

**Table I.A.1.a(1997) Percent of number of private-sector establishments by firm size and selected characteristics: United States, 1997**

| Characteristics               | Total     | Less than 10 employees | 10-24 employees | 25-99 employees | 100-999 employees | 1000 or more employees | Less than 50 employees | 50 or more employees |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| United States                 | 6,135,778 | 61.1%                  | 12.6%           | 7.8%            | 6.4%              | 12.1%                  | 78.2%                  | 21.8%                |
| Industry group **             |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| Agric., fish., forest.        | 282,834   | 87.8%                  | 8.5%            | 2.1%            | 1.2%              | 0.4% *                 | 97.5%                  | 2.5%                 |
| Mining                        | 35,520    | 62.6%                  | 18.4%           | 12.3% *         | 1.1% *            | 5.7% *                 | 91.9%                  | 8.1% *               |
| Construction                  | 544,412   | 76.6%                  | 15.1%           | 6.6%            | 1.1%              | 0.7%                   | 96.1%                  | 3.9%                 |
| Manufacturing                 | 375,980   | 43.4%                  | 19.3%           | 16.3%           | 9.4%              | 11.6%                  | 72.5%                  | 27.5%                |
| Transp., commu., util.        | 257,200   | 49.9%                  | 12.2%           | 7.4%            | 7.0%              | 23.6%                  | 66.0%                  | 34.0%                |
| Wholesale trade               | 440,172   | 55.5%                  | 14.0%           | 10.9%           | 6.6%              | 13.1%                  | 74.7%                  | 25.3%                |
| Retail Trade                  | 1,378,006 | 47.5%                  | 13.4%           | 8.8%            | 8.5%              | 21.7%                  | 66.2%                  | 33.8%                |
| Fin., ins., real est.         | 615,441   | 55.4%                  | 6.7%            | 5.7%            | 8.7%              | 23.4%                  | 64.3%                  | 35.7%                |
| Services                      | 2,172,460 | 69.0%                  | 12.4%           | 6.9%            | 5.8%              | 5.9%                   | 85.3%                  | 14.7%                |
| Unknown                       | 33,755    | 99.9%                  | 0.1% *          | 0.0%            | 0.0%              | 0.0%                   | 100.0%                 | 0.0%                 |
| Ownership                     |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| For profit, incorporated      | 3,847,551 | 51.1%                  | 15.3%           | 9.7%            | 7.2%              | 16.7%                  | 72.0%                  | 28.0%                |
| For profit, unincorporated    | 1,567,238 | 87.5%                  | 6.9%            | 2.5%            | 1.4%              | 1.7%                   | 96.0%                  | 4.0%                 |
| Nonprofit                     | 500,573   | 56.9%                  | 14.0%           | 12.1%           | 13.1%             | 3.8%                   | 77.0%                  | 23.0%                |
| Unknown                       | 220,416   | 58.4%                  | 3.0%            | 3.6%            | 12.4%             | 22.6%                  | 62.9%                  | 37.1%                |
| Age of firm                   |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| Less than 5 years             | 1,651,911 | 85.4%                  | 9.6%            | 3.8%            | 0.7%              | 0.4%                   | 97.8%                  | 2.2%                 |
