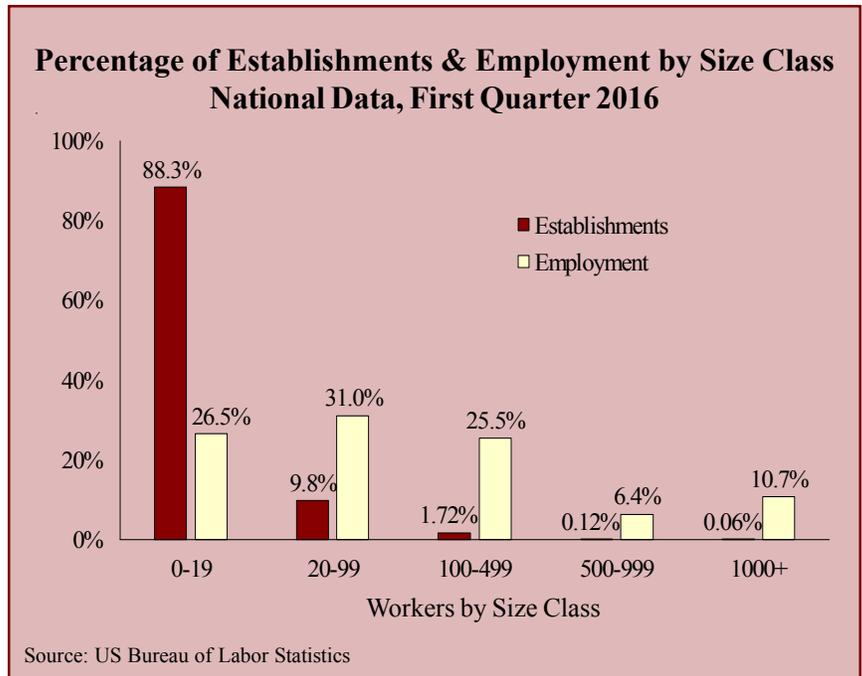


National Employment by Size of Establishment*

Nationally, small establishments comprise an overwhelming majority of the nation's businesses. In 2016, 88.3 percent of the establishments in the US had fewer than 20 workers. Establishments employing between 20 and 99 workers accounted for 9.8 percent of US establishments, and those employing over 100 workers accounted for only 1.9 percent of establishments nationwide.

- Small establishments (fewer than 20 workers) dominate the economies of all states, ranging from a high of 91.4 percent in Montana to 84.6 percent in Ohio.
- In 2016, 89.1 percent of Rhode Island establishments employed less than 20 workers, ranking the state 13 in terms of its percentage of small establishments.
- The New England states all share a similar percentage of small establishments, with the greatest percentage found in Maine (90.6%) and lowest in Connecticut (88.4%).
- In Rhode Island, 28.8 percent of the state's jobs are in small establishments, compared to 26.5 percent nationally.



- The states with the greatest percentages of large establishments (100 employees or more) are Tennessee (2.67%), Ohio (2.65%) and Indiana (2.57%) compared to a US average of 1.90 percent. Wyoming (0.75%) and Montana (0.81%) have the smallest percentages of large establishments.
- Rhode Island (1.63%), ranked 35th in the nation in the percentage of large establishments within each state. Included among the 14 states ranked below Rhode Island are New Hampshire (1.57%), Vermont (1.33%) and Maine (1.27%), while Massachusetts (1.93%) and Connecticut (1.90%) ranked higher.
- In Rhode Island, 39.1 percent of the jobs are in large establishments compared to 42.6 percent nationally.
- While the percentage of establishments is skewed towards the smaller size classes, the distribution of employment is more balanced. Nationally, 26.5 percent of employees are found in establishments of the smallest size class (zero to 19 employees), 31.0 percent are found in establishments employing 20 to 99 workers and 42.6 percent of employees work in an establishment with greater than 100 workers.
- Over 15 percent of establishments and 11.9 percent of employment in the US is located in California, followed by Florida (6.9% of establishments, 6.1% of employment), New York (6.7% of establishments, 6.4% of employment) and Texas (6.5% of establishments, 8.3% of employment). Alaska (0.21%) has the lowest percentage of establishments, while Wyoming (0.17%) has the lowest percentage of employment.

*Establishment refers to the separate location of firms with multiple locations, i.e. supermarkets, banks, department stores. The total employment level of a multi-establishment company (firm) is not available for all states from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Therefore, the state comparisons are done by size of establishment.

