**Firms**

- **2.5M** veteran-owned businesses
- **3%** growth from 2007 to 2012
- **443K** have paid employees (17.5%)
- **2.1M** nonemployer firms (82.5%)
- **$1.1T** annual receipts

There are more veteran-owned businesses represented in high-patenting industries than in all industries.

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

- High-patenting industries: 13%
- All industries: 9%

**Employment**

- **5.0M** employees at veteran-owned businesses
- **3.8M** at small firms with fewer than 500 employees (75.4%)
- **2.9M** at firms with fewer than 100 employees (57.0%)

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

- Fewer than 20 (30%)
- 20-99 (27%)
- 500+ (25%)
- 100-499 (18%)

**Top Industries Among Veteran-Owned Businesses**

The industries with the highest average number of employees per firm are employment services, depository credit intermediation, and facilities support services.

For employer firms, **automobile dealers** have the highest average annual receipts per firm ($19.9 million), compared to an industry-wide average of $18.3 million.

For nonemployer firms, **gas stations** have the highest average annual receipts per firm ($332,000).

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.