

Oregon

Oregon's 90,672 small employers and 261,731 nonemployers make significant contributions to the state's economy, and they bring innovative products and services to the marketplace.* They are an important source of employment and opportunity throughout the state. This profile by the Office of Advocacy uses the latest statistics to describe the small business contribution in the greatest possible detail. (Note: A small business is defined as one with fewer than 500 employees.)

- Oregon's real gross state product increased by 1.6% and private-sector employment decreased by 1.3% in 2008. By comparison, real GDP growth in the United States was 0.7% and private-sector employment declined by 0.7%.
- The accommodation and food services industry was the state's largest small business employer in 2006; retail trade was the largest overall employer (Table 1).
- Small businesses are a major force in the state's net job change, as shown in Table 2.
- The number of small employers in Oregon was 90,672 in 2006, accounting for 97.8% of the state's employers and 57.2% of its private-sector employment. (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Bureau of the Census.)

For Further Information

- Data on all states and territories is available at www.sba.gov/advo/research/profiles.
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* Small employer data from 2006; nonemployer from 2007.

Oregon Small Business Facts

	2007†	2006	2000
Number of Businesses			
Small employers (<500 employees)	n.a.	90,672	83,080
Large employers (500+ employees)	n.a.	2,023	2,036
Nonemployers	261,731	248,194	212,165
	2002‡	% Share in 2002	% Change 1997–2002
Business Owner Demographics			
Male-owned	151,986	50.7	11.0
Woman-owned	88,317	29.5	9.7
Equally male/female-owned	48,733	16.3	-28.4
African American-owned	2,222	0.7	0.1
Asian-owned	9,046	3.0	26.1
Hispanic-owned	6,360	2.1	5.6
Native American/Alaskan-owned	3,061	1.0	n.a.
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-owned	350	0.1	2.6
	2008‡	% Change from	
		2007	2000
Workforce (Thousands) /Unemployment (%)			
Private-sector employment	1,438	-1.3	5.5
Government employment	278	2.4	13.4
Self-employed (incorp. & uninc.)	268	-1.5	2.2
Female self-employment	122	10.4	14.2
Male self-employment	146	-9.7	-6.2
Minority self-employment	17	23.1	121.5
Veteran self-employment	30	-12.7	-17.2
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	1.3	1.3
Business Turnover			
Quarterly establishment openings	22,001	-4.1	-1.8
Quarterly establishment closings	24,471	8.4	11.0
Business bankruptcies	429	61.9	-70.5
	2008‡	2007	2000
Income and Finance			
Proprietors' income (\$billion)	10.1	10.4	7.6
Number of bank branches	1,104	1,086	985
No. of bus. loans under \$100,000‡	n.a.	181,216	51,366
Total value of business loans under \$100,000 (\$million)‡	n.a.	2,108	585
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy (www.sba.gov/advo/research/sbl_08study.pdf , Table 4b.) n.a. not available.			
† Latest available data; certain figures are economywide. ‡ Data are for CRA loans.			

**Table 1. Firms and Employment in Oregon by Industry and Firm Size, 2006 and 2007
(Nonfarm, Thousands)**

Industry	Nonemployer Firms (2007)	Employer Firms (2006)			Employment (2006)		
		Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees	Total	1-19 Employees	1-499 Employees
Total	261.7	92.7	81.0	90.7	1,461.7	323.5	836.1
Forestry, etc. and agriculture support	6.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	12.6	4.1	12.0
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.5	1.3
Utilities	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	8.0	0.3	1.2
Construction	26.4	14.4	13.4	14.3	96.7	45.5	87.5
Manufacturing	6.7	5.3	3.9	5.0	188.9	20.7	94.5
Wholesale trade	4.7	4.8	3.5	4.4	77.4	14.9	49.1
Retail trade	25.1	10.2	8.7	9.9	208.1	40.1	95.5
Transportation and warehousing	9.6	2.7	2.2	2.6	54.8	8.0	23.0
Information	4.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	37.6	4.0	13.4
Finance and insurance	7.5	3.8	3.3	3.6	68.5	9.8	26.0
Real estate and rental and leasing	29.5	5.4	5.1	5.4	32.3	12.8	25.4
Professional, scientific, and technical svcs.	40.9	10.7	9.8	10.5	79.8	30.8	58.3
Management of companies and enterprises	--	0.5	0.1	0.3	41.3	0.1	5.2
Admin., support, waste mgt., remed. svcs.	16.7	4.7	4.0	4.6	95.4	15.1	46.3
Educational services	6.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	37.8	4.0	17.4
Health care and social assistance	25.6	8.8	7.7	8.7	186.7	34.6	99.8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	24.4	5.1	18.0
Accommodation and food services	3.3	7.9	6.4	7.8	145.7	39.8	105.9
Other services (except public admin.)	32.0	8.5	7.9	8.4	63.3	32.6	55.7
Unclassified	--	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Statistics of U.S. Businesses. (See www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html for data from other years, and for starts, closures, job creation and destruction by industry and by size category.)

Table 2: Net Job Change by Firm Size, 2003–2006 (Nonfarm)

	Total Net New Jobs	Employment Size of Firm						
		1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	<500	500+
2003 - 2004	16,162	13,856	3,737	533	4,280	1,269	23,675	-7,513
2004 - 2005	55,525	16,769	4,772	3,768	6,718	3,851	35,878	19,647
2005 - 2006	54,425	17,251	6,186	5,118	9,507	3,943	42,005	12,420

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. (For more detailed data see www.sba.gov/advo/research/data.html.)

Table 3: Establishment and Employment Turnover by Quarter, 2008 (Nonfarm, Thousands)

	Establishments				Employment Change Due To:			
	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings	Openings	Expansions	Contractions	Closings
Quarter 1	5.4	24.4	25.2	5.6	15.6	81.8	85.7	14.6
Quarter 2	5.6	23.0	26.3	6.4	15.6	73.7	92.7	18.2
Quarter 3	5.4	23.1	25.1	5.6	16.8	80.8	83.0	15.5
Quarter 4	5.6	20.4	27.8	6.9	16.6	69.4	106.4	19.7

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics. (For more detailed data see www.bls.gov/bdm/home.htm.)

Note: These figures contain all firm sizes; Census data from 2006 show that 86 percent of establishment births and deaths were in firms with fewer than 500 employees.