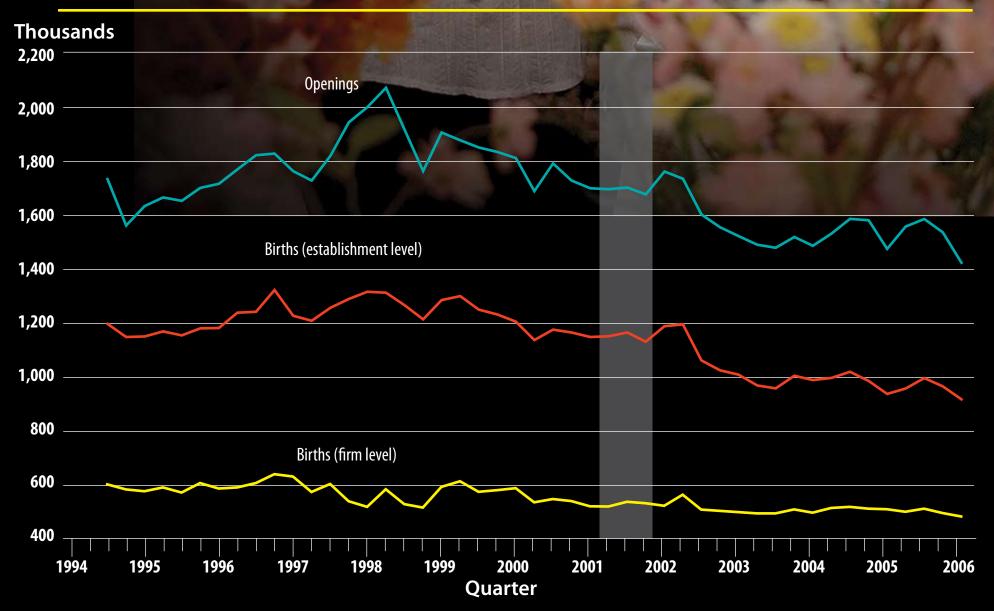
Gross job gains due to openings and births at both the firm and establishment level have shown gradual declines, since the late 1990s.

## CHART 2 Quarterly gross job gains from openings and births



**NOTE:** Shaded area represents recession from March 2001–November 2001. Data presented are for the third month of each quarter. "Births" are research data.