

**Table 15.30-- WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES: 1987 AND 1992**

Subject	Total firms	Women- owned firms 1/	Percent women- owned 1/
1987			
All firms:			
Number	60,928	21,696	35.6
Sales and receipts 2/	6,522	856,930	13.1
1992			
All firms:			
Number	79,050	29,743	37.6
Sales and receipts 2/	10,724	2,574,800	24.0
Firms with paid employees:			
Number	10,420	3,089	29.6
Sales and receipts 2/	8,806	2,044,345	23.2
Employees	99,280	25,937	26.1
Annual payroll 2/	1,799	421,866	23.5

1/ A firm is classified as women-owned if the sole proprietor or at least half of the partners or shareholders were women.

2/ Dollar amounts in millions for total firms and thousands for women-owned firms.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *1992 Economic Census, WB92-1, Women-Owned Businesses* (Jan. 1996), tables 2 and 11; DBED, *Data Book 1993-94*, table 15.26.