

Employer Firm Formation and Termination Rates for U.S. and States: 1995-1999

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	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Alabama	11.1	40	13.2	23	12.3	32	11.7	33	12.4	28	13.3	28	13.8	27	13.7	25	13.8	25	15.3	13
Alaska	16.8	5	16.7	7	15.4	12	14.7	13	14.8	11	16.8	8	16.4	11	17.2	6	15.8	11	16.5	7
Arizona	13.6	20	15.3	12	14.0	19	12.9	23	12.6	26	17.4	6	18.8	6	16.1	10	15.4	14	15.0	14
Arkansas	13.1	22	13.0	25	10.4	45	9.2	48	9.4	47	9.0	51	13.6	28	9.8	47	11.8	41	8.2	49
California	16.2	6	18.2	5	19.2	5	18.9	4	17.7	4	19.5	1	14.1	24	14.7	19	14.0	24	12.2	33
Colorado	18.8	3	18.5	4	19.6	4	17.1	5	15.3	9	17.1	7	10.0	49	12.5	36	13.7	26	8.1	50
Connecticut	10.2	45	10.2	47	10.4	46	9.7	45	9.9	44	12.6	36	13.5	29	12.4	39	12.9	33	12.2	34
Delaware	13.0	24	16.1	10	15.3	13	13.8	18	16.0	7	15.0	17	11.7	43	16.6	8	11.5	42	14.6	20
District of Columbia	14.0	17	16.9	6	13.8	20	15.3	11	14.1	15	14.3	22	23.6	1	15.0	16	14.6	20	18.7	3
Florida	16.0	7	14.5	18	16.2	10	16.7	7	16.4	6	15.6	13	15.8	13	18.3	4	15.9	10	15.9	9
Georgia	15.2	12	16.5	8	17.7	6	16.9	6	16.9	5	14.4	21	15.2	20	14.9	18	15.8	12	15.0	15
Hawaii	14.3	16	14.9	15	13.4	22	12.1	30	13.0	23	14.6	19	14.0	25	14.6	21	12.0	40	14.1	22
Idaho	15.9	8	15.7	11	15.9	11	15.7	8	16.0	8	15.3	14	16.3	12	16.5	9	17.8	3	16.8	6
Illinois	11.6	37	10.6	45	10.5	44	10.7	41	10.3	42	11.6	43	12.9	32	10.7	45	11.0	45	11.2	40
Indiana	12.3	30	11.9	33	11.9	36	11.6	36	10.9	37	12.1	40	12.4	36	12.7	34	12.8	34	13.5	25
Iowa	9.3	48	9.1	49	8.9	49	8.1	50	8.6	50	11.8	41	11.3	46	11.1	44	9.9	50	10.8	43
Kansas	12.3	31	10.6	46	11.3	38	11.9	32	8.8	49	13.5	27	12.4	37	12.7	35	13.5	28	9.4	46
Kentucky	12.0	35	11.9	34	12.1	34	12.0	31	10.7	39	12.3	39	12.2	40	12.9	29	11.5	43	10.7	44
Louisiana	11.4	38	11.5	36	12.4	29	11.6	37	11.0	35	13.1	31	15.6	15	12.8	32	11.1	44	11.8	39
Maine	12.2	33	13.0	26	15.3	14	14.0	14	13.5	20	12.7	34	13.2	30	12.3	40	16.6	5	12.8	29
Maryland	15.5	10	11.4	38	16.8	8	15.5	10	14.9	10	13.7	24	16.5	10	9.6	50	16.1	7	14.7	19
Massachusetts	10.6	44	10.8	43	11.2	39	10.3	42	10.0	43	10.2	50	9.6	50	9.8	49	10.8	47	12.0	35
Michigan	12.3	32	12.0	31	12.1	35	12.6	25	11.1	34	10.4	49	12.8	33	9.5	51	9.5	51	9.0	47
Minnesota	11.1	41	12.1	30	10.8	42	10.1	44	10.3	41	11.4	46	17.0	8	10.1	46	9.9	49	8.2	48
Mississippi	12.9	26	12.6	29	12.4	28	12.2	29	14.3	13	14.7	18	23.5	2	14.0	23	14.5	21	14.8	18
Missouri	11.2	39	12.0	32	12.4	30	11.4	39	10.8	38	13.2	30	5.8	51	16.0	11	15.6	13	15.0	17
Montana	12.7	27	15.1	13	13.1	23	13.3	20	13.1	22	15.2	15	15.7	14	15.6	14	14.6	19	13.0	28
Nebraska	9.3	49	9.3	48	9.8	47	9.5	47	9.6	46	11.1	47	11.3	47	12.5	38	12.5	38	11.9	37
Nevada	21.4	1	23.0	1	22.2	1	21.1	2	20.4	2	19.4	2	19.3	5	18.5	3	19.7	2	18.4	4
New Hampshire	14.9	14	14.3	19	17.2	7.0	13.9	16.0	11.4	32	15.1	16	14.9	22	16.9	7	14.4	22	16.5	8
New Jersey	13.3	21	13.1	24	12.5	26.0	12.2	28.0	11.8	30	12.6	37	12.4	38	12.1	41	12.8	35	12.3	32
New Mexico	13.0	25	12.9	27	12.4	27.0	11.2	40.0	14.0	16	14.0	23	15.1	21	17.4	5	17.2	4	15.6	11
New York	12.6	28	11.6	35	12.8	25.0	12.8	24.0	13.5	21	13.1	32	11.4	45	14.2	22	13.5	29	11.9	38
North Carolina	15.0	13	14.6	17	14.9	16.0	15.7	9.0	14.4	12	16.2	9	15.5	16	14.6	20	14.8	17	14.1	24
North Dakota	8.9	51	9.0	50	8.2	50.0	8.1	51.0	8.4	51	11.1	48	10.7	48	9.8	48	12.7	36	11.9	36
Ohio	12.2	34	11.5	37	10.7	43	10.2	43	9.9	45	12.7	35	11.8	41	11.2	43	10.7	48	10.4	45
Oklahoma	12.6	29	12.7	28	12.9	24	13.3	21	11.5	31	12.4	38	12.6	34	12.8	30	13.0	31	11.1	41
Oregon	15.5	11	16.2	9	16.2	9	13.3	22	14.0	17	14.6	20	17.9	7	12.5	37	15.9	9	17.1	5
Pennsylvania	10.2	46	10.7	44	12.3	33	12.3	27	12.1	29	11.6	44	13.2	31	13.1	28	13.1	30	13.1	26
Rhode Island	10.2	47	11.2	39	10.9	40.0	11.6	38.0	11.3	33	18.5	5	11.8	42	12.8	31	12.7	37	12.6	31
South Carolina	13.7	18	13.9	21	13.7	21.0	14.0	15.0	12.9	24	13.6	26	13.9	26	13.6	27	14.1	23	13.1	27
South Dakota	9.1	50	8.8	51	9.3	48.0	9.1	49.0	9.3	48	11.5	45	11.6	44	12.7	33	11.0	46	8.1	51
Tennessee	15.6	9	14.9	16	15.2	15	14.7	12	14.2	14	15.7	12	15.5	17	15.7	12	16.2	6	15.7	10

