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The statutory mission of the Office of Advocacy includes examining the role of small business in the economy. The Office of Economic Research accomplishes this objective by publishing small business research products and sponsoring and disseminating small business data and statistics. This report uses the latest government data to profile the small businesses in the congressional districts of Connecticut. It was prepared by Research Economist Daniel Wilmoth with editorial support by Editor Akira Loring, Senior Editor M. B. Humphrey, and Director of the Office of Information David Tokarz.

This report is part of a series that shows the important roles that small businesses play in congressional districts across the nation. District 1 of Montana, located in the western part of the state, led the nation in small business share of employment, at 70.4 percent. District 12 of New York, located in Manhattan, had the most small businesses with employees, at 51,317. District 32 of California, which includes Malibu and parts of Los Angeles, had the highest self-employment rate, at 19.2 percent. Readers are invited to compare congressional districts to the [nation](#), [states](#), [rural areas](#), and [metropolitan areas](#).

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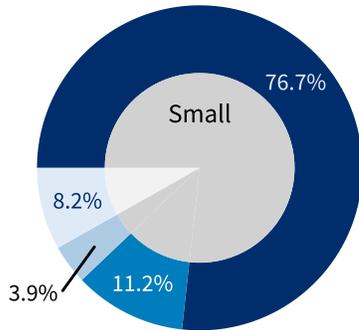
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Connecticut Congressional District 1

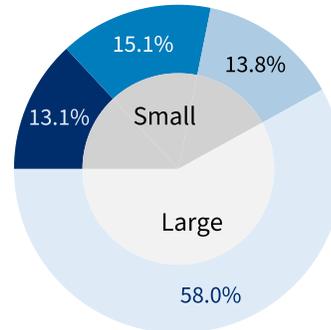


12,482 small businesses with employees
91.8 percent of district employers

147,179 employees of small businesses
42.0 percent of district employees



Employers by size



Employment by size

Employer size

■ Less than 20
 ■ 20 to 99
 ■ 100 to 499
 ■ 500 or more employees

Source: [Statistics of U.S. Businesses](#), 2022 (Census)

Employer count by size and industry

Industry	1-19 employees	20-99 employees	100-499 employees	500+ employees
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,572	104	20	58
Retail Trade	1,246	117	46	209
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,019	228	128	94
Construction	1,226	111	18	29
Accommodation and Food Services	1,059	261	34	67
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,133	121	57	133
Manufacturing	551	194	49	64
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	668	92	26	90
Wholesale Trade	386	105	61	155
Finance and Insurance	432	35	35	123
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	379	28	13	47
Transportation and Warehousing	277	48	25	76
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	184	36	13	15
Educational Services	164	32	12	11
Information	115	14	6	46
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8	12	27	56
Industries not classified	9	0	0	0
Utilities	4	*	*	6
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	5	0	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	*	*	*	*
All industries	10,432	1,516	534	1,112

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Self-employment

In 2024, 7.8 percent of private workers in the congressional district were self-employed, below the national rate of 9.9 percent. The percent of district workers who were self-employed included 2.6 percent of private workers who paid themselves through corporations they owned. The median income of the incorporated self-employed was \$101,864, while the median income of the unincorporated self-employed was \$49,059. The median income for all workers in the district was \$69,841.

Share of workers self-employed by Census tract

Source: [American Community Survey](#) (Census)



Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,696	96.7	10,330	76.2	445,367	75.4
Retail Trade	1,409	87.1	11,117	30.6	472,644	36.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,375	93.6	30,107	47.3	1,521,328	38.2
Construction	1,355	97.9	10,523	82.5	798,209	78.9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,354	95.3	18,779	72.2	462,396	70.7
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,311	90.8	11,586	49.7	1,034,390	48.3
Manufacturing	794	92.5	17,247	42.6	1,221,284	31.2
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	786	89.7	8,082	38.9	402,709	37.7
Wholesale Trade	552	78.1	8,142	54.3	648,145	53.1
Finance and Insurance	502	80.3	4,701	11.3	505,405	8.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	420	89.9	2,157	52.1	133,393	53.4
Transportation and Warehousing	350	82.2	5,054	23.4	235,575	25.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	233	94.0	3,680	73.8	96,825	72.9
Educational Services	208	95.0	3,458	37.2	152,136	38.1
Information	135	74.6	1,208	12.1	76,172	6.0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	47	45.6	836	17.2	84,410	15.4
Industries not classified	9	100.0	6	100.0	377	100.0
Utilities	6	50.0	91	3.9	11,095	3.5
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	5	100.0	9	100.0	341	100.0
All industries	12,482	91.8	147,179	42.0	8,312,779	32.6

Percentages were calculated by dividing industry totals for small employers by industry totals for all employers.

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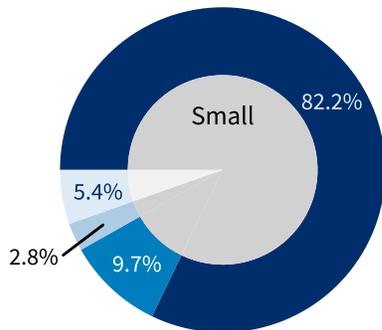
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Connecticut Congressional District 2

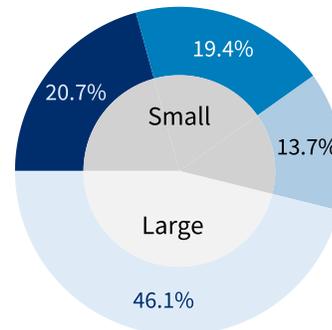


12,120 small businesses with employees
94.6 percent of district employers

116,365 employees of small businesses
53.9 percent of district employees



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Employer count by size and industry

Industry	1-19 employees	20-99 employees	100-499 employees	500+ employees
Construction	1,485	71	8	14
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,492	58	9	24
Retail Trade	1,329	168	35	187
Accommodation and Food Services	1,100	304	37	51
Health Care and Social Assistance	972	215	102	75
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,115	81	32	60
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	758	52	14	40
Manufacturing	417	93	36	49
Wholesale Trade	345	49	24	61
Finance and Insurance	351	38	25	71
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	331	13	10	32
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	287	43	10	9
Transportation and Warehousing	195	24	10	36
Educational Services	166	24	9	7
Information	122	12	6	25
Management of Companies and Enterprises	13	4	11	9
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	23	0	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	15	4	1	2
Utilities	8	*	*	9
Industries not classified	9	0	0	0
All industries	10,526	1,237	357	691

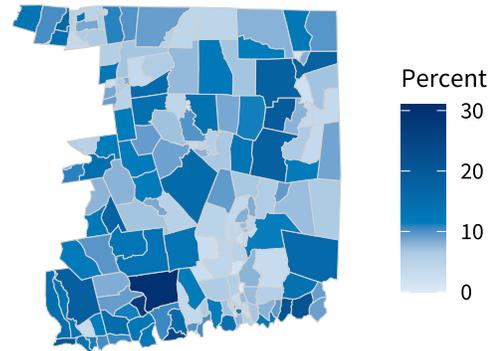
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Self-employment

In 2024, 10.1 percent of private workers in the congressional district were self-employed, above the national rate of 9.9 percent. The percent of district workers who were self-employed included 4.8 percent of private workers who paid themselves through corporations they owned. The median income of the incorporated self-employed was \$87,513, while the median income of the unincorporated self-employed was \$54,536. The median income for all workers in the district was \$75,024.

