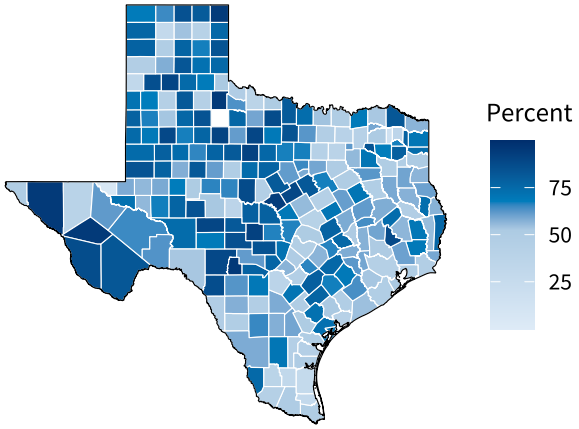
2026 Small Business Profile

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Texas

3.5 million small businesses
99.8 percent of Texas businesses

5.1 million small business employees
44.4 percent of Texas employees

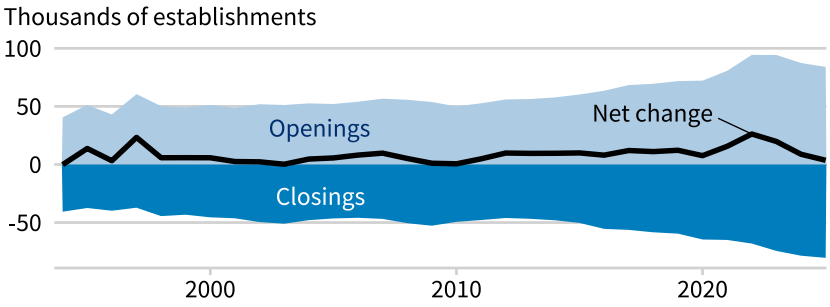


Share of employees working at small businesses by county
Sources of original data: Nonemployer Statistics (Census), Statistics of U.S. Businesses (Census)

Employer and employment dynamics

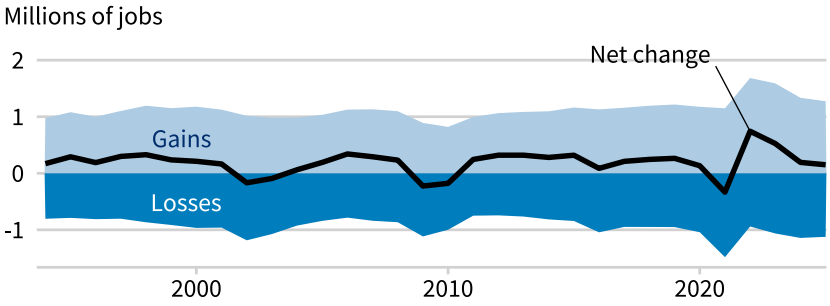
Establishments

Between March 2024 and March 2025, 83,978 Texas establishments opened and 80,388 closed, for a net increase of 3,590. Employment expanded at 170,526 establishments and contracted at 168,686. Small businesses accounted for 78,532 openings and 74,214 closings.



Employment

Opening and expanding Texas establishments added 1,274,048 jobs, while closing and contracting establishments lost 1,123,654 jobs, for a net increase of 150,394 jobs. Small businesses contributed a net increase of 108,441 jobs, or 72.1 percent of that total.



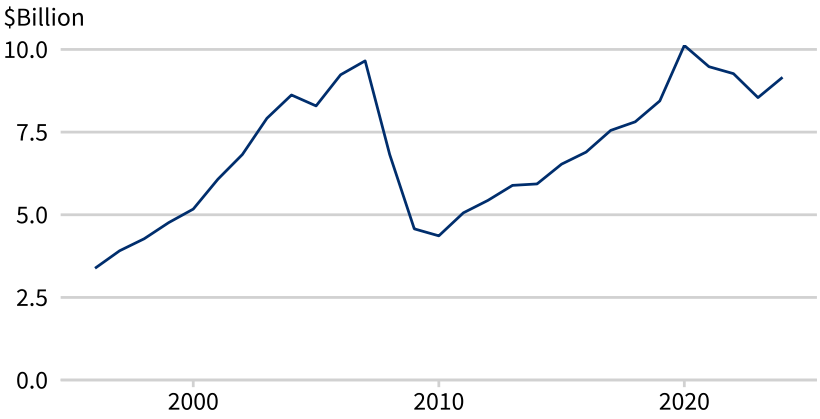
Counts include temporary closures and reopenings.
Source: Business Employment Dynamics (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Small business loans

