

Women-Owned Firms in North Dakota: 2002

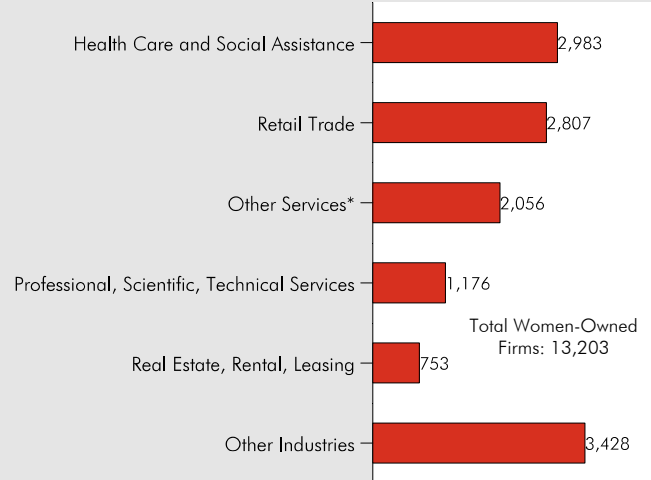
The number of North Dakota women-owned firms grew 6.3 percent between 1997 and 2002, twice the growth for all companies statewide. According to the *Survey of Business Owners, Women-Owned Firms: 2002* (SBOWOF), which focuses on nonfarm businesses, the 13,203 women-owned firms in the state generated \$1.3 billion in revenue, up 12.9 percent from 1997 (Table 1).

Women owned 23.3 percent of all North Dakota firms in 2002. Nationally, 28.2 percent of all firms were owned by women (Figure 2). Compared to 29.3 percent of all firms statewide, 15.0 percent of women-owned firms had employees (employing 11,651 people) (Table 1).

In 2002, 22.6 percent of women-owned firms in North Dakota operated in health care and social assistance; these firms accounted for 6.8 percent of women-owned business revenue. Another 21.3 percent of women-owned firms operated in retail trade, accounting for 29.5 percent of women-owned business revenue (Figure 1).

The 2002 SBOWOF defines women-owned firms as privately held nonfarm business organizations (companies with one or more establishments) in which women own 51 percent or more of the interest or stock of the business. In addition to the 13,203 women-owned firms statewide, there were 9,071 equally male/female-owned firms with \$1.7 billion in revenue.

Figure 1. Industries With the Most Women-Owned Firms in North Dakota: 2002



Note: *Other Services include personal services and repair/maintenance services.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Women-Owned Firms: 2002, www.census.gov/csd/sbo/Women2002.htm

Figure 2. Women-Owned Firms as a Percent of Total Firms by State: 2002

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Women-Owned Firms: 2002, February 2006, www.census.gov/csd/sbo/Women2002.htm