| 5-9 years                     | 1,006,803 | 76.8%                  | 14.8%           | 5.9%            | 1.6%              | 0.9%                   | 95.5%                  | 4.5%                 |
| 10-19 years                   | 1,190,170 | 69.2%                  | 16.3%           | 8.9%            | 2.7%              | 2.8%                   | 91.1%                  | 8.9%                 |
| 20 or more years              | 1,482,178 | 44.1%                  | 15.0%           | 11.6%           | 9.3%              | 20.0%                  | 65.0%                  | 35.0%                |
| Unknown                       | 804,715   | 11.1%                  | 6.2%            | 9.8%            | 24.0%             | 48.9%                  | 21.6%                  | 78.4%                |
| Multi/single status           |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| 2 or more locations           | 1,392,457 | 3.0%                   | 6.2%            | 13.4%           | 24.4%             | 53.0%                  | 14.3%                  | 85.7%                |
| 1 location only               | 4,743,321 | 78.2%                  | 14.5%           | 6.2%            | 1.1%              | 0.0%                   | 97.0%                  | 3.0%                 |
| Percent full-time employees   |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| Less than 25%                 | 771,972   | 77.6%                  | 10.3%           | 5.2%            | 3.6%              | 3.3%                   | 91.2%                  | 8.8%                 |
| 25-49 %                       | 455,324   | 50.4%                  | 13.5%           | 9.6%            | 7.4%              | 19.0%                  | 70.1%                  | 29.9%                |
| 50-74 %                       | 896,833   | 64.7%                  | 13.6%           | 7.2%            | 6.0%              | 8.5%                   | 82.2%                  | 17.8%                |
| 75% or more                   | 4,009,629 | 58.3%                  | 12.8%           | 8.3%            | 6.9%              | 13.8%                  | 75.7%                  | 24.3%                |
| Unknown                       | 2,021 *   | 100.0% *               | 0.0%            | 0.0%            | 0.0%              | 0.0%                   | 100.0% *               | 0.0%                 |
| Union presence                |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| No union employees            | 5,475,526 | 63.3%                  | 13.1%           | 7.9%            | 6.2%              | 9.5%                   | 80.8%                  | 19.2%                |
| Has union employees           | 240,172   | 25.4%                  | 11.9%           | 9.6%            | 11.8%             | 41.3%                  | 42.4%                  | 57.6%                |
| Unknown                       | 420,080   | 53.7%                  | 7.3%            | 5.4%            | 4.9%              | 28.7%                  | 64.3%                  | 35.7%                |
| Percent low wage employees ** |           |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| 50% or more low wage          | 1,054,056 | 66.8%                  | 12.2%           | 7.0%            | 7.1%              | 6.9%                   | 83.0%                  | 17.0%                |
| Less than 50% low wage        | 4,181,032 | 65.0%                  | 14.3%           | 8.9%            | 5.8%              | 6.1%                   | 84.3%                  | 15.7%                |
| Unknown                       | 900,690   | 36.8%                  | 5.3%            | 3.9%            | 8.3%              | 45.7%                  | 44.4%                  | 55.6%                |

