

Employer Firm Formation and Termination Rates for U.S. and States: 2000-2003

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	2000		2001		2002		2003		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank	Percent	Rank
Alabama	11.7	31	11.4	30	11.2	31	10.5	38	10.8	44	16.8	4	14.1	22	12.7	28
Alaska	14.5	14	15.1	8	13.8	10	14.8	9	16.6	6	15.9	8	15.5	12	15.2	7
Arizona	15.0	13	14.0	12	13.4	12	12.3	22	11.8	38	15.8	10	16.5	7	14.4	13
Arkansas	7.9	51	6.7	51	9.0	47	12.0	25	9.4	47	8.0	48	7.5	50	11.4	43
California	18.4	5	13.7	17	13.3	13	11.1	32	14.8	14	15.9	7	15.9	10	13.7	18
Colorado	19.8	3	18.4	4	18.3	5	15.9	6	5.9	50	5.2	51	7.5	51	9.4	50
Connecticut	10.4	42	9.4	47	9.0	48	8.8	48	12.1	35	11.8	38	11.7	39	11.4	42
Delaware	15.2	11	13.5	19	12.8	17	13.7	12	12.6	32	12.6	33	15.4	13	12.5	31
District of Columbia	16.8	6	15.6	6	15.8	6	15.3	8	18.8	4	15.3	12	15.1	15	14.6	12
Florida	16.0	8	15.7	5	18.5	4	16.9	4	14.7	15	14.2	18	13.3	29	13.7	20
Georgia	15.7	9	12.3	27	14.9	8	12.5	21	14.5	16	12.9	29	16.3	9	13.3	24
Hawaii	13.6	21	13.6	18	12.4	23	12.7	18	12.8	29	14.5	17	14.0	23	13.9	17
Idaho	15.3	10	14.3	11	12.5	22	14.8	10	16.4	7	15.3	13	17.4	5	16.6	4
Illinois	10.4	41	10.2	39	9.8	43	10.4	40	11.3	41	11.5	40	11.5	41	14.7	11
Indiana	11.4	32	11.2	31	10.8	35	10.8	35	12.7	30	12.7	32	12.9	32	12.1	37
Iowa	8.2	49	8.2	49	8.2	49	8.1	49	10.9	43	11.3	42	10.9	44	10.8	47
Kansas	9.7	46	10.4	38	10.0	41	11.3	30	10.5	45	11.9	37	10.2	46	12.4	34
Kentucky	10.0	45	9.8	44	9.7	45	9.3	47	8.7	48	11.2	43	13.2	30	12.3	35
Louisiana	10.9	38	10.2	40	10.2	40	9.9	44	14.3	18	13.8	23	15.0	18	12.9	26
Maine	13.6	22	12.1	28	11.4	30	10.3	41	13.0	27	14.0	20	13.0	31	12.0	38
Maryland	16.1	7	15.4	7	15.6	7	15.5	7	15.3	12	15.8	9	15.8	11	16.2	5
Massachusetts	11.3	34	10.8	35	12.8	18	10.9	34	11.0	42	10.9	45	12.1	37	12.6	30
Michigan	10.8	39	10.8	36	10.7	37	10.4	39	13.8	23	12.4	34	12.7	34	11.7	41
Minnesota	11.0	37	9.8	45	10.5	38	11.1	31	3.8	51	5.3	50	9.9	48	13.6	21
Mississippi	12.2	28	11.5	29	11.7	26	11.3	29	14.3	19	14.1	19	13.4	28	13.6	22
Missouri	11.0	36	11.0	33	12.6	20	12.3	23	13.9	21	13.8	22	16.7	6	15.6	6
Montana	12.7	25	14.9	9	10.9	34	13.6	13	12.6	31	7.4	49	13.5	25	14.0	16
Nebraska	10.1	44	9.9	41	9.7	44	9.5	46	11.9	37	12.1	36	11.6	40	11.1	45
Nevada	20.0	2	19.8	3	19.0	2	20.6	1	18.1	5	18.4	3	18.7	4	18.9	1
New Hampshire	12.0	30	11.1	32	11.5	28	11.9	26	18.8	3	13.3	26	13.7	24	11.7	40
New Jersey	11.1	35	13.8	14	10.8	36	10.6	37	11.5	40	10.5	46	11.4	42	13.4	23
New Mexico	14.0	19	13.9	13	12.7	19	13.1	16	15.5	11	13.2	27	19.1	3	13.7	19
New York	13.3	23	13.3	22	12.6	21	12.8	17	12.4	34	13.9	21	13.4	27	12.9	27
North Carolina	13.8	20	13.0	24	13.1	16	12.6	19	13.9	22	13.4	24	12.6	35	13.0	25
North Dakota	8.0	50	7.6	50	7.3	50	7.8	50	11.7	39	11.3	41	10.2	47	11.0	46
Ohio	9.3	48	9.9	43	9.6	46	9.6	45	10.2	46	10.9	44	10.4	45	10.2	49
Oklahoma	12.2	29	13.3	20	11.6	27	11.7	27	12.0	36	12.7	30	11.9	38	11.2	44
Oregon	15.0	12	13.3	21	13.2	15	13.7	11	16.4	8	15.6	11	14.8	20	14.1	14
Pennsylvania	14.0	18	12.9	25	12.0	24	11.6	28	13.9	20	12.9	28	13.5	26	12.2	36
Rhode Island	11.4	33	10.9	34	10.9	33	10.7	36	12.9	28	12.7	31	15.1	17	12.7	29
South Carolina	12.8	24	12.8	26	11.5	29	12.0	24	13.5	24	14.5	16	12.9	33	11.9	39
South Dakota	9.7	47	8.7	48	6.1	51	5.9	51	8.2	49	9.6	47	9.2	49	8.3	51
Tennessee	14.4	15	14.9	10	14.6	9	16.2	5	16.0	9	16.0	6	15.1	16	15.0	9
Texas	14.2	16	13.7	16	13.8	11	13.4	15	15.0	13	15.3	14	14.9	19	14.1	15
Utah	19.2	4	20.7	1	19.2	1	18.9	2	19.7	2	26.1	1	20.7	1	18.4	2

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Vermont	12.3	27	10.6	37	11.0	32	10.2	42	13.0	26	12.3	35	16.5	8	12.5	32
Virginia	14.1	17	13.3	23	13.2	14	13.4	14	13.1	25	13.3	25	12.5	36	12.4	33
Washington	21.3	1	20.3	2	18.9	3	18.0	3	22.0	1	21.1	2	20.5	2	17.6	3
West Virginia	10.8	40	9.5	46	10.4	39	11.0	33	14.3	17	14.8	15	14.8	21	14.9	10
Wisconsin	10.3	43	9.9	42	10.0	42	10.1	43	12.5	33	11.6	39	11.2	43	10.3	48
Wyoming	12.6	26	13.8	15	11.9	25	12.5	20	15.9	10	16.0	5	15.1	14	15.1	8

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.

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