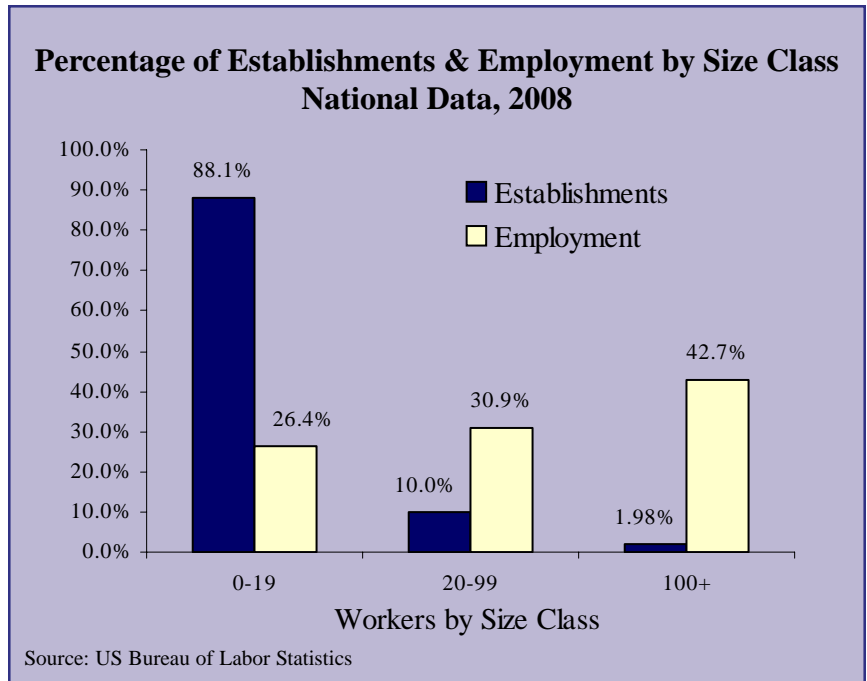


## National Employment by Size of Establishment\*

Nationally, small establishments comprise an overwhelming majority of the nation's businesses. In 2008, the latest year for which data are available for all states, 88.1 percent of the establishments in the US had less than 20 workers. Establishments employing between 20 and 99 workers accounted for 10.0 percent of the US establishments, and those employing over a 100 workers accounted for just 1.98 percent of establishments nationwide.

- Small establishments dominate the economies in all states, ranging from 91.0 percent in Montana to 85.0 percent in Texas.
- In 2008, 88.7 percent of Rhode Island establishments employed less than 20 workers, ranking the state 18th in terms of its percentage of small firms.
- States with a greater percentage of small establishments than Rhode Island include the New England states of Maine (90.3%), Vermont (89.8%), and New Hampshire (88.9%).
- California (90.2%), Florida (90.1%) and New York (89.5%), the three largest states in terms of the number of establishments, all have a greater percentage of small establishments than Rhode Island.
- Rhode Island ranked 40th in the nation in the percentage of large establishments (100 employees or more) located within each state. Included among the 11 states below Rhode Island (1.65%) in this 2008 ranking are Maine (1.45%) and Vermont (1.29%).
- Massachusetts (2.13%), Connecticut (2.05%) and New Hampshire (1.67%) all have a higher percentage of large establishments than Rhode Island.
- The states with the greatest percentages of large establishments are Tennessee (2.69%), Ohio (2.61%) and Texas (2.56%). Montana (0.84%) and Wyoming (0.99%) have the smallest percentages of large establishments.
- More business establishments are located in California (14.4%) than in any other state in the country. Over 90 percent of these establishments employ less than 20 workers and just 1.56 percent employ more than 100 workers.



\*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 - Establishemnts and Employment, First Quarter 2008

