

**Table 15.21-- ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES
FROM ENTERPRISE BIRTHS, DEATHS, EXPANSIONS AND
CONTRACTIONS, BY EMPLOYMENT-SIZE CLASS: 2011 TO 2012**

[An enterprise is a business organization consisting of one or more domestic establishments that were specified under common ownership or control. Based on 2007 NAICS]

Subject	Employment size of the enterprise 1/							
	Total	Less than 500 employees						500+
		Total < 500	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-99	100-499	
Establishments 2/								
Number (initial year)	29,097	24,230	11,657	4,563	2,829	3,343	1,838	4,867
Numerical change	-11	35	-68	-13	7	47	62	-46
Births 3/	2,655	2,322	1,432	263	186	272	169	333
Deaths 4/	2,666	2,287	1,500	276	179	225	107	379
Expansions	7,658	6,138	1,992	1,322	957	1,265	602	1,520
Contractions	7,367	5,860	1,328	1,467	1,140	1,295	630	1,507
Employment 5/								
Number (initial year)	485,540	256,561	24,582	29,309	35,492	91,333	75,845	228,979
Numerical change	9,290	4,941	2,931	418	-134	1,948	-222	4,349
Change due to births	20,071	12,745	2,650	1,655	1,897	4,449	2,094	7,326
Change due to deaths	-20,322	-12,192	-2,685	-1,636	-1,849	-3,822	-2,200	-8,130
Change due to expansions	43,184	26,682	4,553	3,071	3,233	9,545	6,280	16,502
Change due to contractions	-33,643	-22,294	-1,587	-2,672	-3,415	-8,224	-6,396	-11,349

1/ The enterprise and the establishment are the same for single-establishment firms. Each multi-establishment company forms one enterprise - the enterprise employment and annual payroll are summed from the associated establishments. Enterprise size designations are determined by the summed employment of all associated establishments. The enterprise size group "0" includes enterprises for which no associated establishments reported paid employees in mid-March pay period but paid employees at some time during the year.

2/ A single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed.

3/ Establishments that have zero employment in the first quarter of the initial year and positive employment in the first quarter of the subsequent year.

4/ Establishments that have positive employment in the first quarter of the initial year and zero employment in the first quarter of the subsequent year.

5/ Full or part-time employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who were on the payroll in the pay period including March 12. Included are employees on sick leave, holidays, and vacations; not included are proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1989-2012 Business Information Tracking Series <<http://www.census.gov/econ/sub/>> accessed June 30, 2015 and "Statistics of U.S. Businesses Explanation of Terms" <<http://www.census.gov/econ/sub/definitions.html>> accessed June 13, 2014.