



WECONNECT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY IN SOUTH AFRICA - 2017



854
women-owned businesses
(self-registered or certified)

571

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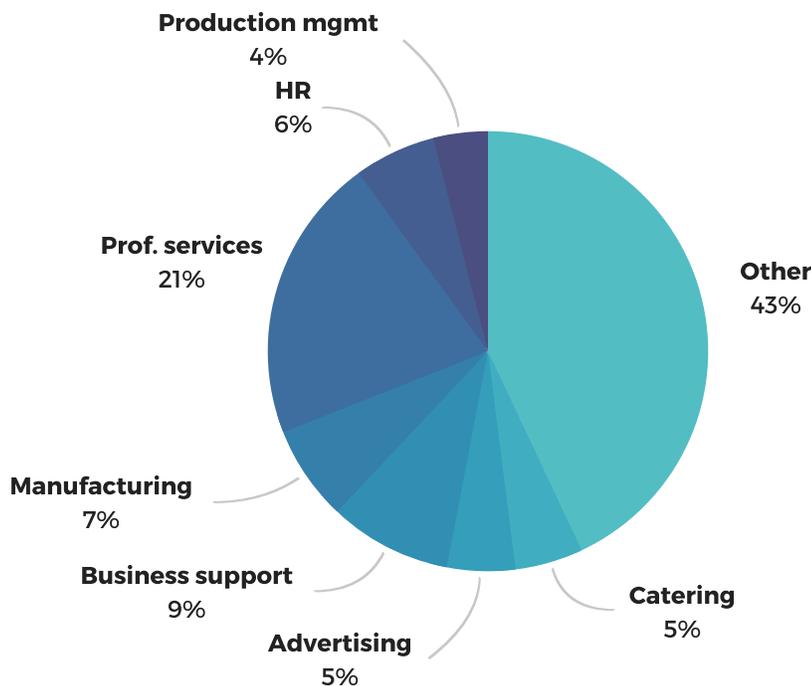
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Trained women business owners in the skills and knowledge necessary to grow their business

Facilitated connections between women business owners and corporate buyers

Facilitated connections between women business owners

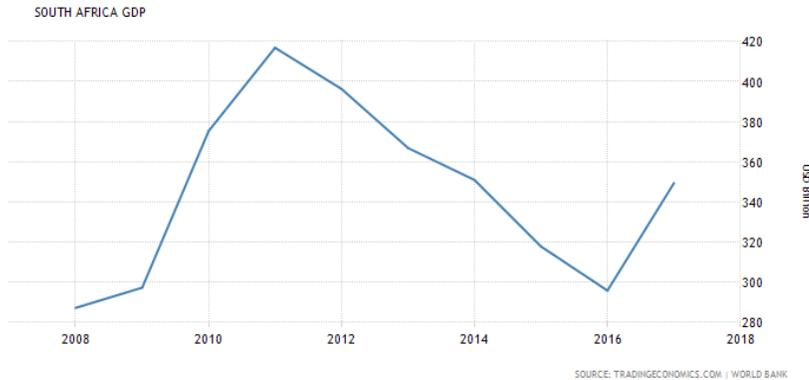
Industry breakdown by WEConnect's certified South African women-owned businesses





KEY ECONOMIC DATA S-AFRICA

GDP (billion \$US)



GDP per capita (PPP)

\$ 13,400

Annual median per capita income in 2017

89th

Worldwide ranking of GDP per capita

GDP growth rate (%)



The economy of South Africa is the 34th largest in the world measured by nominal GDP and 30th largest by purchasing power parity (PPP)

Ease of doing business

#82
in worldwide Ease of Doing Business ranking

- South Africa is home to 8 billionaires as of 2018 - this marks South Africa as the 31st largest country billionaire population
- South Africa's major stock exchange, the JSE Limited, had a market capitalization of \$ 1,165 billion as of April 2018

Top exports

- Gold
- Diamonds
- Platinum
- Other metals/minerals

Labor force

- 22.19 million
- Agriculture: 5%
 - Industry: 23%
 - Services: 72%

Top industries

- Mining
- Automobile assembly
- Metalworking
- Machinery



Practical information on doing business in South Africa

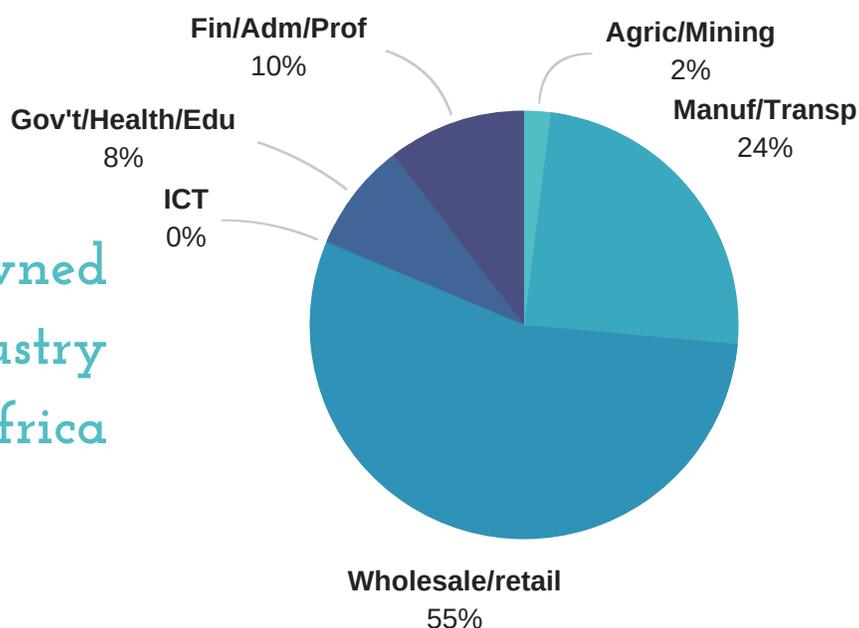
South Africa's worldwide ranking (out of 190 economies) in...

- Starting a business: #90
- Dealing with construction permits: #87
- Getting electricity: #92
- Registering property: #99
- Getting credit: #6
- Protecting minority investors: #62
- Paying taxes: #115
- Trading across borders: #63
- Enforcing contracts: #41
- Resolving insolvency: #31

Key information on South African women in business

- Female labor participation: 45%
- Ratio female to male entrepreneurial activity: 0.7
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of necessity (indicating no other options are available): 27.1%
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of opportunity (indicating a growth-oriented mindset): 71.6%
- 26% of all South African women entrepreneurs have a post-secondary education level or higher
- South Africa recently increased the percentage of wages received during maternity leave from 60% to 66%

Percentage of women-owned businesses per industry in South Africa



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.

South Africa's legal framework does not discriminate against women as they...	South Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa
Access institutions, either public or private	100	87
Use property for either personal or professional purposes	100	76
Get a job in any industry, regardless of marital status or pregnancy	85	61
Are provided with incentives to work, including benefits	40	55
Go to court and access legal services, for either personal or professional purposes	100	66
Build credit and access finances	100	19