Share of workers self-employed by Census tract

Source: [American Community Survey](#) (Census)



Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Construction	1,564	99.1	8,072	86.0	576,346	78.8
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,559	98.5	7,641	91.5	277,012	91.8
Retail Trade	1,532	89.1	13,016	37.7	606,396	48.7
Accommodation and Food Services	1,441	96.6	21,119	62.0	567,752	52.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,289	94.5	23,468	60.6	1,088,759	52.1
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,228	95.3	8,250	58.3	711,664	42.0
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	824	95.4	4,783	73.1	223,913	74.3
Manufacturing	546	91.8	10,203	32.8	649,659	24.8
Wholesale Trade	418	87.3	3,496	39.3	272,036	36.2
Finance and Insurance	414	85.4	3,382	54.7	276,857	46.7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	354	91.7	1,288	73.5	69,089	72.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	340	97.4	3,387	87.5	125,919	90.9
Transportation and Warehousing	229	86.4	2,978	33.0	129,290	33.8
Educational Services	199	96.6	3,285	78.1	156,502	75.8
Information	140	84.8	1,268	49.3	65,618	39.3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	28	75.7	388	57.2	32,938	62.6
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	23	100.0	72	100.0	1,885	100.0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	20	90.9	191	81.3	11,533	75.4
Utilities	9	50.0	71	4.3	6,255	2.7
Industries not classified	9	100.0	7	100.0	229	100.0
All industries	12,120	94.6	116,365	53.9	5,849,652	46.1

Percentages were calculated by dividing industry totals for small employers by industry totals for all employers.

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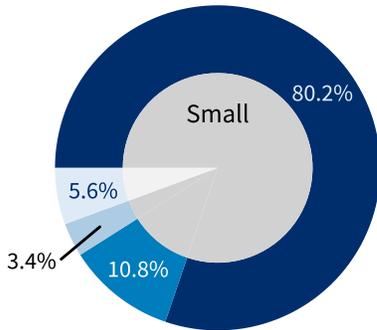
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Connecticut Congressional District 3

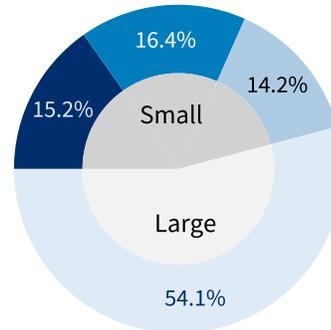


14,020 small businesses with employees
94.4 percent of district employers

157,207 employees of small businesses
45.9 percent of district employees



Employers by size



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Employer count by size and industry

Industry	1-19 employees	20-99 employees	100-499 employees	500+ employees
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,712	89	24	34
Accommodation and Food Services	1,317	292	21	54
Construction	1,467	126	24	20
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,414	113	51	71
Retail Trade	1,356	151	39	172
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,157	256	127	98
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	728	75	25	60
Manufacturing	541	179	57	67
Wholesale Trade	469	127	48	106
Finance and Insurance	443	33	29	74
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	428	27	15	39
Transportation and Warehousing	251	49	20	46
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	244	34	5	15
Educational Services	226	37	16	10
Information	136	28	10	27
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	11	20	47
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	0	0	0
Industries not classified	9	0	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	*	*	2
Utilities	*	*	*	10
All industries	11,916	1,604	500	835

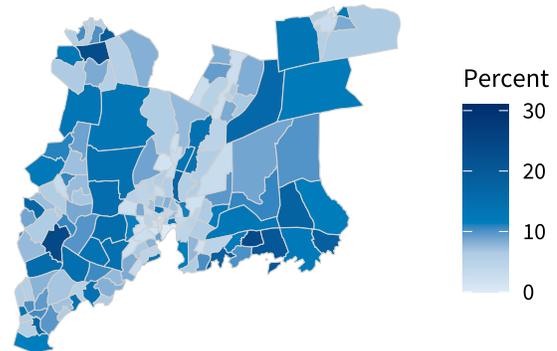
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Self-employment

In 2024, 8.1 percent of private workers in the congressional district were self-employed, below the national rate of 9.9 percent. The percent of district workers who were self-employed included 3.1 percent of private workers who paid themselves through corporations they owned. The median income of the incorporated self-employed was \$77,453, while the median income of the unincorporated self-employed was \$71,927. The median income for all workers in the district was \$71,267.

