

2013 Missouri Businesses by Size



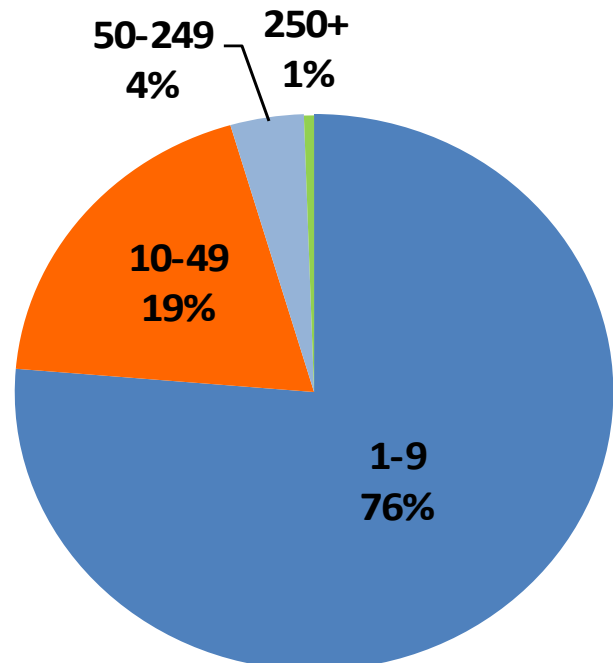
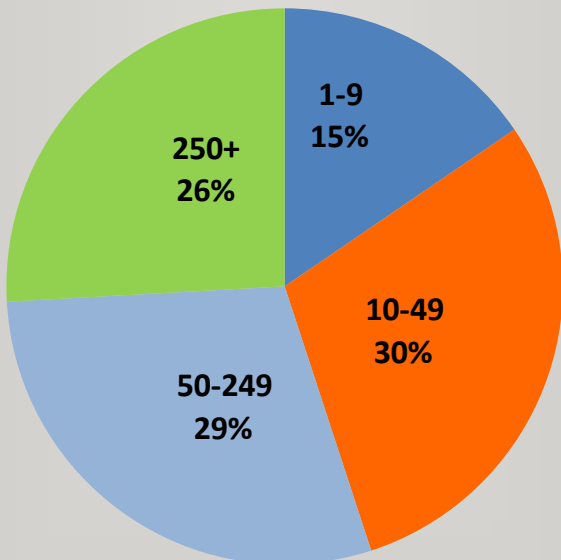
Number of Businesses by Size

Missouri had about 171,059 private sector employers in 2013. Very small businesses comprised a majority of this total, with 76% of Missouri businesses employing less than ten people. Firms employing 1–49 workers made up 98 percent of all businesses in Missouri.

Percentage of Employment by Business Size

Small businesses in Missouri employ a large part of the private sector workforce. 45% of private sector employees worked for a small business (less than 50 employees). Medium sized businesses (50-249 employees) employed 29% of the private sector workforce, while large employers (250 or more) employed 26%.

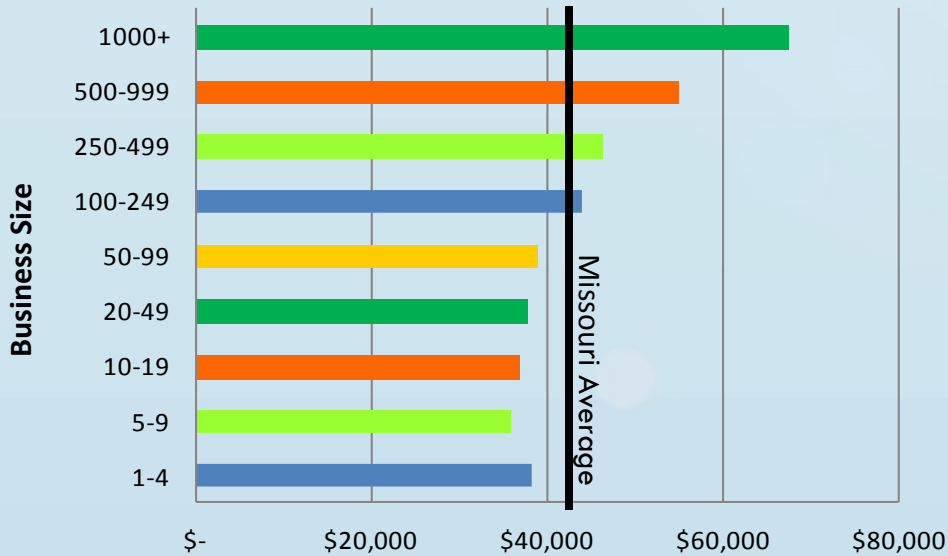
Number of Employees	Number of Businesses
1-4	103,307
5-9	27,283
10-19	19,756
20-49	13,031
50-99	4,421
100-249	2,337
250-499	619
500-999	202
1000+	105
TOTAL	171,059



Wages by Business Size

The average annual wage in Missouri for 2013, regardless of business size, was \$43,442. Wages were highest at businesses that employed more than 1,000 people with average wages equaling \$67,372, which was 55% higher than the average wage in the state. Establishments that employed between 5-9 people had the lowest average wage at \$35,591.

