

# 2023 Small Business Profile

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## Northern Mariana Islands



**1,490**  
business establishments

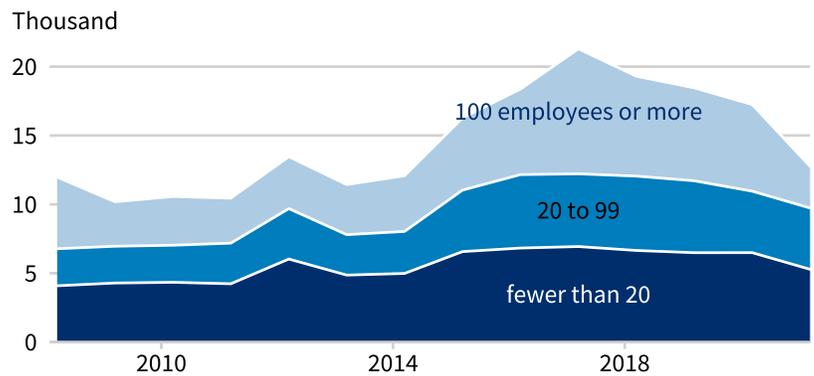


**12,763**  
business employees

### Employment by establishment size

In 2021, the Commonwealth contained 1,490 business establishments employing 12,763 people. Establishments with fewer than 20 employees accounted for 41.4 percent of employment, and establishments with 20 to 99 employees accounted for 34.9 percent of employment. Total employment fell by 26.0 percent from 2020.

Source of original data: [County Business Patterns](#)



### Establishments, employment, and payroll by industry

| Industry   | Total Private Establishments | Total Private Employment | Annual Payroll (\$Thousands) |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Retail Trade                                     | 289                          | 1,799                    | 31,917                       |
| Accommodation and Food Services                  | 183                          | 2,160                    | 35,278                       |
| Other Services (except Public Administration)    | 140                          | 511                      | 10,558                       |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing               | 133                          | 577                      | 9,953                        |
| Administrative, Support, and Waste Management    | 129                          | 1,114                    | 14,141                       |
| Construction                                     | 99                           | 994                      | 21,248                       |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 89                           | 442                      | 14,105                       |
| Wholesale Trade                                  | 84                           | 767                      | 15,361                       |
| Industries not classified                        | 69                           | 240                      | 3,353                        |
| Finance and Insurance                            | 49                           | 269                      | 8,065                        |
| Transportation and Warehousing                   | 44                           | 840                      | 19,447                       |
| Health Care and Social Assistance                | 43                           | 1,186                    | 70,368                       |
| Educational Services                             | 40                           | 271                      | 6,188                        |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation              | 34                           | 249                      | 4,703                        |
| Manufacturing                                    | 33                           | 409                      | 10,368                       |
| Information                                      | 18                           | 346                      | 11,657                       |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises          | 6                            | 85                       | 1,664                        |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting       | 3                            | 4                        | 101                          |
| Utilities  | 3                            | 457                      | 12,804                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>1,490</b>                 | <b>12,763</b>            | <b>302,224</b>               |

The Census Bureau did not report values for industries with two establishments or fewer

Source: [County Business Patterns](#), 2021 (Census)

Some values may be approximated. Visit [advocacy.sba.gov](https://advocacy.sba.gov) for additional resources.