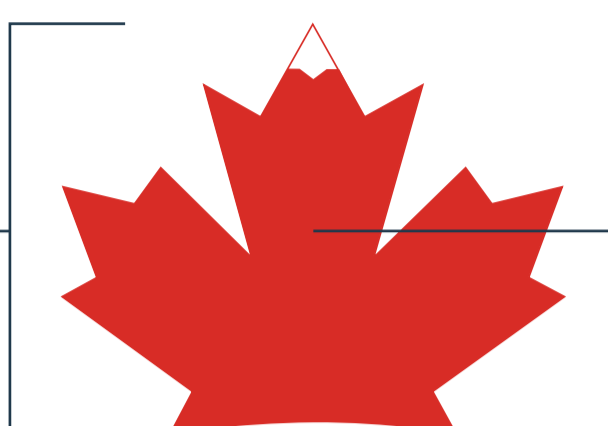


# Small business is big in Canada

Did you know that small and medium-sized businesses contribute 41% of Canada's gross domestic product? The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) is the only bank dedicated exclusively to entrepreneurs. Celebrate entrepreneurship during BDC Small Business Week #BDCsbw and help fuel our country's entrepreneurial spirit!

More than **1.3 million** businesses



**98%**

of businesses have less than 100 employees

Micro business: 1-4 employees

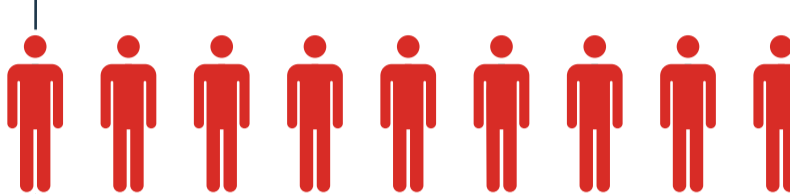
Small business: 5-99 employees

Medium business: 100-499 employees

Large business: 500+ employees

## 829,000 entrepreneurs

**9 in 10 Canadians** in the private sector work in an SME (10.5M people)

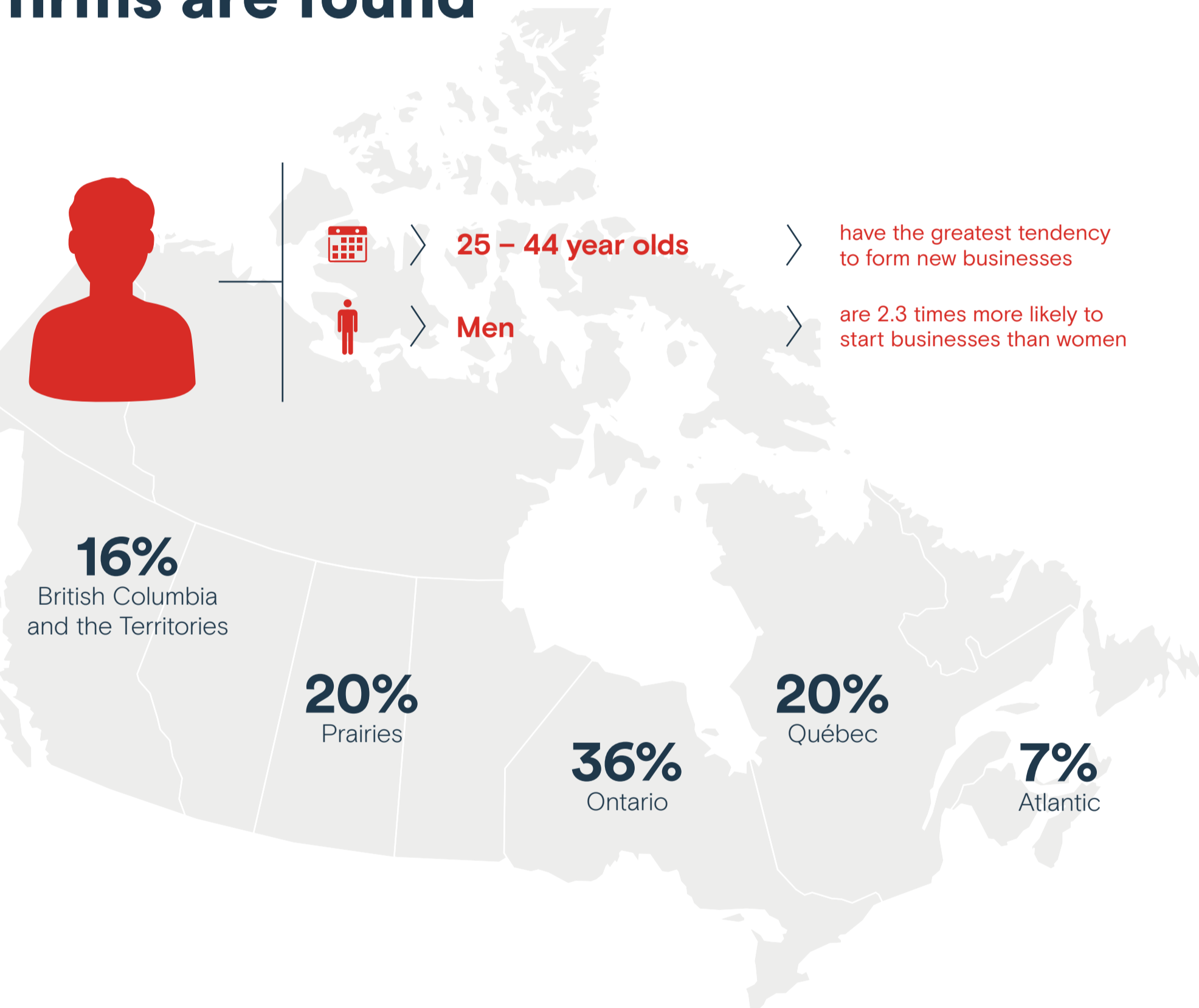


**Women lead/co-lead a third** of the country's small and medium-sized businesses



Nearly 33,000 🇨🇦 new entrepreneurs per year.

## Where the small and medium-sized firms are found



## Entrepreneurs by the numbers

Top 3 industries with the largest SME distribution

**1**

Construction

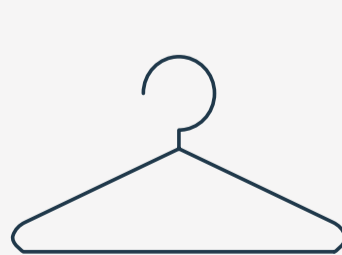
13.9%



**2**

Retail trade

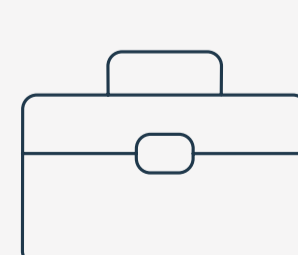
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**3**

Professional services

13.7%



For 39 years, the Business Development Bank of Canada has organized BDC Small Business Week™ to bring thousands of entrepreneurs together at conferences, luncheons and trade fairs across the country.



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