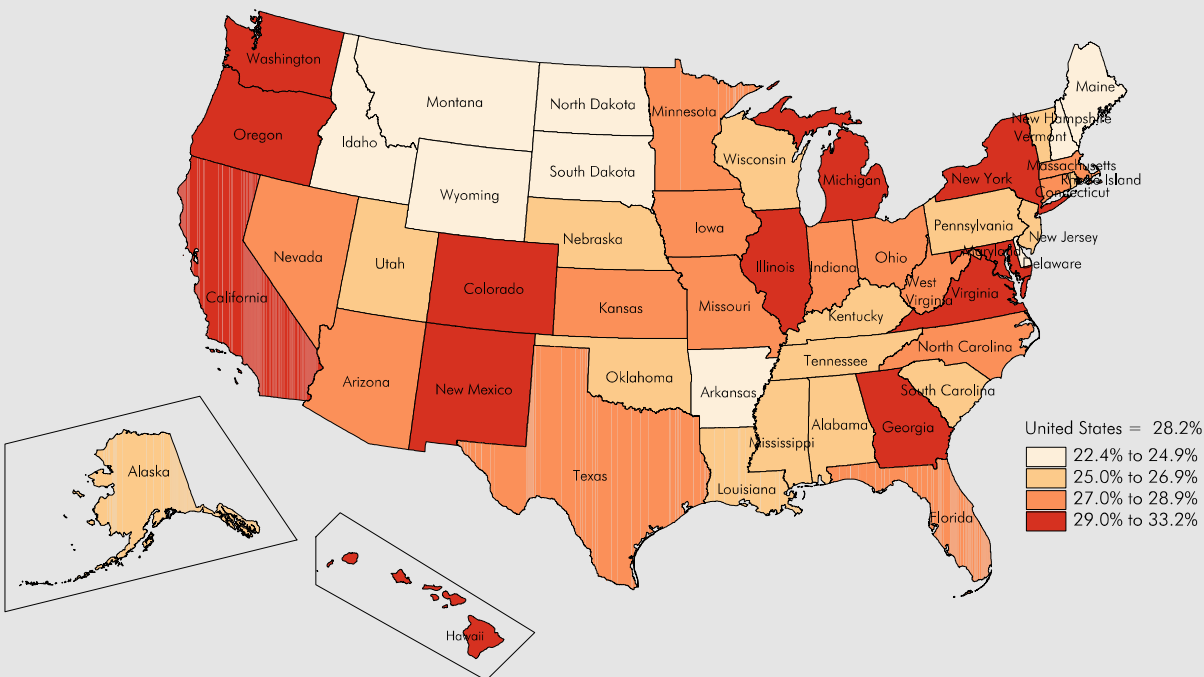


Table 1. Statistics for Women-Owned Firms by State: 1997 and 2002

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, *Women-Owned Firms: 2002*, February 2006, www.census.gov/csd/sbo/Women2002.htm and the 1997 Survey of Women-Owned Business Enterprises, March 2001, www.census.gov/csd/mwb/