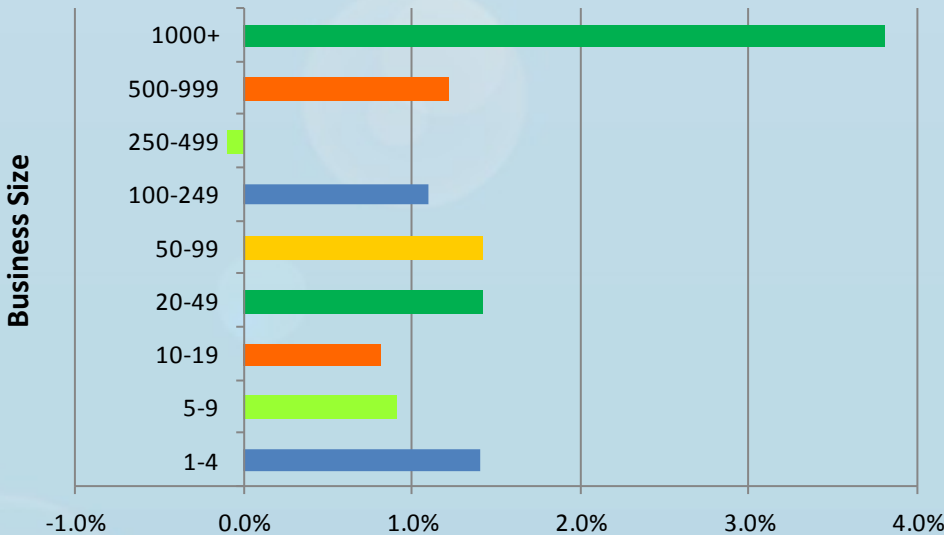
Average Wages by Business Size



Employment Trends by Business Size

Businesses with employment over 1,000 saw the biggest increase in employment from 2012. The only business class size to lose employment from 2012 were those businesses employing 250 to 499 employees. Overall, Missouri businesses added 29,161 employees in 2013.

Employment Change from 2012 to 2013 by Business Size



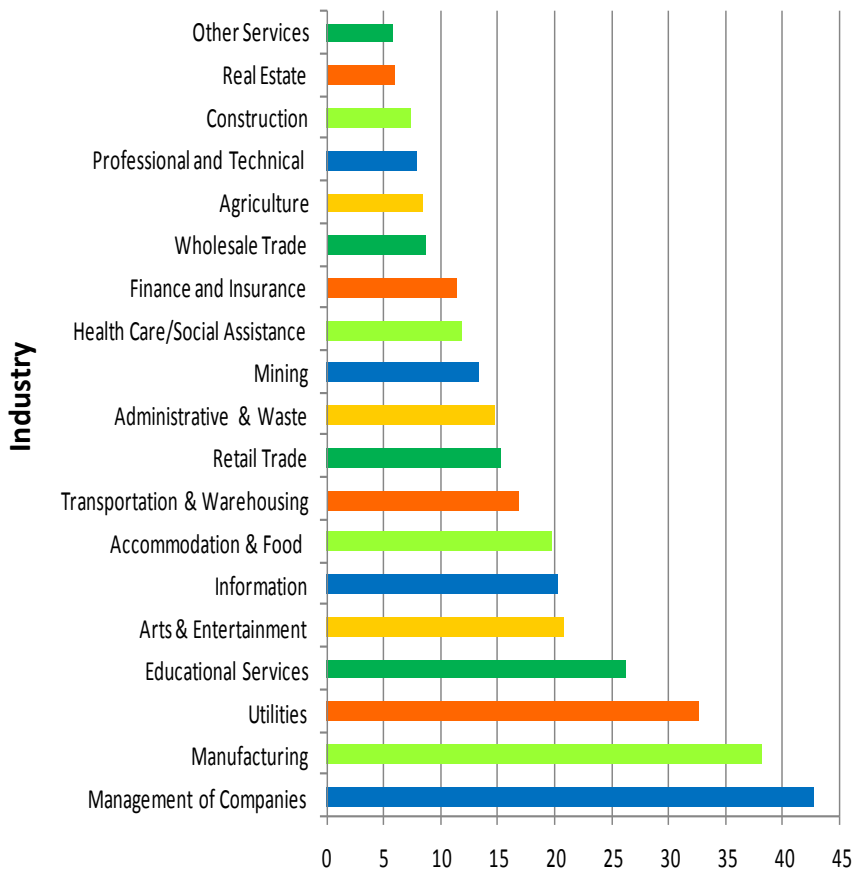
Business Size Employment Increase 2012-2013

Business Size	Employment Increase 2012-2013
1000+	8,307
500-999	1,707
250-499	-267
100-249	3,710
50-99	4,033
20-49	5,530
10-19	2,172
5-9	1,668
1-4	2,301
Total	29,161

Average Size of Business by Industry

The average business size in Missouri was 13 employees. The “Management of Companies and Enterprises” industry had the largest average business size with 43 workers per business. Manufacturing and Utilities were also industries that had high average employment with 38 and 33 workers per business, respectively. Real estate and “Other Services” had the lowest average employment with each having about 6 workers per business.

Average Employment per Industry



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The Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) monitors business sizes through unemployment insurance accounts established in the state. This allows MERIC to gauge the number of businesses by size, industry, and wages.

Business data is derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and state labor market information centers that monitors employing businesses.

Non-employer businesses, such as sole proprietors, are monitored through a U.S. Census program that uses administrative data, chiefly IRS returns, to develop statistics. Non-employer businesses account for less than 4 percent of all sales but do account for the largest number of businesses. More information is available at:

www.census.gov/econ/nonemployer/

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