Private Industry - Establishments*, First Quarter 2016

Total All Industries	Total Percent of US Estab.	0-19 Workers Percent of Estab.	20-99 Workers Percent of Estab.	100-499 Workers Percent of Estab.	500-999 Workers Percent of Estab.	1,000+ Workers Percent of Estab.
US Total	100.0%	88.3%	9.8%	1.72%	0.12%	0.06%
Alabama	1.2%	86.5%	11.5%	1.78%	0.12%	0.05%
Alaska	0.2%	88.7%	9.4%	1.70%	0.07%	0.06%
Arizona	1.6%	87.0%	10.5%	2.13%	0.20%	0.10%
Arkansas	0.9%	88.8%	9.6%	1.41%	0.11%	0.06%
California	15.2%	91.0%	7.6%	1.28%	0.09%	0.05%
Colorado	2.0%	88.4%	9.9%	1.47%	0.09%	0.05%
Connecticut	1.2%	88.4%	9.7%	1.75%	0.09%	0.06%
Delaware	0.3%	89.3%	8.8%	1.66%	0.09%	0.08%
District of Columbia	0.4%	88.8%	9.0%	2.00%	0.15%	0.08%
Florida	6.9%	89.6%	8.7%	1.54%	0.10%	0.04%
Georgia	3.1%	88.3%	9.7%	1.81%	0.12%	0.06%
Hawaii	0.4%	86.8%	11.3%	1.70%	0.15%	0.04%
Idaho	0.6%	89.7%	9.0%	1.18%	0.08%	0.03%
Illinois	4.3%	89.2%	8.7%	1.83%	0.14%	0.08%
Indiana	1.7%	85.0%	12.4%	2.31%	0.18%	0.08%
Iowa	1.0%	87.2%	10.8%	1.75%	0.12%	0.06%
Kansas	0.9%	87.4%	10.5%	1.86%	0.11%	0.06%
Kentucky	1.2%	87.7%	10.3%	1.84%	0.13%	0.06%
Louisiana	1.3%	86.4%	11.7%	1.76%	0.12%	0.05%
Maine	0.5%	90.6%	8.1%	1.17%	0.07%	0.03%
Maryland	1.8%	87.3%	10.8%	1.80%	0.08%	0.05%
Massachusetts	2.5%	88.8%	9.2%	1.74%	0.12%	0.07%
Michigan	2.5%	87.0%	10.5%	2.28%	0.17%	0.10%
Minnesota	1.6%	86.0%	11.6%	2.21%	0.16%	0.09%
Mississippi	0.7%	87.7%	10.5%	1.62%	0.12%	0.05%
Missouri	2.0%	88.1%	10.1%	1.64%	0.12%	0.06%
Montana	0.5%	91.4%	7.8%	0.77%	0.02%	0.02%
Nebraska	0.7%	88.8%	9.6%	1.41%	0.11%	0.06%
Nevada	0.9%	88.0%	10.1%	1.70%	0.15%	0.10%
New Hampshire	0.5%	89.1%	9.3%	1.43%	0.10%	0.03%
New Jersey	2.8%	88.7%	9.4%	1.75%	0.11%	0.07%
New Mexico	0.6%	88.1%	10.4%	1.48%	0.06%	0.03%
New York	6.7%	89.6%	8.7%	1.51%	0.13%	0.07%
North Carolina	2.8%	86.9%	11.1%	1.77%	0.12%	0.06%
North Dakota	0.3%	87.9%	10.6%	1.41%	0.06%	0.03%
Ohio	3.0%	84.6%	12.8%	2.41%	0.15%	0.09%
Oklahoma	1.1%	87.7%	10.6%	1.56%	0.08%	0.04%
Oregon	1.5%	89.4%	9.2%	1.30%	0.07%	0.03%
Pennsylvania	3.6%	86.3%	11.4%	2.03%	0.15%	0.07%
Rhode Island	0.4%	89.1%	9.3%	1.49%	0.08%	0.06%
South Carolina	1.3%	87.0%	11.0%	1.87%	0.12%	0.06%
South Dakota	0.3%	88.7%	9.9%	1.27%	0.08%	0.02%
Tennessee	1.6%	85.1%	12.3%	2.41%	0.17%	0.08%
Texas	6.5%	84.9%	12.5%	2.30%	0.16%	0.08%
Utah	1.0%	87.8%	10.3%	1.65%	0.12%	0.06%
Vermont	0.2%	89.9%	8.8%	1.17%	0.12%	0.04%
Virginia	2.7%	88.2%	10.1%	1.62%	0.10%	0.05%
Washington	2.5%	89.8%	8.6%	1.47%	0.07%	0.05%
West Virginia	0.5%	88.4%	10.0%	1.37%	0.08%	0.05%
Wisconsin	1.7%	85.9%	11.7%	2.12%	0.16%	0.06%
Wyoming	0.3%	91.3%	8.0%	0.71%	0.03%	0.02%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

