4
	Net change	3,359,419	1,593,466	2,505,712	853,707	47.4	74.6
1998-1999	Firm births	3,247,335	1,763,823	3,011,400	235,935	54.3	92.7
	Firm deaths	3,267,136	1,676,282	3,052,630	214,506	51.3	93.4
	Existing firm expansions	14,843,903	3,245,218	7,266,399	7,577,504	21.9	49.0
	Existing firm contractions	12,236,364	1,969,501	5,482,142	6,754,222	16.1	44.8
	Net change	2,587,738	1,363,258	1,743,027	844,711	52.7	67.4
1997-1998	Firm births	3,205,451	1,812,103	3,002,401	203,050	56.5	93.7
	Firm deaths	3,233,412	1,661,544	2,991,722	241,690	51.4	92.5
	Existing firm expansions	14,885,560	3,238,047	7,471,622	7,413,938	21.8	50.2
	Existing firm contractions	12,044,422	2,002,313	5,747,725	6,296,697	16.6	47.7
	Net change	2,813,177	1,386,293	1,734,576	1,078,601	49.3	61.7
1996-1997	Firm births	3,227,556	1,813,539	3,029,666	197,890	56.2	93.9
	Firm deaths	3,274,604	1,620,797	2,960,814	313,790	49.5	90.4
	Existing firm expansions	16,243,424	3,400,037	8,628,839	7,614,585	20.9	53.1
	Existing firm contractions	13,092,093	2,035,083	6,343,489	6,748,604	15.5	48.5
	Net change	3,104,283	1,557,696	2,354,202	750,081	50.2	75.8
1995-1996	Firm births	3,255,676	1,844,516	3,055,596	200,080	56.7	93.9
	Firm deaths	3,099,589	1,559,598	2,808,493	291,096	50.3	90.6
	Existing firm expansions	12,937,389	3,122,066	6,725,135	6,212,254	24.1	52.0
	Existing firm contractions	11,226,231	1,971,531	5,512,726	5,713,505	17.6	49.1
	Net change	1,867,245	1,435,453	1,459,512	407,733	76.9	78.2
1994-1995	Firm births	3,322,001	1,836,153	3,049,456	272,545	55.3	91.8
	Firm deaths	2,822,627	1,516,552	2,633,587	189,040	53.7	93.3
	Existing firm expansions	13,034,649	3,235,940	7,197,705	5,836,944	24.8	55.2
	Existing firm contractions	9,942,456	1,877,758	5,000,269	4,942,187	18.9	50.3
	Net change	3,591,567	1,677,783	2,613,305	978,262	46.7	72.8
1993-1994	Firm births	3,105,753	1,760,322	2,889,507	216,246	56.7	93.0
	Firm deaths	3,077,307	1,549,072	2,800,933	276,374	50.3	91.0
	Existing firm expansions	12,366,436	3,139,825	6,905,182	5,461,254	25.4	55.8
	Existing firm contractions	10,450,422	2,039,535	5,400,406	5,050,016	19.5	51.7
	Net change	1,944,460	1,311,540	1,593,350	351,110	67.5	81.9
1992-1993	Firm births	3,438,106	1,750,662	3,053,765	384,341	50.9	88.8
	Firm deaths	2,906,260	1,515,896	2,697,656	208,604	52.2	92.8
	Existing firm expansions	12,157,943	3,206,101	6,817,835	5,340,108	26.4	56.1
	Existing firm contractions	10,741,536	1,965,039	5,386,708	5,354,828	18.3	50.1
	Net change	1,948,253	1,475,828	1,787,236	161,017	75.8	91.7

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1991-1992	Firm births	3,200,969	1,703,491	2,863,799	337,170	53.2	89.5
	Firm deaths	3,126,463	1,602,579	2,894,127	232,336	51.3	92.6
	Existing firm expansions	12,894,780	3,197,959	7,510,392	5,384,388	24.8	58.2
	Existing firm contractions	12,446,175	2,156,402	6,635,366	5,810,809	17.3	53.3
	Net change	523,111	1,142,469	844,698	(321,587)	-	-
1990-1991	Firm births	3,105,363	1,712,856	2,907,351	198,012	55.2	93.6
	Firm deaths	3,208,099	1,723,159	3,044,470	163,629	53.7	94.9
	Existing firm expansions	11,174,786	2,855,498	6,323,224	4,851,562	25.6	56.6
	Existing firm contractions	12,233,766	2,294,270	6,893,623	5,340,143	18.8	56.3
	Net change	(1,161,716)	550,925	(707,518)	(454,198)	-	-
1989-1990	Firm births	3,211,064	1,886,311	3,090,643	120,421	58.7	96.2
	Firm deaths	3,198,829	1,683,174	2,988,436	210,393	52.6	93.4
	Existing firm expansions	12,084,225	3,266,584	6,854,850	5,229,375	27.0	56.7
	Existing firm contractions	10,253,279	1,953,484	5,554,339	4,698,940	19.1	54.2
	Net change	1,843,181	1,516,237	1,402,718	440,463	82.3	76.1
1990-1995	Firm births	13,304,645	6,514,382	12,126,607	1,178,038	49.0	91.1
	Firm deaths	11,808,721	5,611,968	11,113,149	695,572	47.5	94.1
	Existing firm expansions	27,790,464	4,917,092	13,100,418	14,690,046	17.7	47.1
	Existing firm contractions	22,432,604	2,459,610	8,872,397	13,560,207	11.0	39.6
	Net change	6,853,784	3,359,896	5,241,479	1,612,305	49.0	76.5

Notes: 1990-1995 represents firm births that survived until 1995, and firm deaths are firms that existed in 1990.

The data represent activity from March of the beginning year to March of the ending year. Establishments with no employment in the first quarter of the beginning year were excluded. New firm births are classified by their first quarter employment size.

Percent of size class is not calculated when size classes change in opposite directions.

New firms represent new original establishments and deaths represent closed original establishments.

Source: Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration, from data provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Business.