

# Employment

**Employment growth is slow and unsteady at most small firms, with the median small business adding fewer than one full-time position a year, despite the sector's reputation as the engine of U.S. job growth.**

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**Share of small firms adding or losing employees in a year**

**Gained more than 2    20.4%**

**Gained 1–2    11.4%**

**Gained less than 1    31.7%**

**Lost less than 1    21.0%**

**Lost more than 1    15.5%**

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