State	Women-Owned Firms (with and without paid employees)							
	1997		2002		Firms with Paid Employees: 2002			
	Firms (number)	Sales and Receipts (\$1,000)	Firms (number)	Sales and Receipts (\$1,000)	Firms (number)	Sales and Receipts (\$1,000)	Employees (number)	Annual Payroll (\$1,000)
United States	5,417,034	818,669,084	6,489,483	940,774,986	916,768	804,097,284	7,146,229	173,709,355
Alabama	69,515	10,230,379	81,820	11,425,916	11,802	9,928,029	96,152	2,032,924
Alaska	16,633	1,942,339	16,309	2,421,750	2,935	2,090,673	17,800	463,963
Arizona	88,780	11,304,658	109,749	15,761,634	15,708	13,334,218	128,927	2,956,687
Arkansas	42,581	6,490,255	49,614	6,337,534	7,456	5,544,656	54,948	1,107,545
California	700,513	121,191,163	870,612	138,002,934	115,735	114,368,139	943,499	25,392,913
Colorado	114,807	13,762,595	135,220	16,362,957	21,490	13,674,318	128,531	3,108,026
Connecticut	72,393	9,276,337	82,119	12,219,329	11,045	10,095,277	88,077	2,395,807
Delaware	13,662	1,831,055	15,344	2,020,973	2,911	1,652,731	19,359	454,834
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Florida	337,811	48,261,328	437,415	61,326,944	65,155	51,218,528	432,164	9,820,137
Georgia	145,576	25,267,240	196,195	30,029,406	27,005	25,765,483	196,820	5,014,014
Hawaii	25,807	3,253,329	29,897	4,562,205	4,544	3,913,035	38,569	810,868
Idaho	25,763	2,405,407	28,824	3,216,407	4,541	2,746,341	26,633	535,586
Illinois	239,725	44,273,464	284,950	46,860,478	40,392	41,372,947	351,372	9,532,470
Indiana	107,082	13,578,102	118,857	16,481,128	16,218	14,450,255	136,457	3,010,392
Iowa	57,527	8,093,311	63,821	7,398,962	8,749	6,529,238	63,324	1,230,613
Kansas	54,638	6,928,221	59,635	6,948,910	9,278	6,020,108	61,596	1,339,140
Kentucky	65,965	9,876,600	77,159	9,451,101	10,314	8,113,549	84,096	1,753,802
Louisiana	70,550	11,462,806	86,876	12,253,105	12,189	10,630,510	114,635	2,277,320
Maine	30,598	3,212,307	32,512	3,282,306	5,010	2,710,990	26,510	569,338
Maryland	115,801	14,657,414	137,410	17,333,066	17,948	14,381,422	142,030	3,974,791
Massachusetts	142,661	16,752,596	161,919	23,138,181	22,631	19,277,755	173,396	4,682,034
Michigan	184,590	26,498,569	217,674	29,287,179	28,999	25,460,397	229,266	5,504,252
Minnesota	108,417	13,457,542	123,905	16,251,660	16,737	14,142,731	123,233	2,878,150
Mississippi	38,321	5,995,011	47,102	6,728,498	7,149	5,748,457	53,948	1,003,819
Missouri	103,626	15,002,981	120,438	18,596,239	19,211	16,581,064	147,338	3,587,837
Montana	22,404	2,047,559	24,519	2,138,505	4,635	1,754,392	21,238	363,137
Nebraska	33,469	4,536,547	38,681	5,792,548	6,016	5,310,085	46,868	1,069,359
Nevada	33,311	5,971,518	47,674	8,639,110	6,476	7,251,192	54,250	1,349,605
New	27,265	3,112,620	31,024	4,665,353	5,017	4,047,269	37,731	864,343
New Jersey	155,345	30,000,725	185,197	35,582,809	30,841	31,139,524	243,125	7,050,033
New Mexico	38,706	4,449,686	42,252	4,709,804	6,396	3,994,524	42,021	853,007
New York	394,014	59,496,722	505,134	71,413,577	65,277	59,807,520	470,144	12,862,518
North Carolina	139,900	24,166,074	173,874	26,743,381	25,496	23,520,853	224,736	4,922,013
North Dakota	12,417	1,166,763	13,203	1,317,510	1,976	1,121,870	11,651	203,276
Ohio	205,044	30,596,853	229,973	32,324,221	30,455	28,146,708	264,149	6,281,499
Oklahoma	67,481	8,911,638	75,029	9,255,158	10,769	7,999,961	92,546	1,826,135
Oregon	80,543	10,334,626	88,318	10,617,781	13,563	8,892,495	83,153	1,870,884
Pennsylvania	202,990	34,043,332	227,119	39,084,568	34,626	34,824,112	280,654	6,321,616
Rhode Island	19,886	2,683,580	23,195	3,640,614	3,569	3,133,904	25,562	641,098
South Carolina	64,232	10,634,412	76,831	10,890,936	11,719	9,430,868	92,773	1,921,008
South Dakota	14,121	1,202,178	15,573	1,546,639	2,743	1,343,694	14,718	247,899
Tennessee	99,772	14,538,315	117,934	17,640,296	14,207	15,220,535	116,944	2,646,762
Texas	381,453	65,065,262	468,705	65,818,737	63,312	55,568,700	553,889	12,882,982
Utah	41,991	5,096,187	48,474	5,919,693	6,242	5,107,259	53,492	1,128,896
Vermont	17,030	1,313,146	18,989	1,454,095	2,478	1,141,803	14,974	284,170
Virginia	132,219	17,486,395	157,076	22,139,022	23,607	19,074,891	183,467	4,730,588
Washington	123,042	15,099,236	137,396	17,374,517	21,976	14,813,201	126,834	3,204,164
West Virginia	30,231	3,298,735	31,301	3,252,129	4,543	2,791,451	31,539	629,088
Wisconsin	89,284	15,653,949	104,170	17,582,321	16,882	15,935,153	149,777	3,249,029
Wyoming	11,148	944,747	12,945	1,129,837	2,524	D	J	D

Notes: 'D' - Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies; data are included in national totals; 'J' - Between 10,000 and 24,999 employees.



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This month's "Economic Briefs," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on the number of women-owned firms in North Dakota. The *Survey of Business Owners: Women-Owned Firms: 2002* focuses on nonfarm business organizations (companies with one or more establishments) and defines women-owned firms as companies in which women own 51 percent or more of the interest or stock of the business. In 2002, the 13,203 women-owned firms in the state generated \$1.3 billion in revenue, up 12.9 percent from 1997 (inflation rose 12.1 percent during this time). In addition, there were 9,071 equally male/female-owned firms in 2002 with \$1.7 billion in revenue. "The increase in both the number and proportion of women-owned companies in the state, along with their contributions to the equally-owned partnerships, demonstrates women's growing entrepreneurial spirit. This economic boost is helping fuel the state's expanding economy," said Richard Rathge, director of the State Data Center.

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