by firm size and selected characteristics: United States, 1998

| Characteristics | Total | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Less than } \\ 10 \\ \text { emnlovees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10-24 \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25-99 \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 100-999 \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1000 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Less than } \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | 50 or more employees |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | 32.4\% | 14.5\% | 22.1\% | 28.8\% | 39.8\% | 69.5\% | 17.6\% | 56.4\% |
| Industry group ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agric., fish., forest. | 16.4\% | 11.5\% | 23.5\%* | 18.8\%* | 35.6\%* | 55.9\% | 13.6\% | 41.2\% |
| Mining | 39.0\% | 12.2\%* | 33.9\%* | 6.7\%* | 33.3\%* | 74.5\% | 17.4\%* | 53.2\% |
| Construction | 18.2\% | 12.7\% | 25.5\% | 26.4\% | 29.4\% | 59.8\% | 16.3\% | 37.1\% |
| Manufacturing | 30.5\% | 13.4\% | 22.0\% | 29.1\% | 42.5\% | 60.1\% | 19.3\% | 47.3\% |
| Transp., commu., util. | 43.6\% | 19.9\% | 18.7\% | 23.2\% | 26.5\% | 78.0\% | 19.8\% | 64.4\% |
| Wholesale trade | 31.4\% | 18.6\% | 26.8\% | 26.2\% | 37.2\% | 61.0\% | 21.3\% | 49.9\% |
| Retail Trade | 37.7\% | 12.8\% | 18.1\% | 23.1\% | 29.3\% | 66.0\% | 15.7\% | 54.2\% |
| Fin., ins., real est. | 49.7\% | 14.4\% | 18.2\% | 35.9\% | 52.7\% | 87.5\% | 16.5\% | 76.7\% |
| Services | 27.1\% | 14.8\% | 22.9\% | 33.6\% | 45.9\% | 62.2\% | 17.9\% | 51.6\% |
| Unknown | 31.2\%* | 31.2\%* | -- | -- | -- | -- | 31.2\%* | -- |
| Ownership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For profit, incorporated | 35.0\% | 15.1\% | 21.9\% | 27.3\% | 37.7\% | 72.4\% | 18.2\% | 58.4\% |
| For profit, unincorporated | 16.3\% | 11.6\% | 18.5\% | 26.6\% | 42.9\% | 47.8\% | 12.8\% | 43.3\% |
| Nonprofit | 30.6\% | 17.4\% | 26.6\% | 37.7\% | 48.2\% | 61.6\% | 21.5\% | 50.3\% |
| Unknown | 47.1\% | -- | -- | 13.9\%* | 32.0\%* | 50.4\% | 15.4\%* | 47.3\% |
| Age of firm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 5 years | 20.5\% | 16.1\% | 20.8\% | 21.8\% | 37.3\% | 75.8\% | 17.3\% | 47.9\% |
| 5-9 years | 19.1\% | 14.1\% | 22.9\% | 21.9\% | 41.0\% | 55.7\% | 16.5\% | 37.5\% |
| 10-19 years | 21.5\% | 13.6\% | 21.6\% | 26.7\% | 34.8\% | 70.6\% | 16.7\% | 42.1\% |
| 20 or more years | 35.9\% | 14.6\% | 22.7\% | 31.0\% | 38.9\% | 86.3\% | 18.8\% | 60.3\% |
| Unknown | 57.7\% | 29.1\%* | 12.9\%* | 47.3\% | 50.2\% | 59.4\% | 20.7\%* | 58.4\% |
| Multi/single status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 or more locations | 52.8\% | 19.0\% | 22.7\% | 29.4\% | 39.7\% | 69.5\% | 22.2\% | 58.1\% |
| 1 location only | 18.1\% | 14.4\% | 22.0\% | 28.4\% | 40.7\% | 66.7\% | 17.1\% | 36.5\% |
| Percent full-time employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 25\% | 20.8\% | 8.9\% | 11.8\%* | 23.8\% | 31.4\% | 57.3\% | 10.1\% | 41.2\% |
| 25-49 \% | 34.2\% | 10.0\% | 16.0\% | 16.0\% | 27.2\% | 81.6\% | 12.0\% | 60.1\% |
| 50-74 \% | 33.5\% | 17.2\% | 26.5\% | 23.0\% | 42.5\% | 76.1\% | 19.6\% | 59.6\% |
| 75\% or more | 32.5\% | 14.5\% | 22.2\% | 30.9\% | 41.2\% | 67.4\% | 17.9\% | 56.0\% |
| Union presence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No union employees | 28.2\% | 14.1\% | 21.6\% | 27.4\% | 38.6\% | 64.0\% | 17.1\% | 50.5\% |
| Has union employees | 68.1\% | 25.9\% | 38.5\% | 51.6\% | 53.5\% | 91.7\% | 33.4\% | 83.3\% |
| Unknown | 53.7\% | 16.2\% | 11.6\%* | 30.5\% | 45.2\% | 69.0\% | 15.5\% | 65.9\% |
| Percent low wage employees ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $50 \%$ or more low wage | 28.3\% | 13.3\% | 17.8\% | 18.1\% | 27.9\% | 80.5\% | 13.9\% | 49.9\% |
| Less than 50\% low wage | 26.9\% | 14.6\% | 22.7\% | 29.7\% | 39.8\% | 81.1\% | 18.0\% | 53.0\% |
| Unknown | 58.0\% | 15.2\% | 11.4\%* | 38.1\% | 51.0\% | 63.0\% | 15.1\% | 61.7\% |