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Texas	14.9	15	15.0	14	14.9	17	13.8	17	14.0	18	15.8	11	15.5	18	15.4	15	15.1	16	15.0	16
Utah	19.1	2	22.3	2	20.7	3	20.4	3	19.9	3	18.9	3	19.5	4	19.5	2	15.3	15	19.3	2
Vermont	11.0	42	11.1	40	11.5	37	9.7	46	12.7	25	13.3	29	14.6	23	13.7	26	13.0	32	12.7	30
Virginia	13.7	19	14.2	20	14.2	18	13.7	19	13.6	19	13.0	33	15.3	19	14.9	17	13.6	27	14.1	23
Washington	18.5	4	19.3	3	21.3	2	21.4	1	20.9	1	18.8	4	19.7	3	21.1	1	20.0	1	22.5	1
West Virginia	11.8	36	11.1	41	7.9	51.0	11.7	35.0	11.0	36	13.7	25	12.5	35	15.7	13	14.6	18	14.3	21
Wisconsin	11.0	43	11.1	42	10.8	41	11.7	34	10.3	40	11.7	42	12.3	39	11.4	42	12.4	39	11.1	42
Wyoming	13.1	23	13.7	22	12.3	31	12.5	26	12.5	27	16.1	10	17.0	9	13.9	24	16.0	8	15.6	12

Note: Employer firms are those firms with employees. A business has terminated its operations when it ceases to employ people. A new firm is a firm that has begun to employ people. Termination is not synonymous with failure.

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