

# Missouri Business Growth

In the first of a series examining large and small business trends in Missouri, this report details the growth rate of *establishments*, single physical locations, with regard to employment.

## Employment Growth by Establishment Size 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2005 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006

Private Sector Establishments by Employment Size				
Size Class	Number of Establishments		Numeric Change	Percent Change
	1Q2005	1Q2006	1Q05-1Q06	1Q05-1Q06
Less than 5	92,880	94,401	1,521	1.6%
5-9	27,683	28,073	390	1.4%
10-19	19,219	19,343	124	0.6%
20-49	12,957	13,182	225	1.7%
50-99	4,312	4,396	84	1.9%
100-249	2,294	2,332	38	1.7%
250-499	565	584	19	3.4%
500-999	213	212	-1	-0.5%
1000+	105	107	2	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,228</b>	<b>162,630</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

In the first quarter of 2006, there were 162,630 private business establishments in Missouri employing 2,226,722 workers. This was an increase of 2,402 establishments since the first quarter of 2005. Establishments employing less than 5 made up the largest increase by size class, adding over 1,500 new establishments.

In the first quarter of 2006, employment by Missouri business establishments topped 2.2 million. This was an increase of 36,965 workers over the first quarter of 2005. Establishments employing 250-499 had the largest numeric change in employment over the year, adding nearly 9,000 workers.

Private Sector Employment by Establishment Employment Size				
Size Class	Number of Employment		Numeric Change	Percent Change
	1Q2005	1Q2006	1Q05-1Q06	1Q05-1Q06
Less than 5	147,154	148,849	1,695	1.2%
5-9	183,661	186,821	3,159	1.7%
10-19	260,318	261,224	905	0.3%
20-49	387,758	395,490	7,732	2.0%
50-99	295,258	301,271	6,012	2.0%
100-249	343,110	350,221	7,112	2.1%
250-499	194,297	203,210	8,913	4.6%
500-999	147,272	145,757	-1,515	-1.0%
1000+	230,928	233,879	2,951	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,189,757</b>	<b>2,226,722</b>	<b>36,965</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

Part two in the series examines the employment size class in terms of firm ownership and number of locations.

Source: MERIC and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages