

2025 Small Business Profile

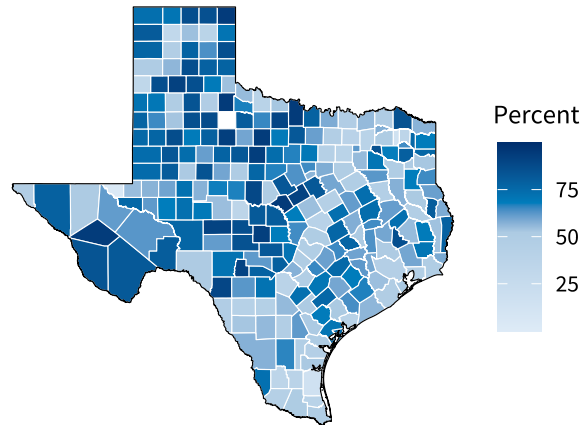
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF ADVOCACY

REGULATION • RESEARCH • OUTREACH

Texas

3.5 million small businesses
99.8 percent of Texas businesses

5.1 million small business employees
44.4 percent of Texas employees



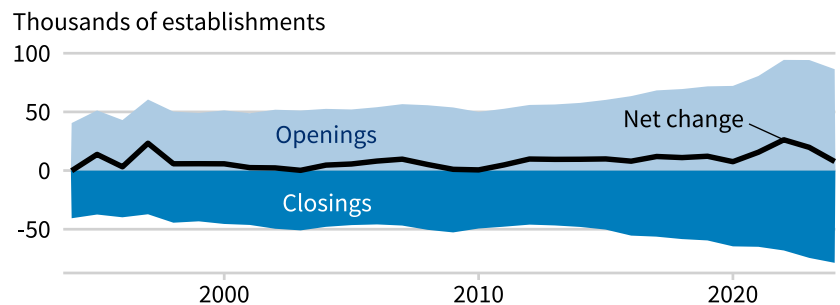
Share of employees working at small businesses by county

Sources of original data: [Nonemployer Statistics](#) (Census), [Statistics of U.S. Businesses](#) (Census)

Employer and employment dynamics

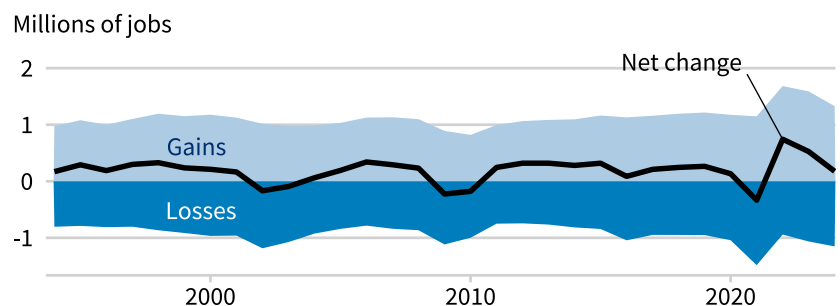
Establishments

Between March 2023 and March 2024, 86,385 Texas establishments opened and 78,648 closed, for a net increase of 7,737. Employment expanded at 173,400 establishments and contracted at 163,129. Small businesses accounted for 80,833 openings and for 72,611 closings.



Employment

Opening and expanding Texas establishments added 1.3 million jobs, while closing and contracting establishments lost 1.2 million, for a net increase of 176,889 jobs. Small businesses contributed a net increase of 148,641 jobs, or 84.0 percent of that total.



Counts include temporary closures and reopenings.

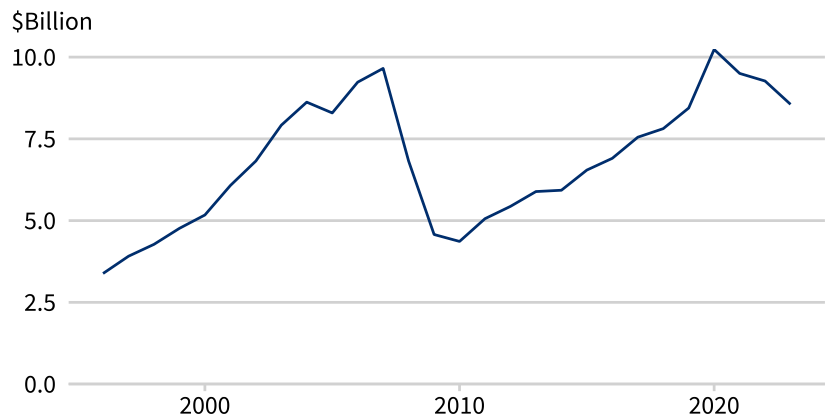
Source: [Business Employment Dynamics](#) (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Small business loans

The Community Reinvestment Act requires large banks to report new small business loans. In 2023, reporting banks issued \$8.6 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 \$24.3 billion. Total reported new lending to businesses through loans of \$100,000 or less was \$9.6 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 40,415 identified firms exported goods worth \$410.2 billion from Texas in 2023. Of those exporters, 37,283—or 92.3 percent—were small. At \$167.6 billion, exports by small firms made up 40.9 percent of exports by identified firms.

