

**Table 15.14-- CHARACTERISTICS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS:  
1996 TO 2007**

[Data refer to establishments with taxable payrolls. Excludes government  
and self-employed workers]

Year	Number of employees 1/	Payroll (\$1,000)		Number of establishments by employment-size class 2/		
		First quarter	Annual	Total	1 to 4	5 to 9
1996	424,116	2,666,805	10,954,149	29,967	15,785	6,257
1997	426,129	2,707,015	11,179,954	29,991	15,842	6,221
1998	416,571	2,736,665	11,291,978	29,603	15,466	6,235
1999	419,047	2,756,846	11,661,968	29,569	15,520	6,111
2000	432,092	2,982,367	12,331,233	29,853	15,658	6,063
2001	441,856	3,136,371	12,684,140	30,175	15,802	6,133
2002	439,934	3,237,290	13,352,194	30,633	16,181	6,245
2003	459,010	3,422,999	14,138,996	31,061	16,243	6,294
2004	473,500	3,552,027	15,074,629	31,605	16,503	6,431
2005	490,682	3,784,859	16,163,137	32,244	16,848	6,504
2006	512,543	4,225,680	17,287,011	33,118	17,119	6,681
2007	519,060	4,501,332	18,306,259	33,388	17,177	6,835

  

Year	Number of establishments by employment-size class 2/--Con.						
	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 99	100 to 249	250 to 499	500 to 999	1,000 or more
1996	3,930	2,561	856	412	99	42	25
1997	3,934	2,515	898	411	99	47	24
1998	3,952	2,498	883	404	97	45	23
1999	3,948	2,474	924	412	115	43	22
2000	4,067	2,494	953	430	121	42	25
2001	3,998	2,651	957	446	116	47	25
2002	4,014	2,632	914	455	122	46	24
2003	4,194	2,666	992	475	126	45	26
2004	4,208	2,766	1,012	479	121	58	27
2005	4,359	2,730	1,096	485	133	61	28
2006	4,555	2,884	1,121	548	126	58	26
2007	4,611	2,895	1,107	548	133	52	30

1/ For week including March 12.

2/ Data refer to establishments active anytime during the year.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *County Business Patterns* (annual)

<<http://censtats.census.gov/cgi-bin/cbpaic/cbpsect.pl>> accessed July 30, 2009.