Total All Industries	Total		0 to 19 workers		20 to 99 workers		100 or more workers	
	Percent of Estab.	Percent of Employment	Percent of Estab.	Percent of Employment	Percent of Estab.	Percent of Employment	Percent of Estab.	Percent of Employment
<b>US Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>30.9%</b>	<b>1.98%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>
Alabama	1.3%	1.4%	86.3%	28.5%	11.6%	32.9%	2.06%	38.6%
Alaska	0.2%	0.2%	88.7%	30.6%	9.5%	31.5%	1.77%	37.8%
Arizona	1.8%	2.0%	87.9%	21.7%	9.8%	28.2%	2.32%	50.2%
Arkansas	0.9%	0.9%	88.9%	29.2%	9.4%	30.2%	1.69%	40.6%
California	14.4%	11.5%	90.2%	27.3%	8.2%	31.9%	1.56%	40.8%
Colorado	2.0%	1.7%	89.1%	30.2%	9.3%	32.9%	1.61%	36.9%
Connecticut	1.2%	1.3%	88.1%	27.0%	9.8%	29.9%	2.05%	43.1%
Delaware	0.4%	0.3%	89.9%	25.2%	8.3%	28.4%	1.80%	46.4%
District of Columbia	0.4%	0.4%	89.3%	19.5%	8.4%	26.5%	2.31%	54.0%
Florida	7.1%	6.0%	90.1%	28.6%	8.1%	29.5%	1.72%	41.9%
Georgia	3.0%	3.0%	87.9%	25.6%	10.1%	31.7%	2.02%	42.7%
Hawaii	0.4%	0.4%	86.7%	27.8%	11.2%	32.7%	2.08%	39.5%
Idaho	0.6%	0.5%	90.3%	35.1%	8.5%	33.2%	1.17%	31.7%
Illinois	4.1%	4.4%	87.8%	22.1%	9.9%	29.2%	2.27%	48.7%
Indiana	1.8%	2.2%	85.6%	23.8%	11.9%	30.5%	2.53%	45.7%
Iowa	1.0%	1.1%	87.0%	28.5%	11.0%	30.9%	2.05%	40.6%
Kansas	0.9%	1.0%	87.3%	26.3%	10.6%	30.4%	2.13%	43.2%
Kentucky	1.3%	1.3%	87.3%	26.0%	10.6%	31.5%	2.13%	42.5%
Louisiana	1.3%	1.4%	86.6%	28.6%	11.5%	34.9%	1.91%	36.6%
Maine	0.5%	0.4%	90.3%	32.7%	8.3%	31.5%	1.45%	35.8%
Maryland	1.9%	1.8%	87.7%	26.8%	10.4%	33.5%	1.97%	39.7%
Massachusetts	2.3%	2.5%	87.9%	25.2%	10.0%	29.4%	2.13%	45.3%
Michigan	2.9%	3.1%	88.3%	23.7%	9.5%	28.3%	2.26%	48.1%
Minnesota	1.8%	2.0%	87.1%	23.4%	10.5%	29.7%	2.34%	46.9%
Mississippi	0.8%	0.8%	87.3%	29.2%	10.9%	31.6%	1.86%	39.2%
Missouri	1.9%	2.0%	87.2%	26.7%	10.8%	31.2%	2.01%	42.1%
Montana	0.5%	0.3%	91.0%	41.9%	8.1%	35.8%	0.84%	22.3%
Nebraska	0.6%	0.7%	87.3%	28.4%	10.8%	30.7%	1.86%	40.9%
Nevada	0.9%	1.0%	87.5%	23.6%	10.5%	28.3%	2.00%	48.0%
New Hampshire	0.5%	0.5%	88.9%	31.5%	9.5%	31.9%	1.67%	36.6%
New Jersey	3.1%	2.9%	89.1%	27.4%	9.0%	29.4%	1.91%	43.2%
New Mexico	0.6%	0.6%	87.5%	29.3%	10.7%	33.7%	1.75%	37.0%
New York	6.5%	6.3%	89.5%	26.9%	8.7%	27.5%	1.78%	45.6%
North Carolina	2.9%	3.0%	86.7%	26.6%	11.3%	33.2%	2.02%	40.2%
North Dakota	0.3%	0.2%	87.9%	32.1%	10.4%	33.8%	1.69%	34.0%
Ohio	3.2%	3.9%	85.2%	24.1%	12.2%	31.4%	2.61%	44.6%
Oklahoma	1.1%	1.1%	87.3%	28.7%	10.8%	32.6%	1.87%	38.7%
Oregon	1.4%	1.3%	88.5%	32.6%	10.0%	33.6%	1.52%	33.8%
Pennsylvania	3.7%	4.3%	86.0%	25.7%	11.6%	31.3%	2.32%	43.1%
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>88.7%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>1.65%</b>	<b>38.2%</b>
South Carolina	1.3%	1.4%	87.2%	26.9%	10.7%	31.8%	2.13%	41.3%
South Dakota	0.3%	0.3%	89.0%	33.6%	9.5%	31.8%	1.50%	34.5%
Tennessee	1.6%	2.1%	85.3%	23.3%	12.0%	29.2%	2.69%	47.5%
Texas	6.2%	7.7%	85.0%	24.0%	12.5%	31.4%	2.56%	44.5%
Utah	0.9%	0.9%	88.0%	29.0%	10.2%	32.9%	1.73%	38.1%
Vermont	0.3%	0.2%	89.8%	34.7%	8.9%	31.4%	1.29%	33.9%
Virginia	2.5%	2.6%	86.9%	26.6%	11.1%	33.0%	2.03%	40.3%
Washington	2.4%	2.1%	89.4%	29.5%	9.0%	31.4%	1.63%	39.1%
West Virginia	0.5%	0.5%	87.7%	32.8%	10.6%	33.4%	1.64%	33.9%
Wisconsin	1.8%	2.1%	85.8%	24.1%	11.7%	30.7%	2.49%	45.2%
Wyoming	0.3%	0.2%	90.3%	40.0%	8.7%	35.4%	0.99%	24.6%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics