

**Table 15.20-- ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT CHANGES  
FROM ENTERPRISE BIRTHS, DEATHS, EXPANSIONS AND  
CONTRACTIONS, BY EMPLOYMENT-SIZE CLASS: 2014 TO 2015**

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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)	29,299	24,223	11,453	4,530	2,896	3,447	1,897	5,076
Numerical change	82	-2	53	-3	-24	-10	-18	84
Births 3/	2,480	2,089	1,488	284	147	116	54	391
Deaths 4/	2,398	2,091	1,435	287	171	126	72	307
Expansions	7,631	6,116	1,970	1,277	975	1,220	674	1,515
Contractions	7,170	5,620	1,261	1,493	1,121	1,187	558	1,550
Employment 5/								
Number (initial year)	518,946	267,612	24,073	29,315	36,794	95,226	82,204	251,334
Numerical change	4,725	3,718	2,483	171	-351	271	1,144	1,007
Change due to births	17,295	11,588	2,702	1,863	1,920	3,286	1,817	5,707
Change due to deaths	-17,469	-11,855	(6/)	-1,900	-2,104	-3,528	-1,674	-5,614
Change due to expansions	37,980	22,373	3,903	3,024	3,127	6,721	5,598	15,607
Change due to contractions	-33,081	-18,388	-1,473	-2,816	-3,294	-6,208	-4,597	-14,693

1/ An enterprise (or "company") is a business organization consisting of one or more domestic establishments that were specified under common ownership or control. 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.

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.

6/ Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standard.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1989-2015 Business Information Tracking Series "Number of Establishments with Corresponding Employment Change by Employment Size of the Enterprise for the United States and All States, Totals: 2014-2015" <<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2015/econ/susb/2015-susb-employment.html>> accessed June 8, 2018.