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US Total	100.0%	26.5%	31.0%	25.5%	6.4%	10.7%
Alabama	1.3%	29.1%	33.2%	25.2%	6.1%	6.3%
Alaska	0.2%	30.0%	30.6%	27.2%	3.9%	8.3%
Arizona	1.9%	21.6%	27.8%	26.7%	9.1%	14.9%
Arkansas	0.8%	29.3%	31.6%	23.0%	6.3%	9.9%
California	11.9%	28.3%	30.9%	24.1%	6.0%	10.9%
Colorado	1.8%	29.1%	34.1%	24.0%	5.6%	7.3%
Connecticut	1.2%	27.9%	30.7%	25.3%	4.9%	11.2%
Delaware	0.3%	24.9%	29.1%	26.6%	4.9%	14.5%
District of Columbia	0.4%	19.6%	27.6%	29.5%	8.1%	15.3%
Florida	6.1%	28.8%	30.9%	25.5%	6.1%	8.6%
Georgia	3.0%	24.6%	31.2%	27.2%	6.6%	10.4%
Hawaii	0.4%	26.7%	33.5%	24.2%	7.7%	7.9%
Idaho	0.5%	33.3%	33.6%	21.3%	5.2%	6.6%
Illinois	4.2%	22.3%	28.4%	27.2%	7.7%	14.5%
Indiana	2.2%	23.4%	30.4%	26.7%	7.6%	11.8%
Iowa	1.1%	28.5%	31.4%	25.3%	5.9%	9.0%
Kansas	0.9%	26.9%	31.3%	26.5%	5.8%	9.5%
Kentucky	1.3%	25.7%	30.7%	27.1%	6.4%	10.0%
Louisiana	1.4%	28.5%	34.8%	23.8%	6.0%	6.9%
Maine	0.4%	33.9%	32.0%	21.5%	5.2%	7.4%
Maryland	1.8%	27.1%	33.8%	25.8%	4.2%	9.0%
Massachusetts	2.5%	25.5%	29.3%	25.6%	6.3%	13.4%
Michigan	3.0%	22.9%	27.2%	28.2%	7.3%	14.4%
Minnesota	2.0%	22.9%	30.2%	26.9%	7.2%	12.8%
Mississippi	0.7%	29.3%	32.0%	24.1%	6.7%	7.9%
Missouri	1.9%	27.1%	31.6%	24.8%	6.3%	10.2%
Montana	0.3%	42.0%	35.7%	16.4%	1.8%	4.1%
Nebraska	0.7%	29.9%	30.8%	22.9%	6.1%	10.4%
Nevada	0.9%	25.3%	28.2%	22.4%	7.0%	17.1%
New Hampshire	0.5%	31.8%	32.2%	23.9%	5.9%	6.3%
New Jersey	2.8%	27.6%	29.7%	26.1%	5.8%	10.8%
New Mexico	0.5%	30.8%	34.7%	24.0%	3.3%	7.2%
New York	6.4%	26.6%	28.0%	24.1%	7.3%	14.0%
North Carolina	3.0%	26.1%	33.5%	24.8%	6.4%	9.3%
North Dakota	0.3%	32.4%	35.7%	22.6%	3.8%	5.5%
Ohio	3.8%	23.7%	31.7%	27.4%	6.3%	10.9%
Oklahoma	1.1%	30.1%	34.4%	24.5%	4.6%	6.3%
Oregon	1.3%	32.9%	33.2%	22.5%	4.8%	6.6%
Pennsylvania	4.2%	25.8%	31.1%	26.2%	6.9%	10.0%
Rhode Island	0.3%	28.8%	32.1%	23.2%	5.1%	10.8%
South Carolina	1.4%	26.4%	32.5%	26.0%	6.3%	8.8%
South Dakota	0.3%	33.2%	33.5%	21.8%	4.9%	6.6%
Tennessee	2.1%	23.3%	29.7%	27.5%	7.2%	12.3%
Texas	8.3%	24.1%	31.4%	27.3%	6.9%	10.2%
Utah	1.0%	27.5%	32.0%	24.9%	6.6%	9.1%
Vermont	0.2%	33.9%	31.7%	19.3%	7.6%	7.5%
Virginia	2.6%	27.4%	33.4%	25.4%	5.4%	8.4%
Washington	2.2%	28.0%	30.6%	24.5%	4.6%	12.3%
West Virginia	0.5%	33.2%	33.3%	21.6%	4.7%	7.3%
Wisconsin	2.0%	24.7%	31.8%	27.4%	7.5%	8.7%
Wyoming	0.2%	44.1%	35.2%	15.3%	2.5%	3.0%

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