

SURVEY OF BUSINESS OWNERS FACTS

Women-Owned Businesses in the United States

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY

REGULATION • RESEARCH • OUTREACH



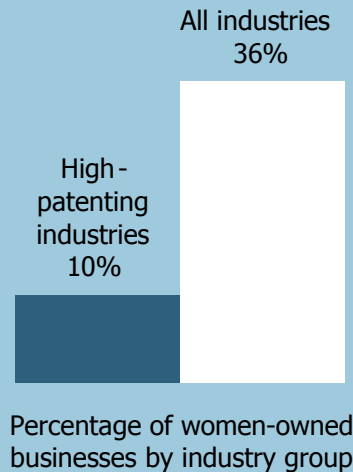
Firms

9.9M women-owned businesses

1.0M have paid employees (10.5%)

8.8M nonemployer firms (89.5%)

\$1.4T annual receipts



There are fewer women-owned businesses represented in high-patenting industries than in all industries.

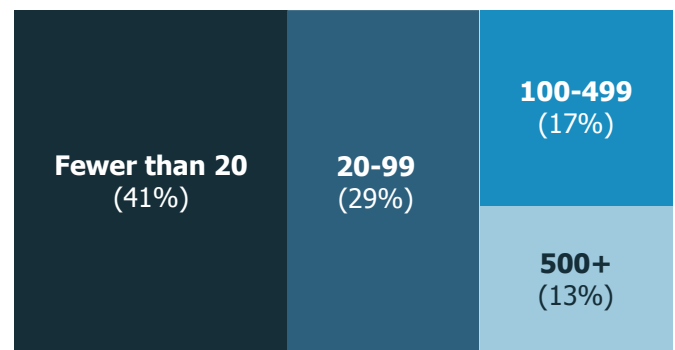
Employment

8.4M employees at women-owned businesses

7.3M at small firms with fewer than 500 employees (87.1%)

5.9M at firms with fewer than 100 employees (70.4%)

Share of employment at women-owned firms by firm size



Top Industries Among Women-Owned Businesses

- The industries with the highest average number of employees per firm are **employment services**, **depository credit intermediation**, and **school and employee bus transportation**.

- For employer firms, those in **basic chemical manufacturing** have the highest average annual receipts per firm (**\$21.3 million**).

For nonemployers, **motor vehicle parts and supplies merchant wholesalers** have the highest average annual receipts per firm (**\$120,000**).