WEConnect International

WECONNECT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA – 2019

219
women-owned businesses
(self-registered or certified)

111
Trained women business owners in the skills and knowledge necessary to grow their business

589
Facilitated connections between women business owners and corporate buyers

2,085
Facilitated connection between women business owners

Industry Breakdown
By WEConnect International’s certified Colombian women-owned businesses
Key Economic Data – Colombia

GDP (billion $US)

GDP per capita (PPP)

$14,943
Annual median per capita income in 2018

85th
Worldwide ranking of GDP per capita

GDP growth rate (%)

The economy of Colombia is the 37th largest in the world measured by nominal GDP and 31st largest by purchasing power parity (PPP)

#65
in worldwide Ease of Doing Business ranking

• Colombia is home to 3 billionaires as of 2019 – this marks Colombia as the 49th largest country with billionaire population
• Colombia’s major stock exchange, the Colombia Securities Exchange, had a market capitalization of $236 billion as of 2019

Top Exports
• Petroleum
• Coal
• Emeralds
• Coffee

Labor Force
25.76 million
• Agriculture: 17%
• Industry: 21%
• Services: 62%

Top Industries
• Textiles
• Food processing
• Oil
• Clothing and footwear

The minimum wage in Colombia is 828,116 Colombian pesos per month, which translates to approximately $3,588 per year.
Practical Information on Doing Business in Colombia

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

- Starting a business: #100
- Dealing with construction permits: #89
- Getting electricity: #80
- Registering property: #59
- Getting credit: #3
- Protecting minority investors: #15
- Paying taxes: #146
- Trading across borders: #133
- Enforcing contracts: #177
- Resolving insolvency: #40

Key information on Colombian women in business

- Female labor participation: 59%
- Female-to-male ratio for entrepreneurial activity: 0.8
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of necessity (indicating no other options are available): 17.1%
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of opportunity (indicating a growth-oriented mindset): 81.7%
- Colombia has recently removed restrictions on women working in mining and in jobs deemed hazardous, arduous or otherwise inappropriate

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

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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<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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