



STATE OF WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CANADA – WEKH STUDY

The [Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub \(WEKH\)](#) has released its first annual report on the [State of Women's Entrepreneurship in Canada 2020](#).

Report Highlights

- Women are majority owners of about 15.6 percent of Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- Women entrepreneurs are more likely to be in services than in manufacturing and technology.
- Women are less likely to seek and receive financing than men.
- SMEs with under 20 employees have been the hardest hit during the pandemic and women are more likely to own newer and smaller businesses, making them the most affected.
- During the pandemic, the percentage of women-owned businesses that have laid off 80 percent or more of their employees is substantially greater than that of businesses overall (62.1 percent vs. 45.2 percent).

Full Report: [State of Women's Entrepreneurship in Canada 2020](#)

PP Summary: [State of Women's Entrepreneurship in Canada](#)

Share of women-owned SMEs by industry in 2011, 2014, 2017



Source: [WEKH / Global Affairs Canada](#)