

Mississippi

Small businesses significantly impact Mississippi's economy. They represent 96.5 percent of all employers and employ 49.5 percent of the private-sector labor force. Small businesses are crucial to the fiscal condition of the state and numbered 240,378 in 2010.

This profile uses the latest available data to illustrate the status of Mississippi's small businesses. (Note that a small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Mississippi's economy was strong in 2011, with real gross state product increasing 2.4 percent and private-sector employment increasing 0.2 percent (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- Small businesses employed 436,996 workers in 2010 (Table 1) with most of the employment coming from firms with 20-499 employees.
- The employment situation from 2007-2010 was weak, and small businesses in Mississippi had a net job loss (Table 2). The unemployment rate in 2010-2011 increased by 0.2 percent.
- Most of Mississippi's small businesses are very small as 81.1 percent of all businesses have no employees, and most employers have fewer than 20 employees.
- In 2011, the number of opening establishments was lower than closing establishments, and the net employment change from this turnover was positive (Table 3).
- Self-employment in Mississippi declined over the last decade. Minority self-employment fared the best compared with other demographic groups.

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- Data on all states and territories are available at www.sba.gov/advocacy/848.
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Mississippi Small Business Facts

	2010*	2009	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	44,194	44,518	46,753
Large employers (500+ employees)	1,619	1,619	1,581
Nonemployers	196,184	188,955	134,853
Level in 2007* (000)			
	Firms	Employment	Receipts(\$M)
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	122	363	65,016
Woman-owned	61	57	7,325
Equally male/female-owned	36	53	6,925
African American-owned	41	11	874
Asian-owned	4	12	1,242
Hispanic-owned	2	3	252
Native American/Alaskan-owned	1	1	137
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-owned	-	-	-
Veteran-owned	38	90	16,223
Publicly held, unclassified	7	409	112,762
	Level in 2011*	% Change from	
		2010	2000
Workforce (Thousands)			
Private-sector employment	844	0.2	-8.3
Government employment	246	-1.2	5.3
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	107	-7.9	-32.3
Female self-employment	27	-19.7	-35.9
Male self-employment	80	-2.9	-31.0
Minority self-employment	23	6.9	-16.0
Veteran self-employment	7	-33.0	-69.4
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	10.7	0.2†	5‡
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	8,987	-0.4	-6.9
Quarterly establishment closings	9,415	-1.0	-2.7
Business bankruptcies	406	-12.7	100.0
	2011*	2010	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	7.9	7.6	5.6
Number of bank branches	1,215	1,209	1,102
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	21,658	27,450	58,619
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	486	498	1,034

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 Mississippi by Industry and Firm Size, 2010
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms	Employer Firms			Employment		
		All Firms Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	All Firms Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	196.2	45.8	39.1	44.2	882.2	170.4	437.0
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	4.4	0.7	0.6	0.7	4.5	3.0	4.2
Mining	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	5.0	0.8	3.0
Utilities	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	9.3	1.1	4.4
Construction	29.2	4.3	3.9	4.3	44.1	16.0	35.9
Manufacturing	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.8	139.5	7.4	44.6
Wholesale trade	2.8	2.3	1.6	2.1	34.5	7.6	23.9
Retail trade	15.9	7.7	6.7	7.4	136.1	29.7	58.3
Transportation and warehousing	9.7	1.8	1.4	1.6	32.7	5.5	14.3
Information	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	13.2	1.4	3.9
Finance and insurance	6.4	2.3	2.0	2.2	33.8	6.5	16.9
Real estate and rental and leasing	14.2	1.9	1.7	1.9	10.2	4.7	7.9
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	17.1	4.3	3.9	4.2	31.5	13.8	25.5
Management of companies and enterprises	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	8.1	0.1	2.9
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	22.3	2.0	1.6	1.8	44.9	6.4	20.2
Educational services	3.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	18.4	1.5	9.8
Health care and social assistance	18.2	4.8	4.1	4.7	155.6	22.0	66.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	5.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	8.2	2.5	6.4
Accommodation and food services	3.5	3.6	2.7	3.4	113.2	16.4	51.1
Other services (except public admin.)	37.7	6.2	5.8	6.1	39.4	23.8	37.1
Unclassified	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See 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.)

Table 2: Net Job Change by Firm Size, 2007–2010 (Nonfarm)

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2010	-8,233	5,269	-284	-2,354	-3,210	-754	-1,333	-6,900
2009	-40,504	4,630	-2,623	-4,473	-12,439	-10,115	-25,020	-15,484
2008	9,552	4,806	1,013	-1,324	-489	2,515	6,521	3,031
2007	1,695	8,077	1,478	514	-1,748	-4,722	3,599	-1,904

Note: Data source differs from previous publications.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Business Dynamic Statistics. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advocacy/849/12162.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2011 (Nonfarm, Thousands)

	Establishments				Employment			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Openings	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.4	9.5	9.4	10.0	9.2
Expansions	12.3	11.8	12.4	12.0	45.4	41.8	43.7	42.3
Contractions	12.5	12.7	12.3	12.2	43.8	47.3	43.3	41.5
Closings	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	8.2	9.2	9.1	8.9

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

Note: These figures contain all firm sizes; Census data from 2010 show that 87 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.