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Minnesota's 2013 Business Filings Are Third-Highest Annual Total on Record

SAINT PAUL, Minnesota — Secretary of State Mark Ritchie reported 58,260 new Minnesota businesses were filed in 2013 — the third-highest annual filings total on record, following 2009 (63,338) and 2012 (60,827).

“This is a positive signal of Minnesota’s continued economic growth and employment opportunities,” says Ritchie. “Our state has a healthy environment for business and we hope to see this growth continue in 2014.”

The 2013 business filings represent a 17.5 percent increase from 10 years ago.

Business Filings Last 10 Years

- 2004 — 49,559
- 2005 — 50,649
- 2006 — 50,666
- 2007 — 55,782
- 2008 — 55,137
- 2009 — 63,338
- 2010 — 55,223
- 2011 — 51,723
- 2012 — 60,827
- 2013 — 58,260

2013 Quarterly Business Filings

- First Quarter (January–March): 15,746
- Second Quarter (April–June): 15,314
- Third Quarter (July–September): 13,484
- Fourth Quarter (October–December): 13,716

Minnesota’s new business filings reports are available online for 2013 and 1990–2013 ([link provided](#)).

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About Business Services

The Business Services Division of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State reviews, approves and files articles of incorporation and amendments for all businesses and nonprofit organizations conducting business in Minnesota. For the 2014–2015 biennium, the division projects collecting \$30 million in business filings and other fees which are deposited into the state’s general fund.

About the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

The Secretary of State is the chief election official in Minnesota and is responsible for the administration of the state’s election law. In this capacity, the office operates the Statewide Voter Registration System and prepares the official roster of voters for every election. The office also accepts filings by candidates, trains local election officials, and conducts voter education and outreach programs.

The Secretary of State is the keeper of the Great Seal of Minnesota and has the role of certifying the authenticity of a wide variety of official documents, including proclamations and executive orders.

A main function of the office is the review, approval and filing of articles of incorporation and amendments for all businesses and nonprofit organizations conducting business in Minnesota. The Secretary of State also processes all notary public applications; serves as the state’s central filing system for lien information related to the Uniform Commercial Code; and administers Safe at Home, an address confidentiality program designed to assist Minnesotans who fear for their safety.

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