

Industry Lists

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Largest private companies

Ranked by 2009 revenue

If you are a Top 10 company in the Washington region on our list of largest private companies, 2009 looked an awful lot like 2008 – recessions and stimuli notwithstanding.

Just two companies exited the Top 10 tier, and they did so voluntarily. Neither company – Darcars Automotive Group and Omega World Travel – responded to this year’s survey. Their departures made room for car dealer Rosenthal Automotive and engineer-

ing and information technology company Alion Science and Technology Corp.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dropped \$12.5 billion on D.C., Maryland and Virginia, but the stimulus legislation’s impact on the 10 largest private companies was barely perceptible. Only three of the 10 – Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., Clark Enterprises Inc. and Alion – received stimulus-funded work.

According to recovery.gov, the biggest ben-

eficiary of the three, Clark Enterprises, a major general contractor and real estate investor, got more than \$284 million in stimulus contracts, but that accounted for just 6 percent of its revenue. Unlike many builders, Clark increased its 2009 revenue over 2008 – albeit by just 2 percent – but the company declined to comment on the stimulus numbers.

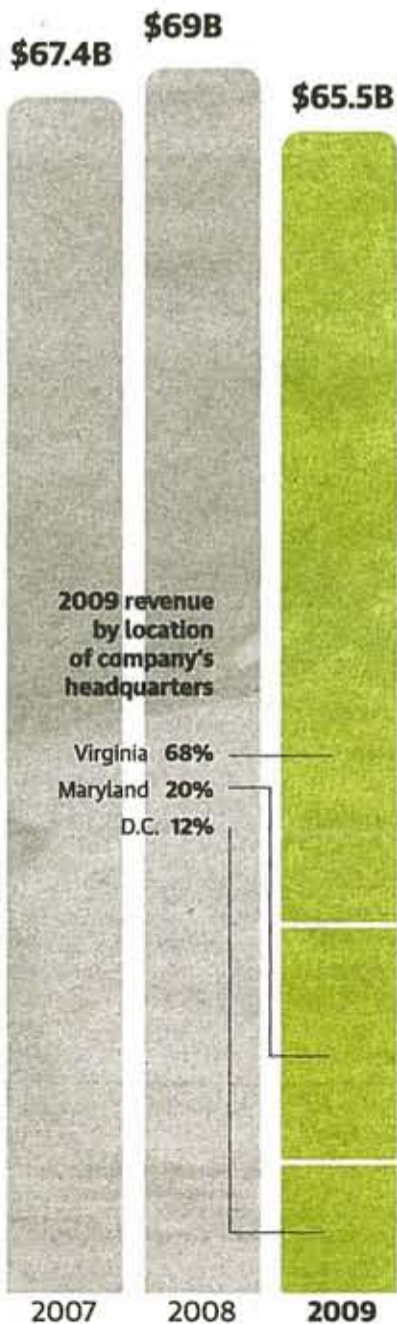
No. 4 on the list, Astra HR, is a human resources outsourcing company that spent

the year bracing for a rush of business from other Washington-area companies that would need to ramp up their staffs to handle stimulus-funded contracts.

The “rush” never arrived. “We’ve seen some activity, but it’s not a significant amount,” said Astra CEO Albert “Bud” Hawk. “Companies are hiring for business reasons, not for stimulus reasons. There’s a cautious optimism out there.”

