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Summary: Americans filed 5.5 million applications to start new businesses in 2023, nearly 1.8 million of which are highly likely to hire employees. Both figures are series highs, slightly surpassing 2021's banner year when the disruptions wrought by the pandemic pushed early-stage entrepreneurial activity to its prior record. The latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Business Formation Statistics through December 2023 provide further evidence that the background rate of startup activity in the U.S. economy has settled at much higher levels than before COVID-19 struck. In total, 484,000 more likely employer business applications were filed in 2023 than in 2019, an increase of 37 percent. Last year's haul was also 8 percent higher than 2022's.

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