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| Characteristics | Total | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Less than } \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10-24 \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25-99 \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | 100-999 employees | $\begin{array}{r} 1000 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | Less than employees | 50 or more employees |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | 0.55\% | 0.74\% | 1.39\% | 0.81\% | 1.76\% | 1.17\% | 0.55\% | 1.12\% |
| Industry group ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agric., fish., forest. | 2.87\% | 3.40\% | 10.73\%* | 7.35\%* | 12.04\%* | 12.03\% | 3.53\% | 9.14\% |
| Mining | 7.17\% | 4.29\%* | 10.54\%* | 3.64\%* | 14.48\%* | 14.21\% | 5.62\%* | 9.90\% |
| Construction | 1.86\% | 1.91\% | 4.10\% | 3.60\% | 3.87\% | 8.86\% | 1.91\% | 3.75\% |
| Manufacturing | 1.21\% | 2.79\% | 3.29\% | 2.29\% | 2.65\% | 2.38\% | 1.86\% | 2.35\% |
| Transp., commu., util. | 2.87\% | 4.08\% | 4.11\% | 4.44\% | 6.52\% | 3.41\% | 1.70\% | 3.72\% |
| Wholesale trade | 1.52\% | 3.10\% | 4.71\% | 4.10\% | 5.77\% | 2.89\% | 1.87\% | 2.85\% |
| Retail Trade | 1.53\% | 1.27\% | 3.28\% | 1.94\% | 2.58\% | 1.65\% | 1.20\% | 1.86\% |
| Fin., ins., real est. | 2.32\% | 3.48\% | 3.95\% | 5.54\% | 4.73\% | 1.50\% | 2.41\% | 2.11\% |
| Services | 0.63\% | 1.04\% | 1.43\% | 1.99\% | 2.68\% | 0.99\% | 0.64\% | 1.23\% |
| Unknown | 12.25\%* | 12.25\%* | -- | -- | -- | -- | 12.25\%* | -- |
| Ownership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For profit, incorporated | 0.78\% | 0.88\% | 1.77\% | 0.87\% | 1.91\% | 1.39\% | 0.69\% | 1.30\% |
| For profit, unincorporated | 0.80\% | 1.08\% | 2.92\% | 4.36\% | 4.25\% | 5.47\% | 1.15\% | 2.99\% |
| Nonprofit | 1.30\% | 2.56\% | 2.75\% | 3.81\% | 2.60\% | 6.45\% | 2.03\% | 2.18\% |
| Unknown | 2.70\% | -- | -- | 9.39\%* | 10.06\%* | 2.42\% | 5.05\%* | 2.74\% |
| Age of firm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 5 years | 1.45\% | 1.50\% | 4.13\% | 2.14\% | 4.49\% | 7.23\% | 1.68\% | 2.45\% |
| 5-9 years | 1.77\% | 2.05\% | 3.02\% | 2.32\% | 6.44\% | 6.09\% | 1.80\% | 3.93\% |
| 10-19 years | 0.52\% | 1.12\% | 1.99\% | 2.27\% | 3.11\% | 3.13\% | 0.61\% | 1.35\% |
| 20 or more years | 0.81\% | 1.37\% | 1.72\% | 1.64\% | 1.57\% | 1.50\% | 0.97\% | 1.70\% |
| Unknown | 1.30\% | 11.86\%* | 10.05\%* | 8.02\% | 4.94\% | 1.08\% | 8.38\%* | 1.40\% |
| Multi/single status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 or more locations | 1.17\% | 5.42\% | 3.28\% | 1.59\% | 1.93\% | 1.17\% | 1.63\% | 1.21\% |
| 1 location only | 0.57\% | 0.69\% | 1.37\% | 1.26\% | 1.74\% | 6.72\% | 0.59\% | 0.63\% |
| Percent full-time employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 25\% | 3.17\% | 2.09\% | 6.45\%* | 5.38\% | 4.82\% | 9.69\% | 1.74\% | 5.93\% |
| 25-49 \% | 1.70\% | 2.18\% | 2.92\% | 2.98\% | 4.74\% | 2.16\% | 1.63\% | 3.09\% |
| 50-74 \% | 1.75\% | 2.42\% | 2.38\% | 1.27\% | 3.10\% | 1.92\% | 2.01\% | 1.79\% |
| $75 \%$ or more | 0.51\% | 0.73\% | 1.31\% | 0.73\% | 1.84\% | 1.21\% | 0.56\% | 1.14\% |
| Union presence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No union employees | 0.53\% | 0.71\% | 1.37\% | 1.03\% | 1.74\% | 1.64\% | 0.56\% | 1.22\% |
| Has union employees | 2.50\% | 5.63\% | 3.74\% | 5.87\% | 3.79\% | 1.56\% | 3.70\% | 2.07\% |
| Unknown | 2.42\% | 4.76\% | 4.41\%* | 5.85\% | 7.26\% | 2.87\% | 3.23\% | 2.76\% |
| Percent low wage employees ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $50 \%$ or more low wage | 1.78\% | 2.33\% | 3.87\% | 1.84\% | 3.01\% | 1.89\% | 1.73\% | 2.42\% |
| Less than $50 \%$ low wage | 0.48\% | 0.86\% | 1.37\% | 1.01\% | 1.91\% | 1.58\% | 0.67\% | 1.36\% |
| Unknown | 1.19\% | 3.58\% | 6.01\%* | 6.55\% | 4.71\% | 0.95\% | 2.62\% | 1.17\% |

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