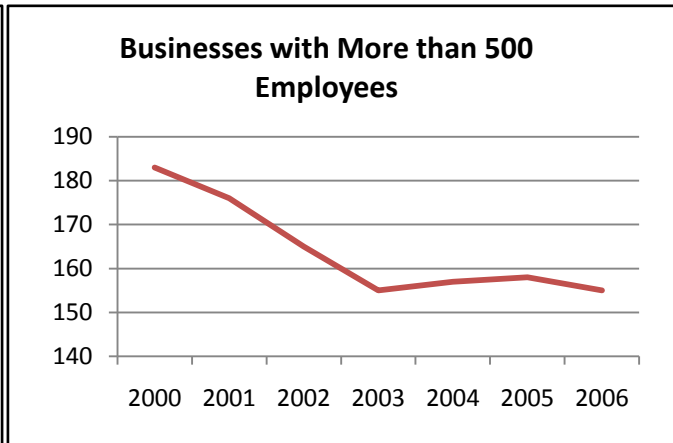
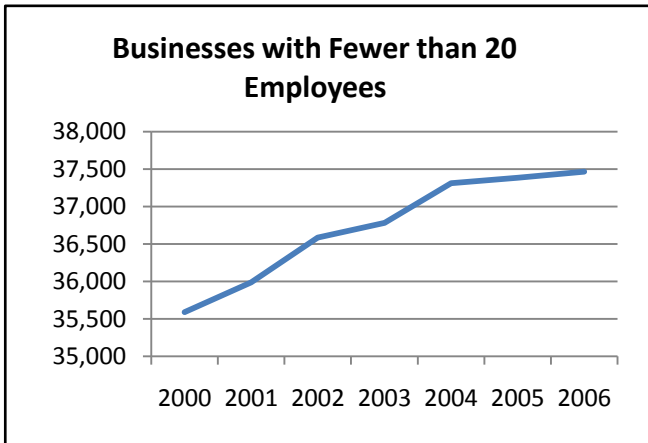


The number of small businesses in central Ohio (businesses with fewer than 20 employees) grew by 5.3% between 2000 and 2006, while the number of midsize businesses remained fairly constant and the number of large businesses (500 or more employees) decreased by 15.3%. Business growth was strongest in Delaware and Union Counties, while only Marion and Ross Counties saw a decrease in the total number of businesses.

	Number of Businesses							% Change, 2000-2006
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
<20 Employees	35,588	35,986	36,585	36,781	37,312	37,382	37,464	5.3%
20-500 Employees	7,380	7,451	7,413	7,459	7,555	7,408	7,600	3.0%
500+ Employees	183	176	165	155	157	158	155	-15.3%
Total	43,151	43,613	44,163	44,395	45,024	44,948	45,219	4.8%



Source: US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns
<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html>

Change in Total Number of Businesses, 2000-2006

- More than 10% increase
- 0-10% increase
- Decrease

