

The Status of Women in Florida by County: Poverty & Opportunity

The Status of Women in Florida by County: Poverty & Opportunity is the first in a series produced by the Institute for Women's Policy Research and commissioned by Florida Women's Funding Alliance, an affinity group of Florida Philanthropic Network. This research aims to provide critical data that can help to build economic security and overall well-being among the state's women and girls.

Key Findings: Business Ownership



Florida is among the states with the largest number of women-owned businesses and the greatest growth in women-owned businesses. In 2012, women owned 38.5 percent of Florida businesses, earning the state a ranking of fifth in the nation.

Nationally the share of the private sector workforce employed by women-owned businesses and the revenues of women-owned businesses have remained relatively stagnant since 2002. Although Florida is the state with the greatest growth in the number of firms between 2007 and 2016 in the nation, revenues grew by 25 percent (ranking Florida 31st) and employment grew by about 6 percent (a ranking of 40th).

Distribution of Women- and Men-Owned Businesses by Gender and Race/Ethnicity, Florida, 2012

| | Women-Owned | Men-Owned |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Number of Businesses | 807,817 | 1,084,885 |
| White | 74.0% | 84.4% |
| Black | 18.4% | 9.0% |
| Asian | 4.1% | 3.7% |
| Native American | 0.7% | 0.6% |

Counties with the highest share of women-owned businesses, 2014

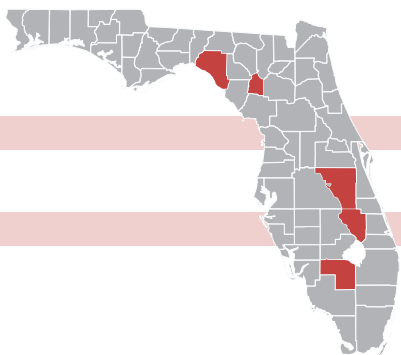
Hendry 43.2%

Gilchrist 42.0%

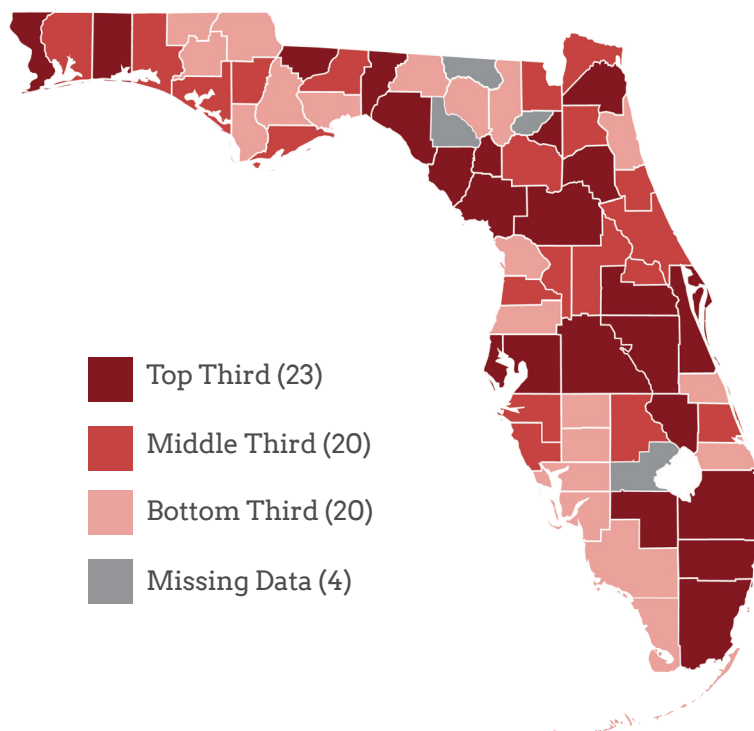
Osceola 42.0%

Okeechobee 41.7%

Taylor 41.7%



Share of Women-Owned Businesses, Florida Counties, 2014



- Top Third (23)
- Middle Third (20)
- Bottom Third (20)
- Missing Data (4)

The share of Florida businesses owned by women is highest in Hendry (43.2 percent) County. Women own the smallest share of businesses in Holmes County (24.6 percent).



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