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Fed@Issue: Start-ups, Job Creation, and Financing

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Discussion questions

1. What are the challenges facing U.S. start-up businesses?
2. What is the important difference between small businesses and new businesses as these organizations impact the U.S. labor market?
3. Traditionally, what sources of capital have entrepreneurs relied on to finance their new business ventures?
4. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2006, what was the significance of the 870,000 new businesses established that year?
5. What has happened to the balance between business start-ups and business failures recently? How may this impact the U.S. economy?

Related links

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