

Small Business Data Resources: U.S. Federal Government

Agency	Data Program	Demographics	Employment	Exports / International	Finance	Firm Size Data	Firms / Establishments	Payroll / Benefits	Income / Sales / Expenses	Industry &/or Geography	Taxes	Earliest data lag < 6 mo. *	Frequency **	Link
Popular Programs for Small Business Data														
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Business Employment Dynamics (BED)		√			√	√		√			1992*	q.	www.bls.gov/bdm/
Census Bureau	Annual Business Survey (ABS)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	2018	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/abs.html
Census Bureau	Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	2014	a.†	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ase.html
Census Bureau	Business Dynamics Statistics (BDS)		√			√	√		√			1977	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bds.html
Census Bureau	Nonemployer Statistics (NES)					√	√		√			1997	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/nonemployer-statistics.html
Census Bureau	Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics (NES-D)	√	√			√			√			2017	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/abs/data/ned.html
Census Bureau	Statistics of U.S. Businesses (SUSB)		√			√	√	√	√			1987	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/susb.html
Census Bureau	Survey of Business Owners (SBO)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		1982	5†	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sbo.html
Federal Reserve Board	Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey				√	√			√			1990*	q.	www.federalreserve.gov/data/sloos.htm
Federal Reserve Board	Small Business Credit Survey	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√		2010*	a.	www.fedsmallbusiness.org/
FDIC	Quarterly Small Business Loans			√								1995*	b.	www.fdic.gov/bank/analytical/qbp/index.html
Other Data Programs for Small Business Data														
U.S. Courts	Bankruptcy Filings					√			√			1899*	q.	www.uscourts.gov/statistics-reports/caseload-statistics-data-tables
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)		√		√	√			√			2000*	m.	www.bls.gov/jlt/
Census Bureau	American Community Survey	√	√				√	√	√	√		1993	a.,5	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/
Census Bureau	Annual Capital Expenditures Survey							√	√			1994	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/aces.html
Census Bureau	Business Expenses Survey							√	√			1992	a.,v.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census/data/bes.html
Census Bureau	Business Formation Statistics (BFS)					√			√			2004*	q.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bfs.html
Census Bureau	County Business Patterns (CBP)		√			√	√	√	√			1962	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html
Census Bureau	Survey of Income and Program Participation	√	√			√	√		√			1984	v.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp.html
Census Bureau/BLS	Current Population Survey	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√		1942*	m.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html
FDIC/FFIEC	Call Report											1976*	q.	cdr.ffiec.gov/public/
Federal Reserve Board	Flow of Funds			√								1945*	q.	fred.stlouisfed.org/categories/32251
Federal Reserve Board	Small Business Lending Survey				√							2018*	q.	www.kansascityfed.org/research/indicatorsdata/smallbusinesslendingurvey
Federal Reserve Board	Survey of Consumer Finances	√	√	√			√					1983	3	www.federalreserve.gov/econres/scfindex.htm
Federal Reserve Board	Survey of Small Business Finances			√								1987	v.†	www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/oss/oss3/nssbftoc.htm
Federal Reserve Board	Survey of Terms of Business Lending			√								1977	q.†	www.federalreserve.gov/releases/e2/
System for Award Management	Small Business Goaling Reports							√				2005	a.	https://sam.gov/reports/awards/static
FFIEC	Community Reinvestment Act data			√					√			1996	a.	www.ffiec.gov/cra/craproducts.htm
International Trade Administration	Exporter Database		√			√						1997	v.	www.trade.gov/mas/ian/smeoutlook/
SEC	EDGAR Database			√								--*	v.	www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml
Small Business Administration	SBA Weekly Lending Data	√		√	√							2010*	w.	www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/weekly-lending-report
Small Business Administration	SBA Loan Databases		√		√			√				1991*	b.	www.sba.gov/content/sba-7a-504-loan-data-reports
Small Business Administration	SBIC Data			√								--	a.	www.sba.gov/partners/sbics
Social Security Administration	Earnings and Employment Data		√			√	√			√		--	v.	www.ssa.gov/data/
Census Bureau	Job-to-Job Flows (J2J)	√	√		√				√			2000	q.	https://j2jexplorer.ces.census.gov/
National Science Foundation	Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey (BERD)	√	√	√	√	√		√	√			1953	a.	www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvyberd/
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)		√		√	√	√		√			1975	q.	www.bls.gov/cew/downloadable-data-files.htm
Census Bureau	Profile of U.S. Importing and Exporting Companies			√	√	√			√			2008	a.	www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/edb/profile_hist.html
Census Bureau	Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)	√			√				√			1996	a.	www.census.gov/programs-surveys/meps.html
Census Bureau	Business Trends and Outlook Survey (BTOS)	√	√		√				√			2022*	a.	www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/business-trends-and-outlook-survey.html
Census Bureau	Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)	√	√		√	√		√	√			1994	q.	lehd.ces.census.gov/applications/help/qwi_explorer.html
Government Portals														
GSA	Data.gov	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	www.data.gov/
Department of the Treasury	USAspending.gov	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	www.usaspending.gov

