

**Table 762. Employer Firms, Establishments, Employment, and Annual Payroll by Firm Size: 1990 to 2008**

[In thousands except as noted (5,074 represents 5,074,000). Firms are an aggregation of all establishments owned by a parent company with some annual payroll. Establishments are locations with active payroll in any quarter. This table illustrates the changing importance of enterprise sizes over time, not job growth, as enterprises can grow or decline and change enterprise size cells over time]

| Item                               | Total   | All industries—employment size of firm |        |          |          |            |               |             |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|--------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|-------------|
|                                    |         | 0 to 4 <sup>1</sup>                    | 5 to 9 | 10 to 19 | 20 to 99 | 100 to 499 | Less than 500 | 500 or more |
| <b>Firms:</b>                      |         |  |        |          |          |            |               |             |
| 1990.....                          | 5,074   | 3,021                                  | 952    | 563      | 454      | 70         | 5,060         | 14          |
| 1995.....                          | 5,369   | 3,250                                  | 981    | 577      | 470      | 76         | 5,354         | 15          |
| 2000.....                          | 5,653   | 3,397                                  | 1,021  | 617      | 516      | 84         | 5,635         | 17          |
| 2004.....                          | 5,886   | 3,580                                  | 1,043  | 633      | 526      | 87         | 5,869         | 17          |
| 2005.....                          | 5,984   | 3,678                                  | 1,050  | 630      | 521      | 87         | 5,966         | 17          |
| 2006.....                          | 6,022   | 3,670                                  | 1,061  | 647      | 536      | 91         | 6,004         | 18          |
| 2007.....                          | 6,050   | 3,705                                  | 1,060  | 645      | 532      | 89         | 6,031         | 18          |
| 2008.....                          | 5,930   | 3,618                                  | 1,044  | 633      | 526      | 90         | 5,912         | 18          |
| <b>Establishments:</b>             |         |  |        |          |          |            |               |             |
| 1990.....                          | 6,176   | 3,032                                  | 971    | 600      | 590      | 255        | 5,448         | 728         |
| 1995.....                          | 6,613   | 3,260                                  | 998    | 618      | 639      | 284        | 5,799         | 814         |
| 2000.....                          | 7,070   | 3,406                                  | 1,035  | 652      | 674      | 312        | 6,080         | 990         |
| 2004.....                          | 7,388   | 3,586                                  | 1,056  | 667      | 693      | 330        | 6,331         | 1,056       |
| 2005.....                          | 7,500   | 3,684                                  | 1,063  | 662      | 679      | 332        | 6,421         | 1,079       |
| 2006.....                          | 7,601   | 3,677                                  | 1,073  | 679      | 698      | 346        | 6,473         | 1,129       |
| 2007.....                          | 7,705   | 3,711                                  | 1,074  | 682      | 723      | 356        | 6,546         | 1,159       |
| 2008.....                          | 7,601   | 3,625                                  | 1,057  | 667      | 705      | 360        | 6,414         | 1,187       |
| <b>Employment:</b>                 |         |  |        |          |          |            |               |             |
| 1990.....                          | 93,469  | 5,117                                  | 6,252  | 7,543    | 17,710   | 13,545     | 50,167        | 43,302      |
| 1995.....                          | 100,315 | 5,395                                  | 6,440  | 7,734    | 18,422   | 14,660     | 52,653        | 47,662      |
| 2000.....                          | 114,065 | 5,593                                  | 6,709  | 8,286    | 20,277   | 16,260     | 57,124        | 56,941      |
| 2004.....                          | 115,075 | 5,845                                  | 6,853  | 8,500    | 20,643   | 16,758     | 58,597        | 56,477      |
| 2005.....                          | 116,317 | 5,937                                  | 6,898  | 8,454    | 20,444   | 16,911     | 58,645        | 57,672      |
| 2006.....                          | 119,917 | 5,960                                  | 6,974  | 8,676    | 21,077   | 17,537     | 60,224        | 59,693      |
| 2007.....                          | 120,604 | 6,139                                  | 6,975  | 8,656    | 20,923   | 17,174     | 59,867        | 60,737      |
| 2008.....                          | 120,904 | 6,086                                  | 6,878  | 8,497    | 20,685   | 17,548     | 59,694        | 61,210      |
| <b>Annual payroll (bil. dol.):</b> |         |  |        |          |          |            |               |             |
| 1990.....                          | 2,104   | 117                                    | 114    | 144      | 352      | 279        | 1,007         | 1,097       |
| 1995.....                          | 2,666   | 142                                    | 137    | 175      | 437      | 361        | 1,252         | 1,414       |
| 2000.....                          | 3,879   | 186                                    | 174    | 231      | 608      | 528        | 1,727         | 2,152       |
| 2004.....                          | 4,254   | 206                                    | 196    | 258      | 670      | 588        | 1,917         | 2,337       |
| 2005.....                          | 4,483   | 220                                    | 206    | 269      | 700      | 617        | 2,013         | 2,470       |
| 2006.....                          | 4,792   | 230                                    | 214    | 282      | 742      | 661        | 2,129         | 2,664       |
| 2007.....                          | 5,027   | 235                                    | 222    | 292      | 769      | 687        | 2,205         | 2,822       |
| 2008.....                          | 5,131   | 232                                    | 223    | 294      | 775      | 706        | 2,229         | 2,901       |

