# SMALL BUSINESS PROFILE

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## **NEBRASKA**



170,512 99.1% Small Businesses of Nebraska Businesses

400,506 47.1% Small Business Employees of Nebraska Employees



**9,084** net new jobs



14,561 minority-owned businesses

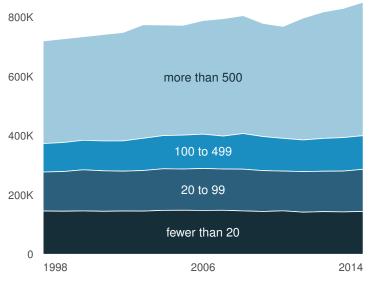


#### **OVERALL NEBRASKA ECONOMY**

- In the second quarter of 2016, Nebraska grew at an annual rate of 4.3%, which was faster than the overall US growth rate of 1.2%. Nebraska's 2015 growth rate of 0.9% was down from the 2014 rate of 3.0%. (Source: BEA)
- In November 2016, the unemployment rate was 3.4%, up from 3.0% at the close of 2015. This was below the November 2016 national unemployment rate of 4.6%. (Source: CPS)

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Figure 1: Nebraska Employment by Business Size (Employees)



- Nebraska small businesses employed 400,506 people, or 47.1% of the private workforce, in 2014. (Source: SUSB)
- Firms with fewer than 100 employees have the largest share of small business employment. See Figure 1 for further details on firms with employees. (Source: SUSB)
- During the year ending November 2016, private-sector employment decreased 0.2%. This was below the previous year's increase of 0.5%. (Source: CPS)
- The number of proprietors increased in 2015 by 2.1% relative to the previous year. (Source: BEA)
- Small businesses created 9,084 net jobs in 2014. Among the seven BDS size-classes, firms employing 100 to 249 employees experienced the largest gains, adding 2,841 net jobs. The largest losses were in firms employing 50 to 99 employees, which lost 91 net jobs. (Source: BDS)

The Small Business Profiles are produced by the US Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. Each report incorporates the most up-to-date government data to present a unique snapshot of small businesses. Small businesses are defined as firms employing fewer than 500 employees. Net small business job change, minority small business ownership, and exporter share statistics are based on the 2014 Business Dynamics Statistics (BDS), 2012 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), and 2014 International Trade Administration (ITA) data, respectively.

#### **INCOME AND FINANCE**

- The number of banks reported in the Call Reports between June 2015 and June 2016 declined. (Source: FDIC)
- In 2014, 27,372 loans under \$100,000 (valued at \$440.1 million) were issued by Nebraska lending institutions reporting under the Community Reinvestment Act. (Source: FFIEC)
- The median income for individuals self-employed at their own incorporated businesses was \$43,071 in 2015. For individuals self-employed at their own unincorporated firms, this figure was \$25,487. (Source: ACS)

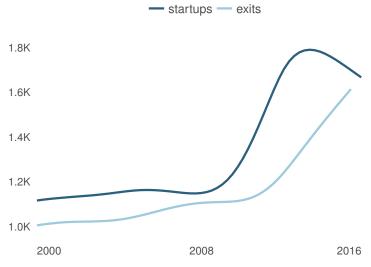
Median income represents earnings from all sources. Unincorporated self-employment income includes unpaid family workers, a very small percent of the unincorporated self-employed.

#### **BUSINESS OWNER DEMOGRAPHICS** Figure 2: Nebraska Small Business Ownership, 2012 Demographic group **Firms** Pop. No. of firms relative to working population African American 4.6K 59.0K 3.2K 24.6K Asian Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 799 55 Hispanic 6.0K 104.1K Native American/Alaskan 989 11.2K Some other race 2.5K 28.5K 137.0K 1.3M Nonveteran Veteran 16.7K 146.9K Minority 14.6K 212.9K Nonminority 143.8K 1.2M Female 51.9K 722.0K Male 83.4K 697.5K 2 4 8 10 12

Figure 2 displays the number of small firms (SBO) per 100 people 16 years and over (ACS). For example, there are approximately 7 female-owned firms per 100 working age females or  $51.9K \div 722.0K \times 100$ . ACS and SBO differ in their classifications of individuals reporting more than one race. ACS provides a distinct category for two or more races while SBO tabulates these businesses into more than one group.

### **BUSINESS TURNOVER**

Figure 3: Nebraska Quarterly Startups and Exits



- In the second quarter of 2015, 1,611 establishments started up, generating 4,664 new jobs in Nebraska. Startups are counted when business establishments hire at least one employee for the first time. (Source: BDM)
- In the same period, 1,605 establishments exited resulting in 4,645 jobs lost. Exits occur when establishments go from having at least one employee to having none, and then remain closed for at least one year. (Source: BDM)
- Figure 3 displays quarterly startups and exits from 2000 to 2016. Each series is smoothed across multiple quarters to highlight long-run trends.

