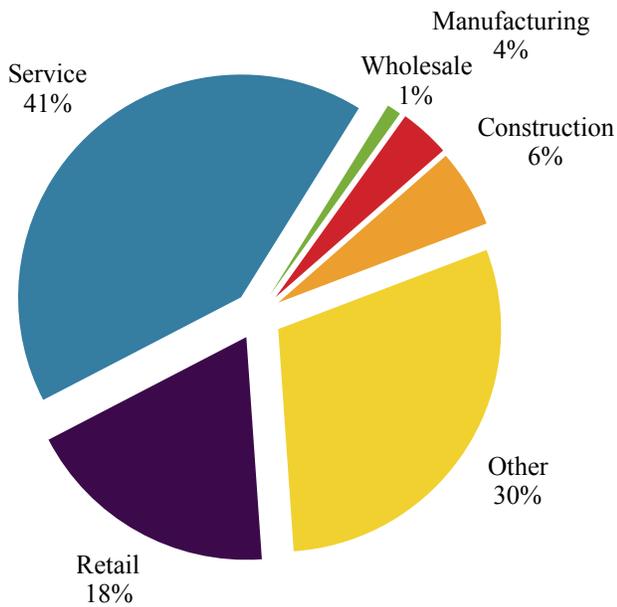


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The mission: Provide entrepreneurs and small businesses with high quality education, consulting, support for innovation, access to information and tools necessary to build successful sustainable businesses. The charts below reflect the positive economic impact of the network in the 14 county region with a population more than 4.6 million.

UC Merced was awarded the SBA contract in 2003 to serve fourteen counties in Central California: San Luis Obispo, San Benito, Monterey, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, Mono and Inyo.



UC Merced SBDC Regional Network Central California	
Economic Impact 2012- 2016	
Clients	6,026
Professional Consulting Hours	44,020
Business Starts or Expansions	573
Jobs Created/ Retained	3,947
Total Financing	\$414,809,611

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