Share of workers self-employed by Census tract

Source: [American Community Survey](#) (Census)



Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,825	98.2	10,659	90.8	419,246	89.0
Accommodation and Food Services	1,630	96.8	18,724	73.8	471,123	74.7
Construction	1,617	98.8	12,819	91.1	1,005,297	88.3
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,578	95.7	12,974	55.1	1,238,608	42.3
Retail Trade	1,546	90.0	12,277	33.7	606,740	46.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,540	94.0	31,318	43.7	1,608,758	36.9
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	828	93.2	8,801	52.5	400,649	57.2
Manufacturing	777	92.1	17,367	46.3	1,164,530	37.1
Wholesale Trade	644	85.9	9,369	57.8	780,842	45.2
Finance and Insurance	505	87.2	4,653	40.3	441,213	37.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	470	92.3	2,886	63.5	189,977	72.5
Transportation and Warehousing	320	87.4	4,121	30.2	249,704	37.5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	283	95.0	2,594	69.2	74,419	75.0
Educational Services	279	96.5	5,356	12.7	240,387	8.2
Information	174	86.6	2,046	51.3	190,434	55.5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	42	47.2	1,082	13.6	92,724	8.6
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	100.0	24	100.0	750	100.0
Industries not classified	9	100.0	18	100.0	1,061	100.0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	4	66.7	16	31.4	681	9.3
Utilities	3	23.1	103	5.5	11,473	4.7
All industries	14,020	94.4	157,207	45.9	9,188,616	39.5

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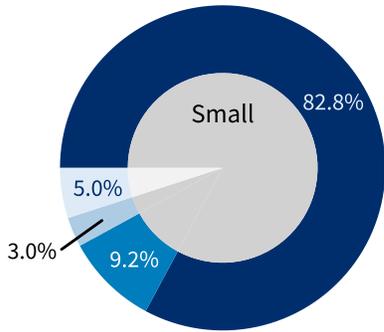
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Connecticut Congressional District 4

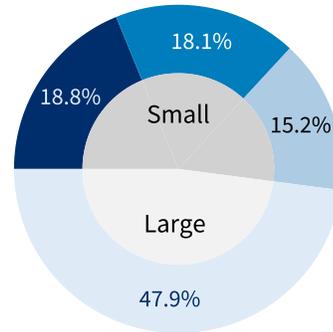


16,709 small businesses with employees
95.0 percent of district employers

156,648 employees of small businesses
52.1 percent of district employees



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Employer count by size and industry

Industry	1-19 employees	20-99 employees	100-499 employees	500+ employees
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,347	131	56	101
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,804	111	15	26
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,422	229	96	91
Retail Trade	1,458	139	74	192
Accommodation and Food Services	1,225	354	27	38
Construction	1,451	82	10	11
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	1,106	104	30	80
Finance and Insurance	893	97	84	148
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	669	30	18	47
Wholesale Trade	555	82	30	77
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	397	84	16	15
Manufacturing	353	68	16	15
Educational Services	325	53	26	15
Information	260	21	14	45
Transportation and Warehousing	240	35	13	38
Management of Companies and Enterprises	34	17	26	79
Industries not classified	23	0	0	0
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	12	*	*	0
Utilities	5	*	*	10
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	4	0	0	1
All industries	14,570	1,619	520	878

