SURVEY OF BUSINESS OWNERS FACTS
Minority-Owned Businesses in the United States

**Firms**

- **8.0M** minority-owned businesses
- **38%** growth from 2007 to 2012
- **909K** have paid employees (11.4%)
- **7.0M** nonemployer firms (88.6%)
- **$1.4T** annual receipts

**Percentage of minority-owned businesses by industry group**

- **High-patenting industries** 13%
- **All industries** 29%

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

**Employment**

- **7.1M** employees at minority-owned businesses
- **6.3M** at small firms with fewer than 500 employees (88.0%)
- **5.3M** at firms with fewer than 100 employees (74.2%)

**Share of employment at minority-owned firms by firm size**

- Fewer than 20 (45%)
- 20-99 (30%)
- 100-499 (14%)
- 500+ (12%)

**Top Industries Among Minority-Owned Businesses**

- The industries with the highest average number of employees per firm are **employment services, warehousing and storage**, and **management of companies and enterprises**.

- **Petroleum and petroleum products merchant wholesalers** have the highest average annual receipts per firm among both employers (**$37.3 million**) and nonemployers (**$668,000**), compared to industry-wide averages of $81.2 million and $656,000 respectively.

- **Gas stations** are the most likely to have paid employees. **88.3%** of minority-owned gas stations have paid employees, compared to 11.4% of all minority-owned firms.

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

High-patenting industries are identified by 2012 NAICS codes: 3330, 3341, 3342, 3344, and 3345.