



There are more than 27 million small businesses in the United States. Small businesses are our primary job creators and the backbone of our economy.

According to the SBA, small businesses:

- Represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms.
- Employ just over half of all private sector employees.
- Pay 44 percent of total U.S. private payroll.
- Have generated 64 percent of net new jobs over the past 15 years.
- Create more than half of the nonfarm private gross domestic product (GDP).
- Hire 40 percent of high tech workers (such as scientists, engineers, and computer programmers).
- Are 52 percent home-based and 2 percent franchises.
- Made up 97.3 percent of all identified exporters and produced 30.2 percent of the known export value in FY 2007.
- Produce 13 times more patents per employee than large patenting firms; these patents are twice as likely as large firm patents to be among the one percent most cited.

In order to repair and grow our economy, America needs small businesses to succeed. Take the survey below to share your ideas with Congressman Israel on how to create jobs and support small businesses.

