WEConnect INTERNATIONAL

ACTIVITY IN AUSTRALIA – 2019

170 women-owned businesses (self-registered or certified)

16
Trained women business owners in the skills and knowledge necessary to grow their business

682
Facilitated connections between women business owners and corporate buyers

240
Facilitated connection between women business owners

Industry Breakdown
By WEConnect International’s certified Australian women-owned businesses
The economy of Australia is the 14th largest in the world measured by nominal GDP and 20th largest by purchasing power parity (PPP).

#18 in worldwide Ease of Doing Business ranking.

**Top Exports**
- Iron ore
- Coal
- Gold
- Natural gas

**Labor Force**
- 12.91 million
  - Agriculture: 3.6%
  - Industry: 21.1%
  - Services: 75.3%

**Top Industries**
- Mining
- Industrial equipment
- Food processing
- Chemicals

The minimum wage in Australia is $18.93 Australian dollars per hour, which translates to approximately $28,768 per year.
Practical Information on Doing Business in Australia

Australia’s worldwide ranking (out of 190 economies) in...

- Starting a business: #7
- Dealing with construction permits: #6
- Getting electricity: #47
- Registering property: #51
- Getting credit: #6
- Protecting minority investors: #57
- Paying taxes: #26
- Trading across borders: #95
- Enforcing contracts: #3
- Resolving insolvency: #18

Key information on Australian women in business

- Female labor participation: 46%
- Female-to-male ratio for entrepreneurial activity: 0.7
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of necessity (indicating no other options are available): 21.5%
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of opportunity (indicating a growth-oriented mindset): 72.3%
- Australia is unique with high levels of female entrepreneurship in both agriculture/mining as well as manufacturing/transportation
- More than 75% of all Australian women entrepreneurs have a post-secondary education of higher

Industry Breakdown
Percentage of women-owned businesses per industry in Australia

Women, business and the law: key indicator scores

Scores are determined by criteria defined by the World Bank regarding whether a country’s legal framework prevents women from accessing certain rights, opportunities or protections. A perfect score is 100, indicating that women are not legally discriminated against and have the same rights and opportunities as men.

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<th>Australia’s legal framework does not discriminate against women as they...</th>
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<th>High-income countries</th>
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<td>Access institutions, either public or private</td>
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<td>Use property for either personal or professional purposes</td>
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<td>Get a job in any industry, regardless of marital status or pregnancy</td>
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<td>Are provided with incentives to work, including benefits</td>
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<td>Go to court and access legal services, for either personal or professional purposes</td>
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