

## Illinois

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

- Small businesses totaled 1.1 million in the state in 2008. Of these, 255,769 were employers, and they accounted for 48.4% of private-sector jobs in the state (Table 1). Small firms made up 98.3% of the state's employers.

- Illinois's real gross state product increased by 0.3% 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 223,174 in 2007, a 45.7% 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](http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/848).
- For other small business data and analysis, visit [www.sba.gov/advocacy/847](http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/847), call (202) 205-6533, or email [advocacy@sba.gov](mailto:advocacy@sba.gov).
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### Illinois Small Business Facts

	2008*	2007	2000
<b>Number of Businesses</b>			
Small employers (<500 employees)	255,769	259,870	249,606
Large employers (500+ employees)	4,456	4,419	4,465
Nonemployers	874,540	885,589	668,171
	<b>Level in 2007*</b>	<b>% Share in 2007</b>	<b>% Change 2002-2007</b>
<b>Business Owner Demographics</b>			
Male-owned	579,119	51.5	7.2
Woman-owned	343,151	30.5	20.4
Equally male/female-owned	163,338	14.5	56.7
African American-owned	106,679	9.5	55.3
Asian-owned	59,460	5.3	33.7
Hispanic-owned	56,552	5.0	43.0
Native American/Alaskan-owned	5,488	0.5	62.4
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-owned	591	0.1	-9.9
Veteran-owned	80,719	7.2	n.a.
	<b>Level in 2009*</b>	<b>% Change from 2008 2000</b>	
<b>Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)</b>			
Private-sector employment	4,730	-5.8	-8.0
Government employment	820	0.2	2.5
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	554	-5.3	3.2
Female self-employment	172	-5.8	-1.2
Male self-employment	382	-5.1	5.3
Minority self-employment	101	-3.8	56.2
Veteran self-employment	38	-23.7	-42.8
Unemployment rate (%)	10.1	3.7†	5.6†
<b>Business Turnover</b>			
Quarterly establishment openings	58,148	-2.5	5.1
Quarterly establishment closings	64,065	2.5	22.2
Business bankruptcies	2,808	80.3	121.1
	<b>2009*</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Income and Finance</b>			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	44.8	49.3	31.6
Number of bank branches	4,989	5,046	3,978
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	227,202	390,091	146,983
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	2,537	4,145	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, 2008  
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms	Employer Firms			Employment		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	874.5	260.2	225.0	255.8	5,464.1	885.2	2,602.7
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	4.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.7	1.2
Mining	2.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	8.7	1.7	4.4
Utilities	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	27.3	0.5	2.2
Construction	98.5	31.7	29.4	31.6	245.1	97.4	212.5
Manufacturing	10.0	14.2	9.5	13.4	645.0	55.0	316.3
Wholesale trade	14.3	16.8	12.9	15.9	317.8	55.3	180.6
Retail trade	69.3	26.2	22.7	25.6	652.7	99.9	240.4
Transportation and warehousing	55.7	10.5	8.9	10.1	236.9	26.9	76.5
Information	11.7	3.1	2.3	2.9	131.7	9.2	36.6
Finance and insurance	33.8	13.8	11.9	13.3	347.1	38.9	116.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	83.9	10.4	9.5	10.2	85.8	26.5	56.5
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	120.4	36.8	33.7	36.2	375.5	99.6	216.6
Management of companies and enterprises	--	1.5	0.2	0.9	180.5	0.6	16.1
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	71.3	14.9	12.6	14.4	523.2	42.0	175.7
Educational services	23.9	3.3	2.4	3.2	144.2	10.9	57.8
Health care and social assistance	90.0	25.2	21.6	24.9	727.1	102.8	340.9
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	43.9	4.3	3.6	4.2	78.3	13.7	52.4
Accommodation and food services	11.1	20.4	16.0	20.1	479.0	88.7	288.0
Other services (except public admin.)	128.8	29.4	26.9	29.2	256.3	114.6	211.4
Unclassified	--	0.3	0.3	0.3	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](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.)

(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	23,695	28,103	-1,390	-10,228	-20,918	-513	-4,946	28,641
2005 - 2006	123,753	36,405	9,081	9,178	18,531	20,102	93,297	30,456
2006 - 2007	4,193	33,993	462	-3,178	-6,602	-15,207	-5,275	9,468

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (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, 2009 (Nonfarm, Thousands)**

	Establishments				Employment Change Due To:			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 1	12.4	46.4	63.9	16.8	36.6	173.2	275.9	52.0
Quarter 2	14.9	48.9	62.5	15.6	49.8	198.8	277.2	45.4
Quarter 3	14.2	48.9	58.3	16.1	43.1	192.3	235.5	49.2
Quarter 4	16.7	50.4	56.9	15.6	49.9	204.8	223.8	48.6

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