The Community Reinvestment Act requires large banks to report new small business loans. In 2024, reporting banks issued $9.2 billion in loans to Texas businesses with revenues of $1 million or less. Total reported new lending to businesses through loans of $1 million or less was $26.2 billion. Total reported new lending to businesses through loans of $100,000 or less was $10.8 billion.

Source: CRA Aggregate Data (FFIEC)

New lending to businesses with revenues under $1 million



Small business count by size and industry

Industry	Without employees	1–19 employees	20–499 employees	All small businesses
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	356,676	67,955	5,163	429,794
Construction	376,379	46,770	5,752	428,901
Transportation and Warehousing	395,684	17,324	2,437	415,445
Other Services (except Public Administration)	341,523	47,947	4,112	393,582
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	341,338	22,344	3,754	367,436
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	256,601	26,531	1,338	284,470
Retail Trade	216,448	44,237	4,307	264,992
Health Care and Social Assistance	201,834	49,503	8,069	259,406
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	126,451	7,046	1,110	134,607
Accommodation and Food Services	79,817	34,020	10,862	124,699
Finance and Insurance	84,960	19,969	1,587	106,516
Educational Services	73,152	6,269	1,282	80,703
Wholesale Trade	40,877	20,159	3,911	64,947
Manufacturing	43,032	12,833	4,352	60,217
Information	32,634	5,105	776	38,515
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	30,380	4,502	1,073	35,955
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	23,674	1,056	51	24,781
Utilities	2,065	846	172	3,083
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*	506	1,087	1,593
Industries not classified	*	717	7	724
All industries	3,023,525	435,158	58,660	3,517,343

* Not reported by the Census Bureau

Sources: Nonemployer Statistics, 2022 (Census); Statistics of U.S. Businesses, 2022 (Census)

Small business exports

A total of 38,616 identified firms exported goods worth $400.0 billion from Texas in 2024. Of those exporters, 35,550—or 92.1 percent—were small. At $157.9 billion, exports by small firms made up 39.5 percent of exports by identified firms.

Source: A profile of U.S. importing and exporting companies, 2023-2024 (Census)

Business count by owner demographic group or location type

Ownership	Without employees	With employees	Total businesses	Share (%)
Female	1,338,000	107,124	1,445,124	41.5
Male	1,638,000	280,606	1,918,606	55.1
Owned equally by both groups	55,500	63,023	118,523	3.4
Veteran	151,000	22,721	173,721	5.0
Not Veteran	2,873,000	419,054	3,292,054	94.5
Owned equally by both groups	7,400	8,978	16,378	0.5
Hispanic	1,070,000	72,545	1,142,545	32.8
Not Hispanic	1,954,000	370,406	2,324,406	66.7
Owned equally by both groups	7,800	7,801	15,601	0.4
Rural	376,000	54,960	430,960	13.8
Urban	2,314,000	372,036	2,686,036	86.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	39,000	5,352	44,352	1.3
Asian	298,000	69,098	367,098	10.5
Black or African American	506,000	17,854	523,854	15.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6,800	522	7,322	0.2
White	2,214,000	360,092	2,574,092	73.9
Hispanic or Racial Minority	1,768,000	162,470	1,930,470	55.4
White and Not Hispanic	1,252,000	277,912	1,529,912	43.9
Owned equally by both groups	11,500	10,370	21,870	0.6

Counts include only businesses classifiable by owner demographic group or location type. Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding, approximation, or category overlap.
Sources of original data: Annual Business Survey, 2023 (Census); Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics, 2023 (Census)

