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

Firms
- 9.9M women-owned businesses
- 1.0M have paid employees (10.5%)
- 8.8M nonemployer firms (89.5%)
- $1.4T annual receipts

All industries 36%
High-patenting industries 10%

Percentage of women-owned businesses by industry group

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

Fewer than 20 (41%)
20-99 (29%)
100-499 (17%)
500+ (13%)

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).