

Illinois

Illinois's 258,555 small employers and 885,589 nonemployers make significant contributions to the state's economy, and they bring innovative products and services to the marketplace.* They are an important source of employment and opportunity throughout the state. This profile by the Office of Advocacy uses the latest statistics to describe the small business contribution in the greatest possible detail. (Note: A small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Illinois's real gross state product increased by 0.3% and private-sector employment decreased by 0.7% in 2008. By comparison, real GDP growth in the United States was 0.7% and private-sector employment declined by 0.7%.
- The manufacturing industry was the state's largest small business employer in 2006; health care and social assistance was the largest overall employer (Table 1).
- Small businesses are a major force in the state's net job change, as shown in Table 2.
- The number of small employers in Illinois was 258,555 in 2006, accounting for 98.4% of the state's employers and 49.2% of its private-sector employment. (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.)

For Further Information

- Data on all states and territories is available at www.sba.gov/advo/research/profiles.
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* Small employer data from 2006; nonemployer from 2007.

Illinois Small Business Facts

	2007†	2006	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	n.a.	258,555	249,606
Large employers (500+ employees)	n.a.	4,315	4,465
Nonemployers	885,589	850,334	668,171
	2002‡	% Share in 2002	% Change 1997–2002
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	540,349	56.4	14.0
Woman-owned	284,954	29.7	18.9
Equally male/female-owned	104,266	10.9	-30.1
African American-owned	68,699	7.2	66.6
Asian-owned	44,477	4.6	22.6
Hispanic-owned	39,539	4.1	27.5
Native American/Alaskan-owned	3,379	0.4	n.a.
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-owned	656	0.1	16.1
	2008‡	% Change from	
		2007	2000
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	5,021	-0.7	-2.3
Government employment	820	0.9	2.3
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	585	-0.8	9.0
Female self-employment	182	-10.3	5.0
Male self-employment	403	4.2	10.9
Minority self-employment	72	4.2	64.3
Veteran self-employment	50	11.7	-25.1
Unemployment rate (%)	6.5	1.4	2.0
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	59,627	4.1	7.8
Quarterly establishment closings	62,530	7.8	19.2
Business bankruptcies	1,557	49.7	22.6
	2008‡	2007	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	48.8	46.3	31.6
Number of bank branches	5,046	4,952	3,978
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	n.a.	470,721	146,983
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	n.a.	4,724	1,984

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy (www.sba.gov/advo/research/sbl_08study.pdf, Table 4b.) n.a. not available.

† Latest available data; certain figures are economywide. ‡ Data are for CRA loans.

**Table 1. Firms and Employment in Illinois by Industry and Firm Size, 2006 and 2007
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms (2007)	Employer Firms (2006)			Employment (2006)		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	885.6	262.9	227.6	258.6	5,357.5	899.6	2,638.2
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	4.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.6	(D)	1.2
Mining	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	10.2	1.7	4.6
Utilities	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	26.0	0.5	2.6
Construction	104.9	32.4	29.9	32.3	261.9	104.7	230.5
Manufacturing	10.3	14.6	9.7	13.8	666.7	56.6	331.0
Wholesale trade	14.8	17.1	13.3	16.2	315.5	56.8	180.5
Retail trade	73.4	27.8	24.1	27.3	652.3	105.5	258.6
Transportation and warehousing	57.0	9.8	8.3	9.4	224.9	25.9	77.4
Information	11.8	3.3	2.5	3.0	129.1	9.5	35.1
Finance and insurance	35.4	14.1	12.2	13.7	352.6	40.9	120.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	90.7	11.3	10.5	11.2	87.5	28.8	58.7
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	0.0	37.1	34.0	36.6	376.7	100.9	220.2
Management of companies and enterprises	--	1.4	0.2	0.8	159.0	0.6	15.7
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	70.5	14.1	11.8	13.6	460.8	40.1	169.5
Educational services	23.1	3.1	2.2	3.0	139.7	10.1	54.3
Health care and social assistance	87.3	24.4	20.9	24.1	703.0	99.6	329.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	43.6	4.4	3.6	4.3	71.9	14.0	51.3
Accommodation and food services	10.9	20.3	16.0	20.0	457.4	87.2	282.7
Other services (except public admin.)	123.6	29.6	27.1	29.4	260.1	114.9	214.1
Unclassified	--	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	(D)	0.7

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html for data from other years, and for starts, closures, job creation and destruction by industry and by size category.)

(D) Data suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individual firms.

Table 2: Net Job Change by Firm Size, 2003–2006 (Nonfarm)

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2003 - 2004	8,295	41,799	11,726	9,060	-2,113	-6,986	53,486	-45,191
2004 - 2005	23,695	28,103	-1,390	-10,228	-20,918	-513	-4,946	28,641
2005 - 2006	123,753	36,405	9,081	9,178	18,531	20,102	93,297	30,456

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2008 (Nonfarm, Thousands)

	Establishments				Employment Change Due To:			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 1	14.2	56.6	59.8	16.2	41.9	215.4	230.0	47.4
Quarter 2	15.0	55.6	59.4	14.5	51.3	228.5	232.1	42.4
Quarter 3	15.1	53.5	61.0	15.1	46.7	204.9	247.1	46.4
Quarter 4	15.3	50.4	63.7	16.8	46.7	198.0	275.8	54.3

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

Note: These figures contain all firm sizes; Census data from 2006 show that 86 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.