

Microenterprise Employment Statistics in the United States by Rural-Urban Breakout

State	Rural County Information ¹			Urban County Information ¹		
	Microbusiness Employment ²	Non Farm Private Employment ³	% of Counties Employed by Micro	Microbusiness Employment ²	Non Farm Private Employment ³	% of Counties Employed by Micro
Alabama	121,584	636,895	19.1%	307,544	1,874,409	16.4%
Alaska	32,627	151,890	21.5%	47,142	285,120	16.5%
Arizona	50,190	255,254	19.7%	489,460	2,981,948	16.4%
Arkansas	113,314	571,100	19.8%	170,209	986,697	17.3%
California	98,122	417,849	23.5%	3,769,259	20,130,745	18.7%
Colorado	113,895	444,214	25.6%	515,493	2,626,883	19.6%
Connecticut	35,893	147,650	24.3%	353,753	2,026,521	17.5%
Delaware	21,246	94,330	22.5%	68,491	434,215	15.8%
Florida	109,845	457,595	24.0%	2,157,527	9,664,080	22.3%
Georgia	163,201	855,337	19.1%	813,519	4,341,700	18.7%
Hawaii	49,078	230,905	21.3%	85,153	604,455	14.1%
Idaho	61,468	296,164	20.8%	109,419	572,201	19.1%
Illinois	156,201	872,714	17.9%	1,140,130	6,551,444	17.4%
Indiana	127,337	744,180	17.1%	443,000	2,936,387	15.1%
Iowa	149,105	845,008	17.6%	162,510	1,123,211	14.5%
Kansas	111,753	662,435	16.9%	180,353	1,138,114	15.8%
Kentucky	162,718	862,986	18.9%	229,991	1,517,777	15.2%
Louisiana	93,331	486,077	19.2%	321,973	1,975,094	16.3%
Maine	78,962	320,770	24.6%	97,914	500,783	19.6%
Maryland	37,413	182,434	20.5%	560,669	3,145,686	17.8%
Massachusetts	9,135	24,434	37.4%	717,312	4,092,512	17.5%
Michigan	197,469	915,995	21.6%	774,818	4,602,952	16.8%
Minnesota	164,155	879,866	18.7%	420,747	2,618,721	16.1%
Mississippi	135,147	789,541	17.1%	118,717	716,400	16.6%
Missouri	170,890	852,923	20.0%	432,341	2,724,015	15.9%
Montana	94,007	385,049	24.4%	43,170	228,376	18.9%
Nebraska	90,446	497,714	18.2%	101,951	719,973	14.2%
Nevada	24,522	139,548	17.6%	218,644	1,387,883	15.8%
New Hampshire	66,562	326,670	20.4%	97,010	509,000	19.1%
New Jersey	N/A	N/A	N/A	951,383	4,995,959	19.0%
New Mexico	59,253	341,192	17.4%	122,849	723,159	17.0%
New York	141,586	775,422	18.3%	2,122,067	9,992,903	21.2%
North Carolina	261,652	1,326,656	19.7%	634,872	3,792,856	16.7%
North Dakota	41,525	234,341	17.7%	33,668	238,388	14.1%
Ohio	196,673	1,136,797	17.3%	867,752	5,657,245	15.3%
Oklahoma	134,101	700,105	19.2%	256,277	1,371,733	18.7%
Oregon	88,013	449,733	19.6%	318,478	1,782,960	17.9%
Pennsylvania	185,999	979,365	19.0%	983,200	6,152,902	16.0%
Rhode Island	N/A	N/A	N/A	113,822	609,136	18.7%
South Carolina	90,329	486,258	18.6%	320,031	1,880,265	17.0%
South Dakota	51,970	286,457	18.1%	41,346	251,292	16.5%
Tennessee	158,050	812,883	19.4%	451,543	2,818,076	16.0%
Texas	298,774	1,503,743	19.9%	2,104,551	11,585,203	18.2%
Utah	29,284	154,879	18.9%	237,685	1,356,104	17.5%
Vermont	67,470	273,951	24.6%	26,523	149,598	17.7%
Virginia	98,853	539,518	18.3%	646,598	4,189,389	15.4%
Washington	80,273	389,085	20.6%	568,573	3,344,344	17.0%
West Virginia	66,396	367,407	18.1%	82,976	542,421	15.3%
Wisconsin	164,098	898,080	18.3%	359,223	2,637,667	13.6%
Wyoming	53,897	251,648	21.4%	18,698	108,910	17.2%
TOTAL	5,107,812	26,255,047	19.5%	26,210,334	147,197,812	17.8%

1/ Urban-Rural County Code Data Source: 2005 U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service Rural-Urban Continuum Codes

2/Includes micro-business entrepreneurs (with and without employees) and employment for businesses with 1-4 employees based on AEO MEES data

3/ Source: 2005 Bureau of Economic Analysis, Full-time and Part-time County Employment Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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