

**Table 15.14-- CHARACTERISTICS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS:
1997 TO 2008**

[Excludes data on self-employed individuals, employees of private households, railroad employees, agricultural production employees and most government employees]

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	
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	
2008	518,168	4,667,451	18,539,010	32,904	16,903	6,720	
	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
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
2008	4,518	2,912	1,067	556	138	62	28

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://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/index.html>> accessed July 29, 2010.