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### Business Formation Statistics

Total U.S. Business Applications were 492,133 in January 2021, up 42.6% from December 2020.

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# Available Business Formation Statistics Data

## Series Available

- Total Business Applications (BA)
- High-Propensity Business Applications (HBA)
- Business Applications with Planned Wages (WBA)
- Business Applications from Corporations (CBA)
- Business Formations within 4 Quarter (BF4Q)
- Projected Business Formations within 4 Quarters (PBF4Q)
- Spliced Business Formations within 4 Quarters (SBF4Q)
- Business Formations within 8 Quarters (BF8Q)
- Projected Business Formations within 8 Quarters (PBF8Q)
- Spliced Business Formations within 8 Quarters (SBF8Q)
- Average Duration from Business Application to Formation within 4 Quarters (DUR4Q)
- Average Duration from Business Application to Formation within 8 Quarters (DUR8Q)

## Geographical level available

- United States
- Regions: Northeast, Midwest, South, West
- 50 states and District of Columbia

## Geographical level available

- 2-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes

## Types of data available

- Seasonally Adjusted (where applicable)
- Not Seasonally Adjusted

# Business and Industry

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- Economy-Wide
- Construction
- Governments
- International Trade
- Manufacturing
- Retail Trade
- Services
- Wholesale Trade
- Other Sectors

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Please follow the numbers in order.

1 Select the report/survey from which you wish to retrieve data:  

Business Formation Statistics

2 Select a date range:  
Start: 

2004

 End: 

2021

3 Select Industry or Category:  

Total for All NAICS

4 Select one Item :  

Business Applications

5 Select Geographical Level:  

U.S. Total

Select as available:  
☒ Seasonally Adjusted  
☐ Not Seasonally Adjusted

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1. Select "Business Formation Statistics"

2. Choose any date range from 2004 through the present year

3. Choose any Industry

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Agriculture

5 

Mining

Utilities

Construction

Manufacturing

Wholesale Trade

Retail Trade

Transportation and Warehousing

Information

Finance and Insurance

Real Estate

Professional Services

Management of Companies

Administrative and Support

Educational Services

Health Care and Social Assistance

Arts and Entertainment

Accommodation and Food Services

Other Services

Public Administration

No NAICS Assigned

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U.S. Total

Select as available:  
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4. Choose any business applications, business formations, or average duration series from the drop- down

**4** Select one Item :  
Business Applications  
Business Applications from Corporations  
High-Propensity Business Applications  
**5** Business Applications with Planned Wages  
Business Formations within Four Quarters  
Business Formations within Eight Quarters  
Projected Business Formations within Four Quarters  
Projected Business Formations within Eight Quarters  
Spliced Business Formations within Four Quarters  
Spliced Business Formations within Eight Quarters  
Average Duration (in Quarters) from Business Application to Formation within Four Quarters  
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5. Select U.S., region, or state from drop-down menu

Select seasonally adjusted or not seasonally adjusted data. Note: The Duration series are only available as not seasonally adjusted. Additionally, seasonal adjustment is not available for Utilities (NAICS 22).

Click "GET DATA":

Option to save your search criteria to your favorites menu

**5** Select Geographical Level

U.S. Total  
Northeast  
Midwest  
South  
West  
Alaska  
Alabama  
Arkansas  
Arizona  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Mississippi



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Total for All NAICS: U.S. Total — Seasonally Adjusted Business Applications [Units]

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2004	NA	NA	NA	NA
2005	201,492	204,751	201,687	204,004
2006	216,199	226,082	222,478	223,175
2007	206,619	217,702	216,009	214,484
2008	207,006	210,105	220,343	219,377
2009	206,946	194,848	198,691	199,044
2010	200,953	201,908	203,478	206,464
2011	219,691	223,673	213,427	214,026
2012	185,055	213,998	216,903	218,032
2013	220,252	211,673	216,677	213,336
2014	210,520	222,027	228,186	226,108
2015	257,618	229,218	229,371	231,346
2016	261,914	240,874	236,942	244,292
2017	265,289	259,601	261,978	261,666
2018	298,447	284,043	289,219	286,241
2019	278,477	296,038	300,404	293,665
2020	284,174	297,677	257,333	236,454
2021	492,133	NA	NA	NA

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Period: 2004 to 2021						
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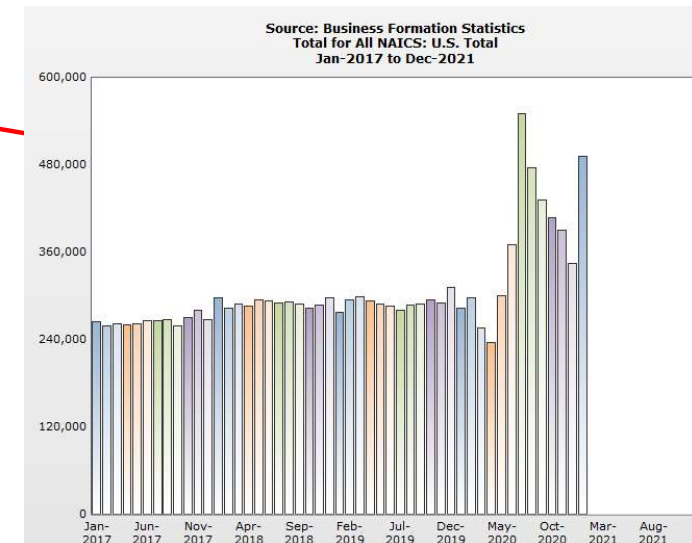
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Apr-2004	NA					
May-2004	NA					
Jun-2004	NA					
Jul-2004	158,532					
Aug-2004	193,143					
Sep-2004	192,003					
Oct-2004	191,852					
Nov-2004	212,069					

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