

Maryland

Maryland's 112,547 small employers and 425,613 nonemployers make significant contributions to the state's economy, and they bring innovative products and services to the marketplace.* They are an important source of employment and opportunity throughout the state. This profile by the Office of Advocacy uses the latest statistics to describe the small business contribution in the greatest possible detail. (Note: A small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Maryland's real gross state product increased by 1.3% and private-sector employment decreased by 0.9% in 2008. By comparison, real GDP growth in the United States was 0.7% and private-sector employment declined by 0.7%.
- The construction industry was the state's largest small business employer in 2006; health care and social assistance was the largest overall employer (Table 1).
- Small businesses are a major force in the state's net job change, as shown in Table 2.
- The number of small employers in Maryland was 112,547 in 2006, accounting for 97.7% of the state's employers and 53.4% of its private-sector employment. (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.)

For Further Information

- Data on all states and territories is available at www.sba.gov/advo/research/profiles.
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* Small employer data from 2006; nonemployer from 2007.

Maryland Small Business Facts

	2007†	2006	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	n.a.	112,547	103,361
Large employers (500+ employees)	n.a.	2,602	2,610
Nonemployers	425,613	410,275	322,819
	2002‡	% Share in 2002	% Change 1997–2002
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	248,100	55.9	14.2
Woman-owned	137,410	31.0	18.7
Equally male/female-owned	43,644	9.8	-23.4
African American-owned	69,410	15.6	45.8
Asian-owned	26,184	5.9	19.1
Hispanic-owned	15,353	3.5	37.6
Native American/Alaskan-owned	3,589	0.8	n.a.
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-owned	83	0.0	-55.4
	2008‡	% Change from	
		2007	2000
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	2,067	-0.9	4.8
Government employment	471	1.9	8.6
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	281	4.8	14.5
Female self-employment	98	7.0	11.8
Male self-employment	183	3.6	16.1
Minority self-employment	68	11.3	68.5
Veteran self-employment	27	-19.0	-31.5
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	0.9	0.8
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	27,778	-1.5	8.7
Quarterly establishment closings	30,963	8.6	16.6
Business bankruptcies	628	65.3	-7.2
	2008‡	2007	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	18.0	18.0	10.9
Number of bank branches	1,829	1,805	1,711
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	n.a.	235,295	70,564
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	n.a.	2,369	805
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy (www.sba.gov/advo/research/sbl_08study.pdf , Table 4b.) n.a. not available.			
† Latest available data; certain figures are economywide. ‡ Data are for CRA loans.			

**Table 1. Firms and Employment in Maryland by Industry and Firm Size, 2006 and 2007
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms (2007)	Employer Firms (2006)			Employment (2006)		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	425.6	115.1	98.4	112.5	2,232.2	407.6	1,192.4
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.8	0.2	1.0
Utilities	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	9.9	(D)	0.9
Construction	43.1	17.0	15.0	16.9	196.7	60.8	165.4
Manufacturing	4.0	3.4	2.4	3.2	131.1	12.9	61.9
Wholesale trade	5.8	5.2	3.8	4.8	98.3	16.7	59.5
Retail trade	34.8	12.9	11.1	12.4	307.1	50.7	119.3
Transportation and warehousing	20.6	3.4	2.7	3.2	68.1	9.8	28.3
Information	7.0	1.5	1.1	1.3	61.4	4.0	18.5
Finance and insurance	12.8	4.8	4.0	4.5	125.5	14.9	43.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	50.1	5.3	4.8	5.1	50.2	13.5	31.8
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	71.4	18.1	16.0	17.8	228.1	51.9	137.4
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.6	0.1	0.4	51.0	0.3	7.9
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	34.6	7.2	5.9	6.9	176.6	23.7	86.0
Educational services	13.5	1.7	1.3	1.7	67.2	5.5	34.9
Health care and social assistance	45.2	12.0	10.3	11.8	310.5	50.0	149.0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	23.5	2.0	1.7	2.0	37.3	7.1	26.3
Accommodation and food services	5.9	8.3	6.4	8.1	193.9	33.7	121.4
Other services (except public admin.)	49.7	12.7	11.5	12.6	116.2	50.8	98.7
Unclassified	--	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	(D)	0.5

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html 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, 2003–2006 (Nonfarm)

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2003 - 2004	62,197	21,384	7,878	6,012	13,129	-737	47,666	14,531
2004 - 2005	15,623	15,344	3,617	1,431	-1,245	-2,472	16,675	-1,052
2005 - 2006	66,588	18,498	6,614	7,089	18,240	10,010	60,451	6,137

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2008 (Nonfarm, Thousands)

	Establishments				Employment Change Due To:			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 1	7.1	28.2	30.0	7.6	25.6	103.6	107.9	24.5
Quarter 2	7.0	27.5	31.0	7.4	24.5	106.2	117.7	26.3
Quarter 3	6.6	27.1	30.7	7.6	24.1	103.6	114.9	27.5
Quarter 4	7.0	25.8	32.0	8.4	26.5	98.8	126.9	29.4

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 2006 show that 86 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.