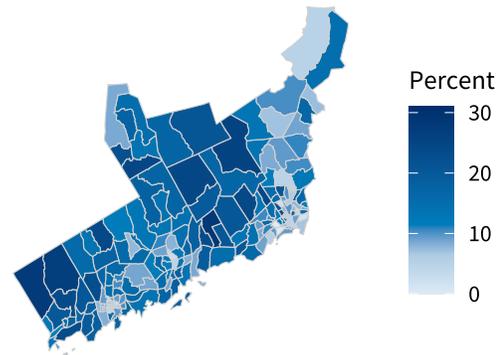
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Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,534	96.2	13,907	43.9	1,670,989	38.3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,930	98.7	11,580	93.5	503,706	93.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,747	95.0	27,786	50.9	1,538,156	44.1
Retail Trade	1,671	89.7	13,608	40.7	796,704	50.4
Accommodation and Food Services	1,606	97.7	21,067	78.3	659,606	78.5
Construction	1,543	99.3	8,460	94.4	674,695	91.1
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	1,240	93.9	11,037	58.2	782,337	48.6
Finance and Insurance	1,074	87.9	10,880	42.0	4,018,698	44.7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	717	93.8	3,381	63.6	310,154	60.4
Wholesale Trade	667	89.7	7,375	49.5	916,947	46.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	497	97.1	6,917	76.3	348,646	59.0
Manufacturing	437	96.7	6,015	57.9	437,223	53.7
Educational Services	404	96.4	7,245	47.3	462,002	63.9
Information	295	86.8	2,677	19.7	253,621	13.5
Transportation and Warehousing	288	88.3	2,913	56.3	196,210	54.6
Management of Companies and Enterprises	77	49.4	1,473	11.3	226,762	9.9
Industries not classified	23	100.0	30	100.0	3,571	100.0
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	14	100.0	138	100.0	9,048	100.0
Utilities	8	44.4	146	16.3	31,808	26.3
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	4	80.0	13	76.5	1,357	77.0
All industries	16,709	95.0	156,648	52.1	13,842,240	44.0

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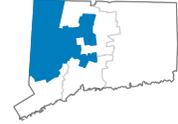
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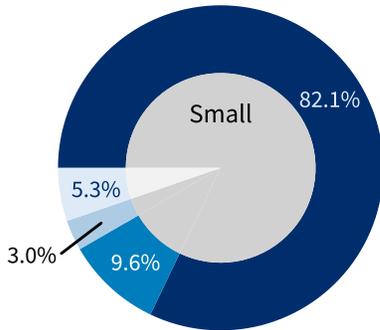
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Connecticut Congressional District 5

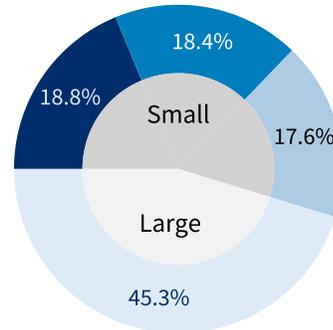


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Construction	1,756	133	15	14
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,615	90	17	19
Retail Trade	1,499	150	54	197
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,148	243	119	109
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,336	98	29	47
Accommodation and Food Services	1,180	234	33	52
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	947	55	23	55
Manufacturing	597	174	59	71
Wholesale Trade	472	73	23	68
Finance and Insurance	433	37	34	95
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	416	25	15	34
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	262	43	13	6
Transportation and Warehousing	230	33	12	35
Educational Services	213	37	20	8
Information	144	23	9	35
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	9	14	46
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	22	*	*	0
Industries not classified	13	0	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	*	*	3
Utilities	3	*	*	6
All industries	12,296	1,431	455	793

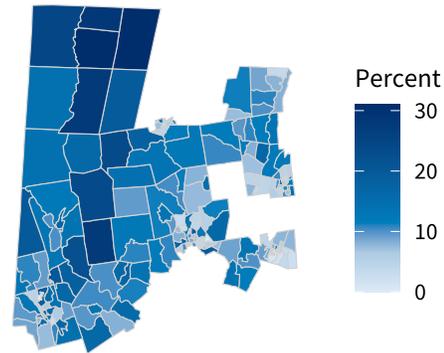
* Not available; Source of original data: [Statistics of U.S. Businesses](#), 2022 (Census)

Self-employment

In 2024, 10.8 percent of private workers in the congressional district were self-employed, above the national rate of 9.9 percent. The percent of district workers who were self-employed included 4.0 percent of private workers who paid themselves through corporations they owned. The median income of the incorporated self-employed was \$71,850, while the median income of the unincorporated self-employed was \$52,427. The median income for all workers in the district was \$70,709.

