

Trend in women-owned firms

TOTAL U.S.	1997	2002	2007	2012 (est.)	Percent change '97-12
Number of firms	5,417,034	6,489,483	7,793,139	8,345,600	54.1%
Employment	7,076,081	7,146,229	7,579,876	7,697,000	8.8%
Sales (in billions)	\$818.7	\$940.8	\$1,202.1	\$1,291.3	57.7%
PENNSYLVANIA					
Number of firms	202,990	227,117	265,136	293,300	44.5%
Employment	257,841	279,970	288,393	302,300	17.2%
Sales (in billions)	\$34.0	\$39.0	\$46.1	\$51.5	51.4%
PITTSBURGH					
Number of firms	—	44,287	48,360	51,600	16.5%
Employment	—	63,215	62,977	62,800	-0.7%
Sales (in billions)	—	\$8.0	\$8.7	\$9.3	15.8

Source: American Express OPEN

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