



Congressional District Small Business Profiles

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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 West Virginia. 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](#).

The Office of Advocacy regularly releases other research products, ranging from short fact sheets that use new data to show emerging trends to lengthy reports that use sophisticated statistical techniques to explore complex issues. To learn more about small businesses, regulatory issues, and the Office of Advocacy, visit advocacy.sba.gov.

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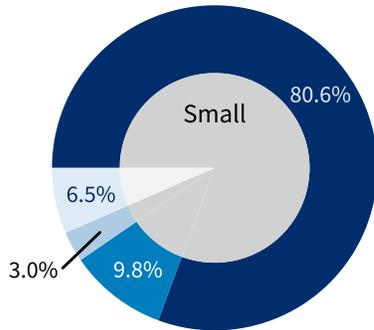
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West Virginia Congressional District 1

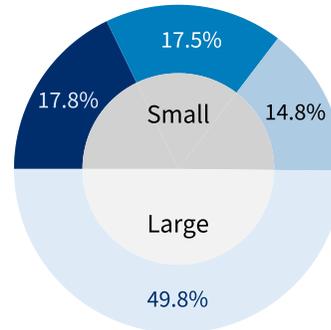


12,065 small businesses with employees
93.5 percent of district employers

127,984 employees of small businesses
50.2 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)	1,772	92	15	36
Construction	1,342	96	24	33
Retail Trade	1,245	147	41	170
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,091	221	90	87
Accommodation and Food Services	869	213	43	68
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	983	98	36	64
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	494	60	25	69
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	481	15	4	46
Finance and Insurance	431	38	15	86
Wholesale Trade	306	98	46	122
Manufacturing	315	99	34	42
Transportation and Warehousing	373	42	24	52
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	247	19	8	3
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	137	23	6	16
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	141	*	*	2
Educational Services	90	13	4	8
Information	75	13	9	37
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	20	22	22
Utilities	14	3	1	12
Industries not classified	11	0	0	0
All industries	10,410	1,262	393	845

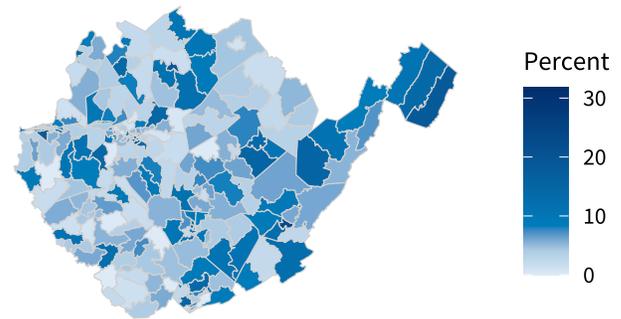
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Self-employment

In 2024, 7.6 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 3.0 percent of private workers who paid themselves through corporations they owned. The median income of the incorporated self-employed was \$54,763, while the median income of the unincorporated self-employed was \$39,901. The median income for all workers in the district was \$50,831.

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)	1,879	98.1	9,813	93.8	321,706	91.7
Construction	1,462	97.8	11,543	83.8	698,025	82.0
Retail Trade	1,433	89.4	13,792	35.4	518,873	42.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,402	94.2	28,828	42.4	1,298,787	35.8
Accommodation and Food Services	1,125	94.3	17,279	57.1	330,430	54.5
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,117	94.6	8,030	71.8	455,870	69.7
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	579	89.4	6,571	47.1	264,984	48.1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	500	91.6	1,603	60.2	74,872	57.1
Finance and Insurance	484	84.9	3,267	39.8	167,626	29.0
Wholesale Trade	450	78.7	5,075	55.4	291,616	52.1
Manufacturing	448	91.4	9,012	48.8	491,894	39.5
Transportation and Warehousing	439	89.4	3,766	51.8	180,968	46.1
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	274	98.9	2,968	95.3	58,727	91.7
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	166	91.2	2,528	26.8	214,588	22.4
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	142	98.6	458	94.6	15,493	90.4
Educational Services	107	93.0	1,119	64.9	31,752	61.3
Information	97	72.4	1,105	31.0	38,593	17.4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	53	70.7	968	46.4	49,472	35.8
Utilities	18	60.0	222	9.7	12,436	5.2
Industries not classified	11	100.0	37	100.0	2,072	100.0
All industries	12,065	93.5	127,984	50.2	5,518,784	44.3

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

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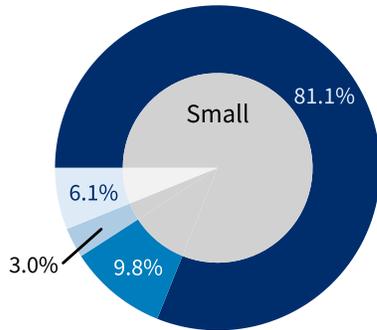
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West Virginia Congressional District 2

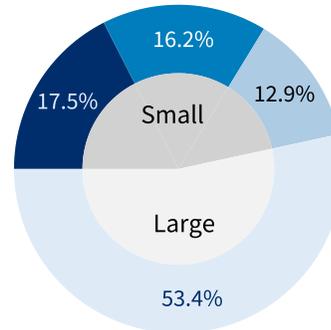


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127,744 employees of small businesses
46.6 percent of district employees



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Employer count by size and industry

Industry	1-19 employees	20-99 employees	100-499 employees	500+ employees
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,924	79	16	28
Construction	1,451	87	25	13
Retail Trade	1,244	153	43	169
Accommodation and Food Services	1,108	269	37	74
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,055	218	77	88
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	968	110	44	62
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	543	49	22	52
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	532	20	16	36
Finance and Insurance	380	44	28	61
Transportation and Warehousing	360	35	14	51
Manufacturing	278	95	34	82
Wholesale Trade	255	68	31	90
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	297	42	7	7
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	112	29	18	30
Educational Services	108	26	10	6
Information	82	13	8	33
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	71	*	*	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10	8	18	25
Utilities	17	4	4	13
Industries not classified	14	0	0	0
All industries	10,790	1,305	400	816

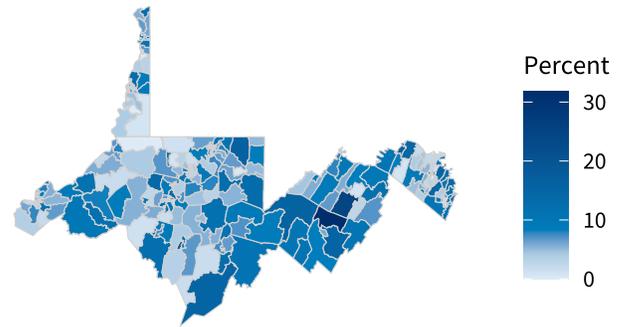
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Self-employment

In 2024, 5.9 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 2.3 percent of private workers who paid themselves through corporations they owned. The median income of the incorporated self-employed was \$63,639, while the median income of the unincorporated self-employed was \$46,859. The median income for all workers in the district was \$54,679.

Share of workers self-employed by Census tract

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Small business employment and payroll by industry

Industry	Employers		Employees		Payroll (\$1,000s)	
	Small	%	Small	%	Small	%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	2,019	98.6	10,393	92.2	298,635	86.6
Construction	1,563	99.2	11,195	94.9	630,578	91.7
Retail Trade	1,440	89.5	14,039	34.7	511,168	38.1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,414	95.0	19,722	59.2	372,401	56.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,350	93.9	24,156	35.0	967,713	24.7
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,122	94.8	9,038	82.4	578,527	76.1
Administrative, Support, and Waste Management	614	92.2	5,735	42.7	245,109	52.0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	568	94.0	1,984	74.7	80,940	65.6
Finance and Insurance	452	88.1	4,268	56.8	236,064	50.2
Transportation and Warehousing	409	88.9	3,113	33.2	169,941	36.1
Manufacturing	407	83.2	8,659	30.0	422,160	23.6
Wholesale Trade	354	79.7	3,818	53.9	202,586	50.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	346	98.0	3,121	91.3	61,892	90.7
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	159	84.1	2,550	29.9	194,849	24.8
Educational Services	144	96.0	3,572	57.5	99,359	45.4
Information	103	75.7	1,050	32.0	46,568	24.3
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	73	100.0	257	100.0	9,418	100.0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	36	59.0	651	20.0	48,603	21.9
Utilities	25	65.8	401	12.0	35,962	10.0
Industries not classified	14	100.0	22	100.0	356	100.0
All industries	12,495	93.9	127,744	46.6	5,212,829	39.2

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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.

Contact

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.