A survey of American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses in the United States reveals the following facts:

**Firms**
- **272K** firms owned by American Indians and Alaska Natives
- 15% growth from 2007 to 2012
- **26K** have paid employees (9.6%)
- **247K** nonemployer firms (90.4%)
- **$39B** annual receipts

**Percentage of business owners by age group**
- American Indian and Alaska Native owners: 18% Under 35, 14% 55 and over
- All owners: 34% Under 35, 41% 55 and over

There are more young American Indian and Alaska Native business owners than average.

**Employment**
- **208K** employees at firms owned by American Indians and Alaska Natives
- **181K** at small firms with fewer than 500 employees (86.8%)
- **150K** at firms with fewer than 100 employees (72.1%)

**Share of employment at American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms by firm size**
- Fewer than 20: 43%
- 20-99: 29%
- 100-499: 15%
- 500+: 13%

**Top Industries Among American Indian- and Alaska Native-Owned Businesses**
- The industries with the highest average number of employees per firm are **depository credit intermediation**, **nonresidential building construction**, and **other heavy and civil engineering construction**.

For employer firms, those in **depository credit intermediation** have the highest average annual receipts per firm ($12.3 million).

**Gas stations** have the highest average annual receipts ($230,000) for nonemployers, compared to an average of $29,000 for all American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned nonemployers.

Data source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners, U.S. Census Bureau