Source: [A profile of U.S. importing and exporting companies, 2022-2023](#) (Census)

Business ownership share by demographic group

Women



Women made up 45.2 percent of workers and owned 44.9 percent of businesses.

Veterans



Veterans made up 4.8 percent of workers and owned 5.6 percent of businesses.

Hispanics



Hispanics made up 38.2 percent of workers and owned 33.0 percent of businesses.

Ownership shares include equal and majority ownership.

Sources of original data: [American Community Survey](#), 2022 5-Year Data (Census); [Annual Business Survey](#), 2022 (Census); [Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics](#), 2022 (Census)

Business count by owner demographic group or location type

Group	Without employees	%	With employees	%	Total businesses
Female	1,313,000	92.7	104,149	7.3	1,417,149
Male	1,595,000	85.1	278,501	14.9	1,873,501
Owned equally by both groups	52,500	47.6	57,909	52.4	110,409
Veteran	152,000	86.6	23,458	13.4	175,458
Not Veteran	2,801,000	87.3	408,634	12.7	3,209,634
Owned equally by both groups	7,400	46.6	8,467	53.4	15,867
Hispanic	1,036,000	93.6	70,451	6.4	1,106,451
Not Hispanic	1,916,000	84.1	363,429	15.9	2,279,429
Owned equally by both groups	8,100	54.8	6,679	45.2	14,779
Rural	373,000	88.0	51,098	12.0	424,098
Urban	2,273,000	86.0	369,654	14.0	2,642,654
American Indian and Alaska Native	35,500	90.7	3,652	9.3	39,152
Asian	291,000	81.9	64,265	18.1	355,265
Black or African American	510,000	96.8	16,849	3.2	526,849
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6,400	93.0	484	7.0	6,884
White	2,157,000	85.8	356,152	14.2	2,513,152
Hispanic or Racial Minority	1,729,000	91.8	153,534	8.2	1,882,534
White and Not Hispanic	1,219,000	81.5	277,048	18.5	1,496,048
Owned equally by both groups	12,000	54.6	9,977	45.4	21,977

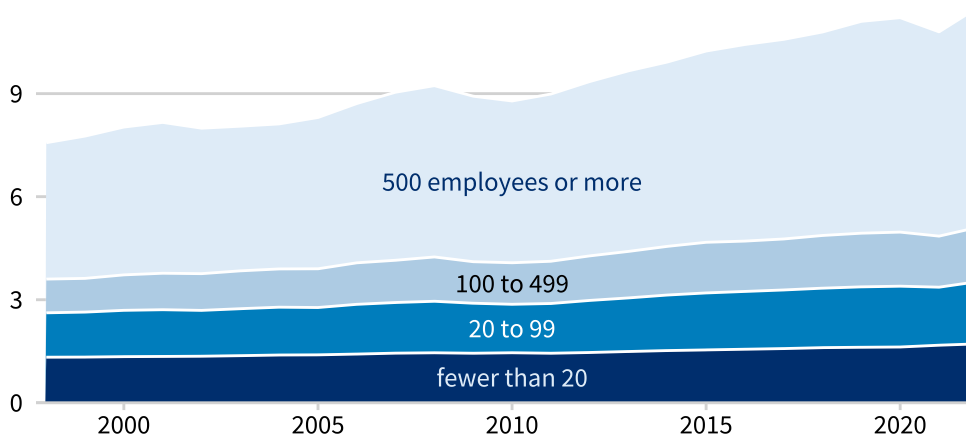
Counts include only businesses classifiable by owner demographic group or location type. Percentages represent shares of row totals.

Sources: [Annual Business Survey](#), 2022 (Census); [Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics](#), 2022 (Census)

Total Texas employment by business size

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

Million



◇

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

◇

Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	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

Small businesses are generally defined here as firms with fewer than 500 employees. Statistics of U.S. Businesses and Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics are produced through a partnership between the Office of Advocacy and the Census Bureau. Where notes say "Source of original data," values may have been approximated because of missing values in the original data. Electronic versions of this and other [geographic profiles](#) are available online, along with technical notes about data, methods, and definitions. Visit advocacy.sba.gov for additional resources.