Definitions, relationships, and classifications

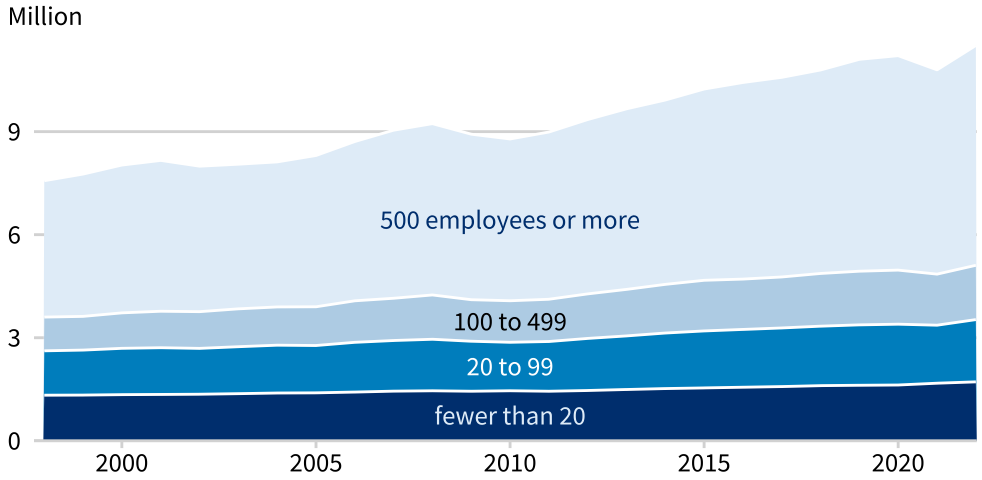
A single firm may encompass multiple establishments if it operates at multiple locations. In these profiles, small businesses are generally defined as firms with fewer than 500 employees across all establishments. The small business shares of employers, employment, and payroll reported in the profiles are small business shares of total businesses with employees, total business employment, and total business payroll. For details, see the discussion of coverage in the Statistics of U.S. Businesses technical documentation.

In the data used for the business dynamics feature on the first page, the size class of a firm may change during the period examined, and firms are categorized according to average size during the period. In that feature, the association of establishments and employment with small businesses is based on the number of employees linked with an Employer Identification Number (EIN). Since a single firm may use multiple EINs, some of the establishments and employment associated with small businesses in that feature would not be associated with small businesses in other features.

Classification by industry is made at the establishment level, so a business encompassing multiple establishments may participate in multiple industries. A business participating in multiple industries would be included in the total for each industry, so the sum of businesses across industries may exceed the total number of businesses.

Total Texas employment by business size

Source of original data: Statistics of U.S. Businesses (Census)



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Texas small business employment grew by 41.8 percent between 1998 and 2022, which exceeded the national small business employment growth rate.

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Small business employment and payroll by industry

	Employers		Employees		Payroll ($1,000s)	
Industry	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	73,118	98.6	460,103	54.8	40,273,561	47.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	57,572	99.0	769,193	46.9	34,758,272	37.5
Construction	52,522	99.2	523,448	70.9	34,836,822	65.6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	52,059	99.4	377,759	81.2	14,127,986	75.3
Retail Trade	48,544	98.7	402,857	29.3	18,638,557	37.1
Accommodation and Food Services	44,882	98.9	734,635	57.9	17,029,689	58.1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	27,869	98.9	131,475	59.1	8,708,007	52.6
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	26,098	96.7	347,409	30.3	17,739,821	30.1
Wholesale Trade	24,070	95.7	265,809	49.2	20,730,896	44.2
Finance and Insurance	21,556	97.1	159,508	26.0	14,912,744	23.3
Transportation and Warehousing	19,761	96.7	183,034	31.1	10,431,707	29.2
Manufacturing	17,185	94.3	333,744	39.4	19,891,870	31.6
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8,156	98.8	95,015	60.7	3,671,308	60.5
Educational Services	7,551	98.1	110,467	50.0	4,202,793	39.2
Information	5,881	93.8	69,507	25.8	6,281,298	21.5
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	5,575	97.2	86,005	48.6	9,322,532	40.9
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,593	61.2	33,818	10.0	3,649,134	7.8
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,107	99.4	5,825	81.2	292,764	77.6
Utilities	1,018	93.7	17,257	30.6	1,636,410	24.4
Industries not classified	724	100.0	1,140	100.0	47,606	100.0
All industries	493,818	98.7	5,108,008	44.4	281,183,777	38.1

Percentages were calculated by dividing industry totals for small employers by industry totals for all employers.
Source: Statistics of U.S. Businesses, 2022 (Census)

About this profile

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