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Bureau of Econ. Analysis
SBA Office of Advocacy
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Agricultural, Farm, and Rural Data
Proprietors' Income, Corporate Profits, and GDP Data
Small Business Research and Statistics
Statistics of Income (SOI)

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www.ers.usda.gov/data-products.aspx
www.bea.gov/
https://advocacy.sba.gov/category/research/
www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-business-tax-statistics

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Source: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy.

Small Business Data Resources: Other than U.S. Federal Government

Data Source	Data	Data Categories											Year	Frequency*	Link	
		Demographics	Employment	Exports	Finance	Firm Size Data	Firm Establishments	Payroll / Benefits	Income / Sales / Expenses	Industry Assoc	Geography	Taxes / Regulations				Other Data, Use †=no.
ADP, Inc.	National Employment Report		√			√						√		2002*	m.	www.adpemploymentreport.com/
American Express	Small Business Monitor	√			√							√		2002*	b.	www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/openforum/
Biz2Credit	Small Business Lending Index				√									2011*	m.	www.biz2credit.com/small-business-lending-index
CBIZ	Small Business Employment Index		√									√		2012	m.	www.cbiz.com/insights
CRSP	Stock Data				√					√	√			1926*	v.	https://crsp.org/
Challenger, Gray & Christmas	Outplacement Data	√	√				√	√		√				1993*	m.	www.challengergray.com/press/press-releases
Dun & Bradstreet	Economic Health Tracker		√		√	√				√				2010*	m.	www.dnb.com/perspectives/analytics/us-business-economic-trends.html
Kaiser Family Foundation	Employer Health Benefits Survey					√		√						1999*	a.	ehbs.kff.org/
Kauffman Foundation	Kauffman Firm Survey	√	√		√	√	√		√	√				2004	a.†	www.kauffman.org/microsites/kfs
Kauffman Foundation	Kauffman Index	√	√						√	√				1997	a.†	www.kauffman.org/kauffman-index
NFIB	Small Business Economic Trends (SBET)		√		√			√	√		√			1974*	m.	www.nfib.com/foundations/research-center/
National Small Business Association	Surveys and Research Reports		√		√			√	√	√	√			1993*	b.	nsba.biz/research/
NVCA/Pitchbook	Venture Monitor				√									2016*	q.	https://nvca.org/research/pitchbook-nvca-venture-monitor/
Paychex	Small Business Employment Watch		√						√		√			2005*	m.	www.paychex.com/employment-watch/#!/
Pepperdine University	Private Capital Markets Report	√			√					√	√			2012*	q.	https://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/gsbm_pcm_pcmr/
Thumbtack	Small Business Friendliness Survey		√							√	√			2012*	a.	www.thumbtack.com/survey#/2021/1/states
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Small Business Index	√								√	√			2017*	q.	www.uschamber.com/sbindex/
University of Florida	Initial Public Offerings Data				√									1980*	a.	site.warrington.ufl.edu/ritter/ipo-data/
University of Michigan	Panel Study of Entrepreneurial Dynamics	√			√	√	√							1999	v.	www.psed.isr.umich.edu/psed/home
PayNet	PayNet Credit Conditions				√					√				2005	m.	https://sbinsights.paynetonline.com/credit-conditions/

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