## Data on Different Types of Business Entities

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This data was pulled from the IRS Statistics on Income website (Table 1 at http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/bustaxstats/article/0,,id=152029,00.html). The bar graphs were created from the spreadsheets.
It is interesting that the smallest group of entities are C corporations yet they represent the majority of total receipts. Also, the number of passthrough entities has increased since 1980 and LLCs has become the predominant partnership type.
Table 1.-- Number of Businesses, Business Receipts, Net Income, and Deficit
by Form of Business, Tax Years 1980-2007

| [All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Form of business, item | 1980 |  |  | 1990 |  |  | 2000 |  |  | 2007 |  |  |
| All Businesses |  | All |  |  | All |  |  | All |  |  | All |  |
| Number of businesses............... | 13,021,904 | 100\% |  | 20,052,917 | 100\% |  | 25,007,504 | 100\% |  | 32,087,881 | 100\% |  |
| Corporations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of businesses............... | 2,710,538 | 21\% |  | 3,716,650 | 19\% |  | 5,045,273 | 20\% |  | 5,868,849 | 18\% |  |
| C Corporations |  |  | Corps |  |  | Corps |  |  | Corps |  |  | Corps |
| Number of businesses....... | 2,163,458 |  | 80\% | 2,136,032 |  | 57\% | 2,172,705 |  | 43\% | 1,865,232 |  | 32\% |
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| Number of businesses......... | 1,691 |  | 0\% | 5,526 |  | 0\% | 12,090 |  | 0\% | 13,724 |  | 0\% |
| S Corporations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of businesses......... | 545,389 |  | 20\% | 1,575,092 |  | 42\% | 2,860,478 |  | 57\% | 3,989,893 |  | 68\% |
| Partnerships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of businesses............... | 1,379,654 | 11\% |  | 1,553,529 | 8\% |  | 2,057,500 | 8\% |  | 3,096,334 | 10\% |  |
| General [4] |  |  | P/S |  |  | P/S |  |  | P/S |  |  | P/S |
| Number of businesses......... | 1,209,318 |  | 88\% | 1,267,760 |  | 82\% | 936,564 |  | 46\% | 741,509 |  | 24\% |
| Limited [5] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of businesses......... | 170,336 |  | 12\% | 285,769 |  | 18\% | 402,232 |  | 20\% | 536,145 |  | 17\% |
| LLC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of businesses......... | n.a. |  | 0\% | n.a. |  | 0\% | 718,704 |  | 35\% | 1,818,681 |  | 59\% |
| Nonfarm Sole Proprietorships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of businesses.............. | 8,931,712 | 69\% |  | 14,782,738 | 74\% |  | 17,904,731 | 72\% |  | 23,122,698 | 72\% |  |

[4] For Tax Years 1980-1995 Gereral Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as General and not reported.
For Tax Years 1996-1999 General Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as General, Other and not reported.
For Tax Years 2000-2007 Genereal Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as General, Foreign, Other and not reported.
[5] For Tax Years 1980-1992 Lim|ted Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as Limited Partnerships.
For Tax Years 1993-1995 Limited Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as Limited Partnerships, General Limited Liability Partnerships, and Limited Liability Partnerships.
For Tax Years 1996-1997 Limited Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as Limited Partnerships.
For Tax Years 1998-1999 Limited Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Partnerships
For Tax Years 2000-2007 Limited Partnerships include Partnerships listed on the tax return as Domestic Limited Partnerships and Domestic Limited Liability Partnerships.
NOTE: Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
Source: IRS, Integrated Business Data, Table 1: Selected financial data on businesses
Percentages added from original IRS table