Share of workers self-employed by Census tract

Source: [American Community Survey](#) (Census)



Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Construction	1,904	99.3	12,555	84.8	992,987	83.3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,722	98.9	9,662	89.8	363,690	84.8
Retail Trade	1,703	89.6	14,366	37.7	677,093	48.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,510	93.3	29,255	49.0	1,375,598	39.8
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,463	96.9	9,076	62.9	750,503	60.1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,447	96.5	16,546	76.8	430,589	78.3
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	1,025	94.9	8,158	54.1	410,172	53.8
Manufacturing	830	92.1	19,054	59.0	1,281,557	50.6
Wholesale Trade	568	89.3	5,938	62.8	443,974	61.2
Finance and Insurance	504	84.1	5,075	28.5	486,266	27.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	456	93.1	2,778	63.6	184,354	57.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	318	98.1	3,656	89.2	117,267	93.1
Transportation and Warehousing	275	88.7	2,919	45.6	127,188	42.8
Educational Services	270	97.1	5,153	65.2	260,648	71.0
Information	176	83.4	1,769	37.6	135,087	27.7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	34	42.5	469	8.6	54,040	8.3
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	23	100.0	82	100.0	2,016	100.0
Industries not classified	13	100.0	14	100.0	463	100.0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	9	75.0	54	36.5	3,583	28.9
Utilities	6	50.0	91	11.3	10,372	9.1
All industries	14,182	94.7	146,670	54.7	8,107,447	49.3

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 defined here as firms with fewer than 500 employees. Congressional district boundaries correspond to the 119th Congress. Statistics of U.S. Businesses are produced through a partnership between the Office of Advocacy and the Census Bureau. Where notes refer to the “source of original data,” values shown 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.

Technical Notes

Classification of businesses

A single business may encompass multiple establishments if it operates at multiple locations. A business is classified as small in these profiles if it employs fewer than 500 employees across all establishments. 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. Boundaries for congressional districts correspond to the 119th Congress, which began on January 3, 2025.

Data

All data used in these profiles are publicly available and published online. Data and associated technical documentation can be accessed using the hyperlinks in the source notes for each feature. Years indicated in source notes are the years the data describe, which may not match the naming convention used by the data publisher. Where no year is listed, data from multiple years were used.

Statistics from the American Community Survey describing self-employment represent the population age 16 years and over. Self-employment rates were estimated using values from Table B24080. The total numbers of private workers used in the calculations were the numbers of “private for-profit wage and salary workers” in the table. Median incomes are from Table S2419 and include only income from labor, called “earnings” in the table. Statistics in the text are from 2024 one-year data while values shown in the maps are from 2023 five-year data.

Values were imputed for some features when published data were missing or obviously erroneous. A source note that begins “Source:” indicates that statistics in a feature are as reported by the source, with no imputation. A source note that begins “Source of original data:” indicates that the feature includes an imputed value for at least one profile.

Software

The profiles were created using R with formatting through HTML and CSS. Data visualizations were primarily created using the ggplot2 package in R. Tables were primarily created using the knitr and gt packages. Elements were combined into an HTML document using the knitr package. A PDF document was created from the HTML document using Prince XML.

Rounding

Numbers in these profiles have been rounded if they include a decimal point, with the number of digits after the decimal point indicating the precision preserved under rounding. Numbers ending in 5 were rounded up. For example, 1.05 would be rounded to 1.1, while 1.04 would be rounded to 1.0.

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Any additional information that may be helpful for interpreting or reproducing the analysis is available by request. The SBA Office of Advocacy can be contacted at advocacy@sba.gov.