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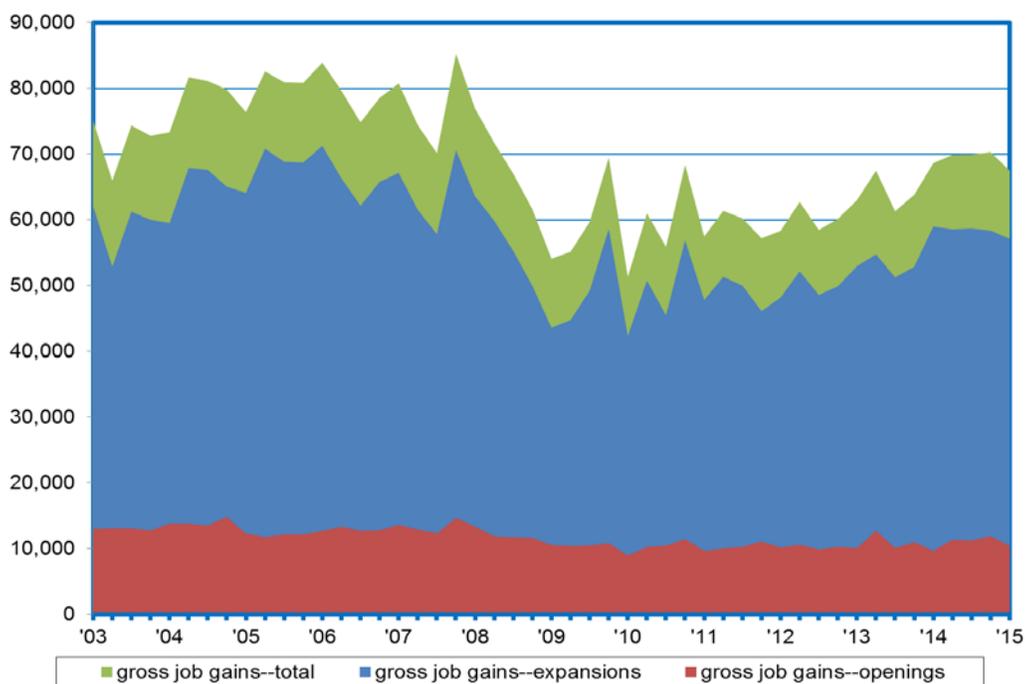


Job Gains From Expansions and Openings  
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## Existing Private Sector Business Establishment Expansions Drive Job Gains

(Business Employment Dynamics Data; Seasonally Adjusted)



- Among other things, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Business Employment Dynamics Program allows us to look at the components of job growth—from expansions at existing establishments and from business openings.
- In the first quarter of 2015, gross job gains at expanding private sector establishments totaled 57,100. Over the same period, gross job gains at opening establishments totaled 10,400.
- In fact, over time, the vast majority of gross job gains can be attributable to expansions, as opposed to openings. For instance, over a five-quarter period during the recession, gross job growth attributable to expansions fell by 27,000. Since then, they have risen to nearly 60,000 as the recovery has unfolded.
- Gross job gains from openings fluctuate in a much narrower range, between 10,000 and 15,000 per quarter.