<sup>1</sup> Employment is measured in March, thus some firms (start-ups after March, closures before March, and seasonal firms) will have zero employment and some annual payroll.

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, "Statistics of U.S. Businesses," <<http://www.sba.gov/adv/research/data.html>>, accessed May 2011.

**Table 763. Number of Active Establishments by Firm Age and Size of Employer: 2009**

[In thousands (2,794 represents 2,794,000). A firm may have one establishment (a single unit establishment) or many establishments (a multi-unit firm). Firms are defined at the enterprise level such that all establishments under the operational control of the enterprise are considered part of the firm. These data include nearly all nonfarm private establishments with paid employees as well as some public sector activities. The Business Dynamics Statistics data measure the net change in employment at the establishment level. Data are not to be compared with Table 760, which is shown by industry based on North American Industry Classification System codes. Data are also not comparable to U.S. Small Business Administration data (Tables 761 and 762) due to differing survey methodologies. For more information about concepts and methodology, see <[http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds\\_overview](http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview)>]

| Firm age <sup>1</sup>      | Firm size    |              |            |            |            |               |              | Share of employment | Share of job creation | Share of job destruction |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                            | 1 to 4       | 5 to 9       | 10 to 19   | 20 to 99   | 100 to 499 | Less than 500 | 500 or more  |                     |                       |                          |
| <b>Total.....</b>          | <b>2,794</b> | <b>1,074</b> | <b>657</b> | <b>680</b> | <b>349</b> | <b>5,554</b>  | <b>1,141</b> | <b>1.00</b>         | <b>1.00</b>           | <b>1.00</b>              |
| Startups.....              | 348          | 34           | 14         | 9          | 2          | 407           | (Z)          | 0.06                | 0.16                  | —                        |
| 1 to 5 years.....          | 924          | 295          | 154        | 112        | 23         | 1,507         | 10           | 0.23                | 0.16                  | 0.20                     |
| 6 to 10 years.....         | 493          | 201          | 118        | 103        | 27         | 943           | 21           | 0.14                | 0.09                  | 0.12                     |
| 11 to 20 years.....        | 566          | 258          | 159        | 144        | 54         | 1,180         | 81           | 0.19                | 0.13                  | 0.17                     |
| 21 years and over.....     | 463          | 285          | 212        | 312        | 243        | 1,516         | 1,029        | 0.38                | 0.46                  | 0.52                     |
| Share of employment.....   | 0.05         | 0.06         | 0.07       | 0.17       | 0.14       | 0.50          | 0.50         | (X)                 | (X)                   | (X)                      |
| Share of job creation..... | 0.11         | 0.09         | 0.09       | 0.18       | 0.13       | 0.59          | 0.41         | (X)                 | (X)                   | (X)                      |

— Represents zero. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500. <sup>1</sup> Establishment age is computed by taking the difference between the current year of operation and the birth year. Firm age is computed from the age of the establishments belonging to that particular firm. For more information, see <[http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds\\_overview](http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview)>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, "Business Dynamics Statistics," <[http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds\\_database\\_list](http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_database_list)>, accessed May 2011.