

Women in Business Making Herstory

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Female Workforce in the UK

Whether out of a desire to make money, be their own boss, or simply because they have a great business idea, close to **860,000** women in the UK run their own companies.

47% of the UK workforce are women.

Even though things are improving, women are still lagging behind men, with just **18%** of Britain's SMEs being majority women-led.

More women are going it alone in the **South West** than anywhere else in the UK, but the **North East** has seen the greatest growth in female self-employment in recent years. And **London** still wins in terms of absolute numbers of female entrepreneurs.

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69% of women say society expects women to put family before their career.

62% of women feel pressurised to succeed at both work and home.

72% of women feel conflicted in their ability to balance family with career.

Women start businesses with around **1/3** of the level of finance of their male counterparts, in every size and sector of business.

80% of the new self-employed from 2008-2010 were women.

In 2012, more than 126 million women entrepreneurs were starting or running new businesses in 67 countries.

