

### New Firms by State, 2001-2006

State	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005r	2006	Percent Change	
							2005-2006	Rank*
Alabama	10,060	9,534	9,014	9,413	10,575	10,096	-4.5	39
Alaska	2,438	2,270	2,441	1,848	1,982	1,904	-3.9	37
Arizona	14,541	14,291	13,322	12,421	21,339	21,555	1.0	20
Arkansas	3,990	5,381	7,253	7,852	7,591	9,551	25.8	1
California	128,885	130,840	113,500	117,016	121,482	115,684	-4.8	43
Colorado	24,730	25,290	22,400	23,694	26,610	22,708	-14.7	51
Connecticut	9,074	8,726	8,501	9,064	9,220	9,516	3.2	15
Delaware	3,352	3,223	3,439	3,270	3,299	3,153	-4.4	38
District of Columbia	4,090	4,157	4,052	4,393	4,316	4,232	-1.9	31
Florida	60,370	72,720	69,711	77,754	84,890	79,870	-5.9	46
Georgia	23,211	28,756	24,217	29,547	29,804	31,677	6.3	10
Hawaii	3,811	3,555	3,658	3,698	3,763	3,813	1.3	19
Idaho	5,534	5,039	5,998	7,814	9,312	9,159	-1.6	29
Illinois	28,426	27,342	28,933	28,453	30,445	30,230	-0.7	24
Indiana	13,903	13,530	13,452	13,906	14,545	14,653	0.7	21
Iowa	5,659	5,660	5,534	5,954	6,004	5,877	-2.1	33
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>7,026</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>6,973</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>30</b>
Kentucky	8,713	8,526	8,155	8,807	9,617	8,973	-6.7	48
Louisiana	9,816	9,810	9,298	9,875	9,393	11,034	17.5	2
Maine	4,667	4,428	4,033	4,300	4,251	4,497	5.8	11
Maryland	20,072	20,576	20,687	21,751	22,083	21,535	-2.5	35
Massachusetts	18,166	21,262	18,984	18,822	19,723	17,800	-9.8	50
Michigan	23,060	22,799	22,022	24,625	24,642	23,508	-4.6	41
Minnesota	12,700	13,683	14,652	15,167	12,555	13,739	9.4	8
Mississippi	6,164	6,256	6,020	6,141	6,071	6,862	13.0	5
Missouri	14,360	16,337	15,947	16,155	17,239	15,805	-8.3	49
Montana	3,608	3,569	4,548	4,588	4,768	4,727	-0.9	25
Nebraska	4,419	4,372	4,311	4,849	5,127	4,820	-6.0	47
Nevada	8,864	8,826	9,749	10,483	11,299	10,743	-4.9	44
New Hampshire	4,398	4,562	4,653	4,865	4,758	4,703	-1.2	26
New Jersey	36,747	29,916	29,236	35,895	33,022	36,258	9.8	6
New Mexico	5,753	5,281	5,508	5,683	5,272	5,536	5.0	13
New York	62,730	59,571	60,569	62,854	62,045	61,718	-0.5	23
North Carolina	22,436	22,950	22,465	23,387	25,906	26,729	3.2	16
North Dakota	1,419	1,356	1,456	1,747	1,893	1,821	-3.8	36
Ohio	22,951	22,379	22,227	22,725	22,542	22,213	-1.5	27
Oklahoma	9,940	8,702	8,802	9,263	8,609	9,962	15.7	4
Oregon	13,246	13,160	13,842	13,481	14,445	15,085	4.4	14
Pennsylvania	33,497	31,939	31,214	33,188	36,609	34,928	-4.6	40
Rhode Island	3,547	3,397	3,465	3,932	3,677	3,739	1.7	18
South Carolina	11,372	10,266	10,759	11,745	12,341	12,373	0.3	22
South Dakota	1,953	1,389	1,338	1,691	2,102	2,003	-4.7	42
Tennessee	16,488	15,982	17,700	17,415	17,484	17,207	-1.6	28
Texas	53,271	54,009	52,677	54,098	55,858	58,943	5.5	12
Utah	10,745	10,431	10,656	11,357	11,536	13,379	16.0	3
Vermont	2,226	2,331	2,122	2,322	1,911	1,957	2.4	17
Virginia	21,371	21,438	22,069	24,134	25,061	23,686	-5.5	45
Washington	39,641	37,562	36,136	31,955	30,353	32,726	7.8	9
West Virginia	3,691	3,944	4,126	3,937	3,493	3,823	9.4	7
Wisconsin	12,025	12,172	12,400	13,093	13,656	13,371	-2.1	32
Wyoming	2,558	2,275	2,419	2,519	2,632	2,570	-2.4	34
<b>United States</b>	<b>585,140</b>	<b>589,700</b>	<b>553,500</b>	<b>580,900</b>	<b>653,100</b>	<b>649,700</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	

Source: *Small Business Indicators*, 2001-2003, <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/sbei.html> (accessed May 11, 2006) and *The Small Business Economy: A Report to the President*, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/sbe.html> (accessed January 18, 2008).

New firms are firms that plan to begin to hire employees.

State totals do not add to U.S. totals as firms can be in more than one state. U.S. totals are estimates based on U.S. Census Bureau and Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration data.

\* Rank based on percent change 2005-2006.

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