The BLS refers to startups as births and exits as deaths. These terms are distinct from the BLS openings and closings categories. Openings include seasonal re-openings and closings include seasonal shutterings.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

• A total of 2,016 companies exported goods from Nebraska in 2014. Among these, 1,638, or 81.2%, were small firms; they generated 22.3% of Nebraska's \$7.5 billion in total known exports. (Source: ITA)

#### SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY AND COUNTY

Table 1: Nebraska Employment by Industry, 2014

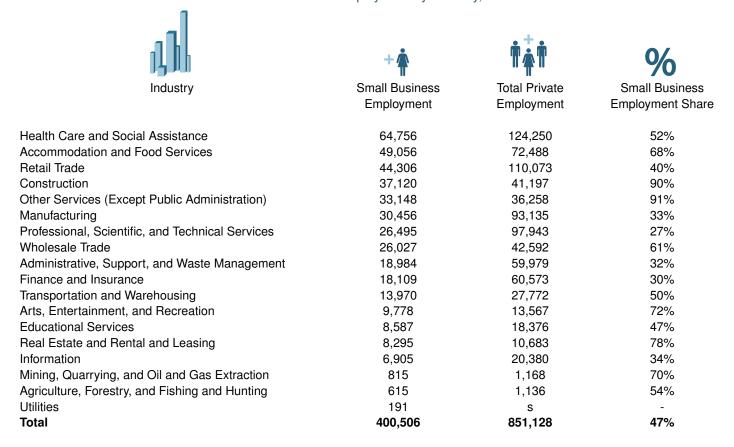
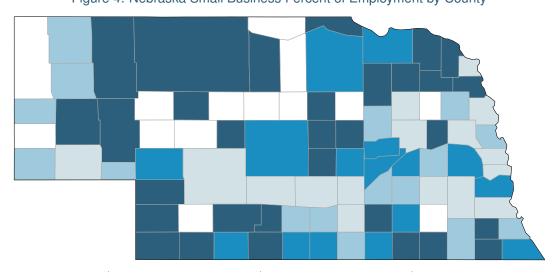
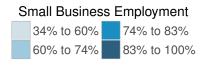


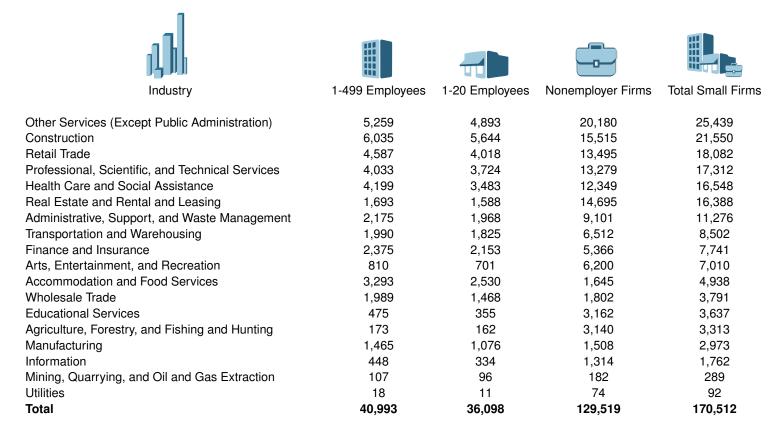
Figure 4: Nebraska Small Business Percent of Employment by County





#### **SMALL BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY**

Table 2: Nebraska Small Businesses by Industry and Firm Size, 2014



Data for counties shown in white in Figure 4 and values labeled "s" in Tables 1 and 2 were withheld by the Census Bureau because they do not meet publication standards or could disclose information regarding individual businesses. (Source: SUSB, NES)

#### REFERENCES

The Small Business Profiles, source data, and methodology are available at http://go.usa.gov/x9yxK.

| ACS   | American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, U.S. Census Bureau |
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| BEA   | Bureau of Economic Analysis                                     |
| BDM   | Business Employment Dynamics, BLS                               |
| BDS   | Business Dynamics Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau                |
| BLS   | Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor            |
| CES   | Current Employment Statistics, BLS                              |
| CEW   | Census of Employment and Wages, BLS                             |
| CPS   | Current Population Survey, BLS                                  |
| FDIC  | Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation                           |
| FFIEC | Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council              |
| ITA   | International Trade Administration                              |
| NES   | Nonemployer Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau                      |
| SBO   | Survey of Business Owners, U.S. Census Bureau                   |
| SUSB  | Statistics of U.S. Businesses, U.S. Census Bureau               |