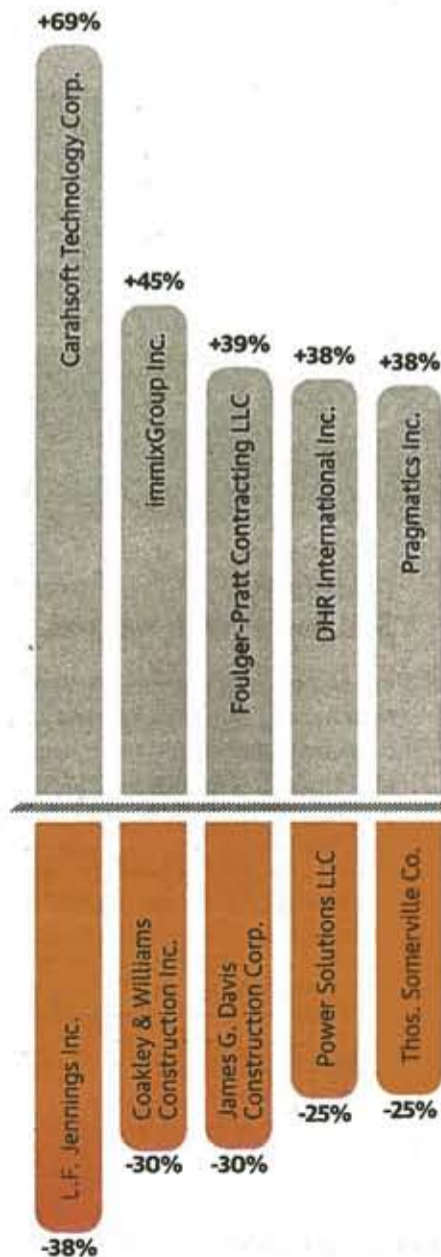
Recession effects?

Private companies on our list generated less revenue in 2009 than in 2007 and 2008.

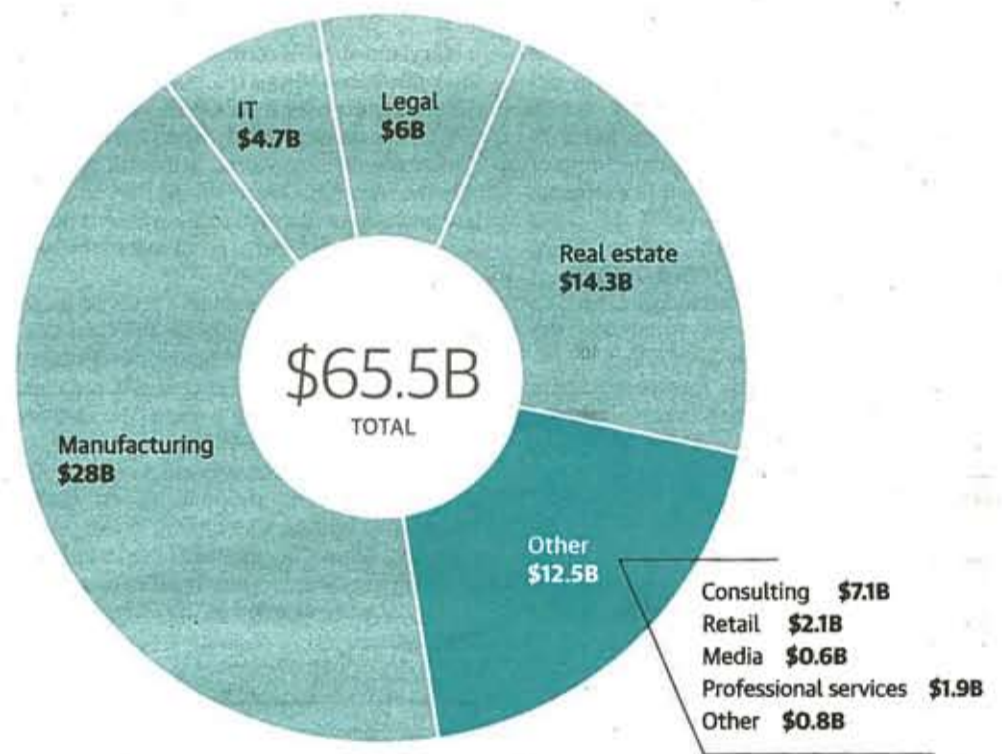


Biggest revenue gainers and losers

Among the 100 highest-grossing private companies on our list, a handful saw steep drops in annual revenue, but others enjoyed sharp gains.



Revenue by industry



Largest employers

1 icon = 500 employees

