

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Congressional District Profile

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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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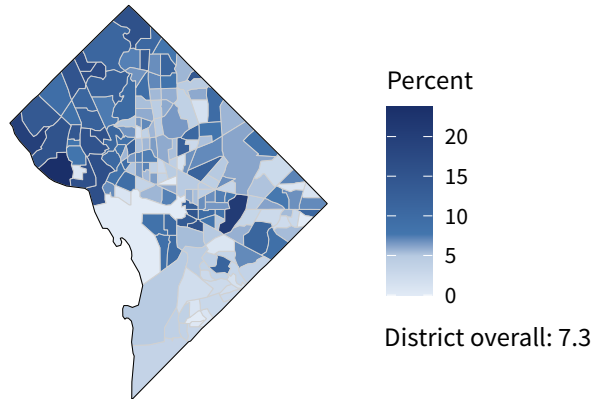
About this profile

Small businesses are defined here as firms with fewer than 500 employees. Congressional district boundaries correspond to the 116th Congress. A gray area on a map showing share of workers self-employed indicates that Census reported zero total employment in that area. Data analyzed here predate the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had [impacts on businesses](#) that have differed by industry, geography, and demographic group. Electronic versions of these and other [geographic profiles](#) are available online, including extensive profiles of the [District of Columbia](#) and the [United States](#). Visit advocacy.sba.gov for additional resources.

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17,231 small businesses with employees
92.3 percent of district employers

254,920 employees of small businesses
47.2 percent of district employees



Share of workers self-employed by census tract

Source: [American Community Survey](#), 2019 5-Year Estimates (Census)

Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4,494	92.2	48,148	46.4	5,874,493	41.6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3,810	97.9	61,076	75.2	5,448,785	82.1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,986	94.7	41,352	55.1	1,141,091	49.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,700	95.0	29,795	40.4	1,389,730	30.6
Retail Trade	1,191	87.8	8,004	35.8	267,940	37.7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	778	92.2	6,363	62.1	529,706	65.1
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	669	84.5	14,279	45.0	677,951	44.6
Educational Services	542	92.6	16,206	29.9	901,496	29.1
Information	450	78.0	7,730	32.4	752,297	26.3
Construction	443	95.5	7,642	76.0	516,681	72.8
Finance and Insurance	389	71.1	3,980	18.7	524,831	15.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	312	93.1	5,585	51.9	199,620	25.5
Wholesale Trade	231	74.5	1,947	47.4	157,081	44.2
Transportation and Warehousing	118	79.2	1,016	28.5	43,238	14.5
Manufacturing	103	91.2	932	78.3	41,623	76.4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	49	30.6	815	8.3	66,639	6.6
Industries not classified	42	100.0	35	100.0	1,330	100.0
Utilities	7	20.0	14	0.6	1,017	0.3
Total	17,231	92.3	254,920	47.2	18,535,595	42.6

Source: [Statistics of US Businesses](#), 2018 (Census)