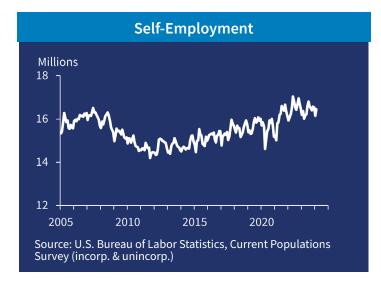
## **ECONOMIC BULLETIN**

## **SECOND QTR 2024**

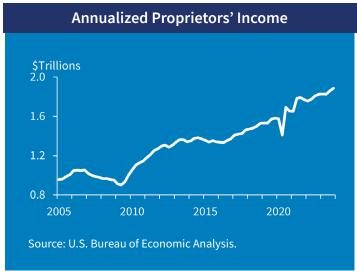
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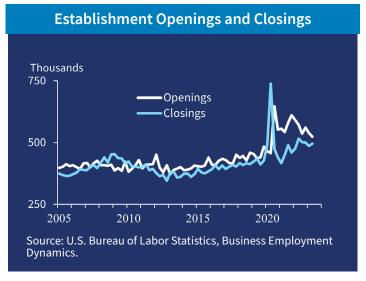
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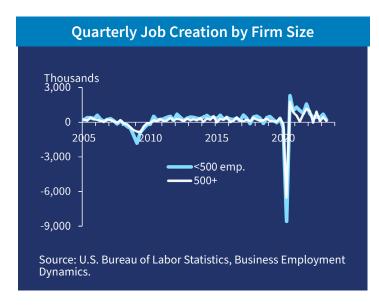
Entrepreneurship rates are strong as self-employment and business applications remain high. In addition, small firms have had solid income and employment growth as they continue to put the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic behind them.

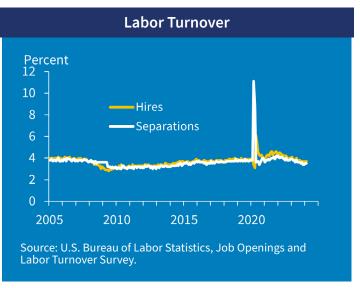












## **FINANCE**

Finance indicators for small firms have been mixed. Interest rates have risen while loan demand from small businesses has been declining. Thus, the pace of lending remains relatively flat, and delinquency indices remain low.

