WECONNECT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - 2019

WEConnect INTERNATIONAL

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

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

934 Facilitated connections between women business owners and corporate buyers

471 Facilitated connection between women business owners

Industry Breakdown
By WEConnect International’s certified UK women-owned businesses

Prof. services 39%
Advertising 9%
Manufacturing 4%
IT 7%
Business support 11%
Other 8%
Educational Serv 5%
Hospitality 5%
Retail Products 6%
Agriculture 5%
Architecture 2%
Facilities 3%

The economy of the United Kingdom is the 5th largest in the world measured by nominal GDP and 9th largest by purchasing power parity (PPP).

#9 in worldwide Ease of Doing Business ranking

- The UK is home to 54 billionaires as of 2019 - this marks the UK as the 7th largest country with billionaire population.
- The UK’s major stock exchange, the London Stock Exchange, had a market capitalization of $3,767 billion as of 2018.

Top Exports
- Manufactured goods
- Fuels
- Chemicals
- Food

Labor Force
- 33.5 million
- Agriculture: 1.3%
- Industry: 15.2%
- Services: 83.5%

Top Industries
- Machine tools
- Electric power equipment
- Railroad equipment
- Shipbuilding

The minimum wage in the United Kingdom is 6.15 British sterling pounds per hour, which translates to approximately $22,769 per year.
Practical Information on Doing Business in the United Kingdom

The UK’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 UK women in business

- Female labor participation: 47%
- Female-to-male ratio for entrepreneurial activity: 0.5
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of necessity (indicating no other options are available): 14.1%
- Female entrepreneurial activity out of opportunity (indicating a growth-oriented mindset): 60.6%
- In 2015, the UK reformed its leave policies so that the 37 weeks of paid maternity leave may be taken as shared paid parental leave.

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Percentage of women-owned businesses per industry in the UK

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>UK’s legal framework does not discriminate against women as they...</th>
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<td>Access institutions, either public or private</td>
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<td>Get a job in any industry, regardless of marital status or pregnancy</td>
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