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends. 1997 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component.

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**Table I.A.1.a(1997) Standard error for percent of number of private-sector establishments by firm size and selected characteristics: United States, 1997**

| Characteristics               | Total   | Less than 10 employees | 10-24 employees | 25-99 employees | 100-999 employees | 1000 or more employees | Less than 50 employees | 50 or more employees |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| United States                 | 18,167  | 0.26%                  | 0.23%           | 0.20%           | 0.15%             | 0.26%                  | 0.27%                  | 0.27%                |
| Industry group **             |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| Agric., fish., forest.        | 8,859   | 0.92%                  | 1.13%           | 0.18%           | 0.19%             | 0.23% *                | 0.31%                  | 0.31%                |
| Mining                        | 5,076   | 9.75%                  | 5.13%           | 4.77% *         | 1.45% *           | 2.20% *                | 3.51%                  | 3.51% *              |
| Construction                  | 11,172  | 0.64%                  | 0.51%           | 0.55%           | 0.21%             | 0.19%                  | 0.39%                  | 0.39%                |
| Manufacturing                 | 6,194   | 1.51%                  | 0.85%           | 0.68%           | 0.76%             | 0.87%                  | 1.29%                  | 1.29%                |
| Transp., commu., util.        | 8,767   | 1.34%                  | 1.13%           | 0.50%           | 0.75%             | 1.47%                  | 1.57%                  | 1.57%                |
| Wholesale trade               | 13,182  | 1.58%                  | 1.08%           | 1.31%           | 0.82%             | 0.59%                  | 1.53%                  | 1.53%                |
| Retail Trade                  | 9,028   | 0.67%                  | 0.36%           | 0.23%           | 0.41%             | 0.63%                  | 0.59%                  | 0.59%                |
| Fin., ins., real est.         | 15,927  | 1.63%                  | 0.69%           | 0.69%           | 0.39%             | 1.92%                  | 1.69%                  | 1.69%                |
| Services                      | 25,699  | 0.61%                  | 0.26%           | 0.27%           | 0.34%             | 0.23%                  | 0.49%                  | 0.49%                |
| Unknown                       | 3,285   | 0.09%                  | 0.09% *         | 0.00%           | 0.00%             | 0.00%                  | 0.00%                  | 0.00%                |
| Ownership                     |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| For profit, incorporated      | 22,742  | 0.46%                  | 0.32%           | 0.24%           | 0.17%             | 0.38%                  | 0.43%                  | 0.43%                |
| For profit, unincorporated    | 15,776  | 0.52%                  | 0.40%           | 0.19%           | 0.11%             | 0.21%                  | 0.25%                  | 0.25%                |
| Nonprofit                     | 15,451  | 1.42%                  | 0.72%           | 0.80%           | 0.71%             | 0.26%                  | 0.79%                  | 0.79%                |
| Unknown                       | 8,972   | 1.59%                  | 0.67%           | 1.02%           | 1.62%             | 1.10%                  | 1.77%                  | 1.77%                |
| Age of firm                   |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| Less than 5 years             | 12,787  | 0.36%                  | 0.28%           | 0.23%           | 0.11%             | 0.10%                  | 0.17%                  | 0.17%                |
| 5-9 years                     | 17,081  | 0.93%                  | 0.79%           | 0.34%           | 0.16%             | 0.12%                  | 0.24%                  | 0.24%                |
| 10-19 years                   | 18,824  | 0.63%                  | 0.67%           | 0.24%           | 0.36%             | 0.23%                  | 0.45%                  | 0.45%                |
| 20 or more years              | 25,964  | 0.84%                  | 0.45%           | 0.35%           | 0.31%             | 0.89%                  | 0.62%                  | 0.62%                |
| Unknown                       | 15,444  | 0.45%                  | 0.41%           | 0.75%           | 0.93%             | 0.90%                  | 0.75%                  | 0.75%                |
| Multi/single status           |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| 2 or more locations           | 16,470  | 0.19%                  | 0.29%           | 0.65%           | 0.57%             | 0.90%                  | 0.39%                  | 0.39%                |
| 1 location only               | 23,520  | 0.22%                  | 0.23%           | 0.17%           | 0.05%             | 0.00%                  | 0.08%                  | 0.08%                |
| Percent full-time employees   |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| Less than 25%                 | 16,093  | 0.86%                  | 0.59%           | 0.50%           | 0.37%             | 0.43%                  | 0.75%                  | 0.75%                |
| 25-49 %                       | 12,101  | 1.42%                  | 0.68%           | 0.48%           | 0.70%             | 0.87%                  | 1.07%                  | 1.07%                |
| 50-74 %                       | 16,450  | 0.57%                  | 0.68%           | 0.33%           | 0.24%             | 0.52%                  | 0.57%                  | 0.57%                |
| 75% or more                   | 23,998  | 0.36%                  | 0.33%           | 0.23%           | 0.21%             | 0.37%                  | 0.27%                  | 0.27%                |
| Unknown                       | 2,021 * | 31.62% *               | 0.00%           | 0.00%           | 0.00%             | 0.00%                  | 31.62% *               | 0.00%                |
| Union presence                |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| No union employees            | 23,579  | 0.27%                  | 0.25%           | 0.24%           | 0.14%             | 0.21%                  | 0.22%                  | 0.22%                |
| Has union employees           | 15,122  | 1.38%                  | 1.22%           | 1.02%           | 1.11%             | 1.96%                  | 1.57%                  | 1.57%                |
| Unknown                       | 8,725   | 1.75%                  | 0.38%           | 0.59%           | 0.41%             | 1.83%                  | 1.99%                  | 1.99%                |
| Percent low wage employees ** |         |                        |                 |                 |                   |                        |                        |                      |
| 50% or more low wage          | 8,242   | 0.67%                  | 0.44%           | 0.36%           | 0.42%             | 0.47%                  | 0.61%                  | 0.61%                |
| Less than 50% low wage        | 24,865  | 0.29%                  | 0.24%           | 0.23%           | 0.20%             | 0.36%                  | 0.23%                  | 0.23%                |
| Unknown                       | 16,386  | 0.52%                  | 0.42%           | 0.31%           | 0.36%             | 0.61%                  | 0.62%                  | 0.62%                |

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