

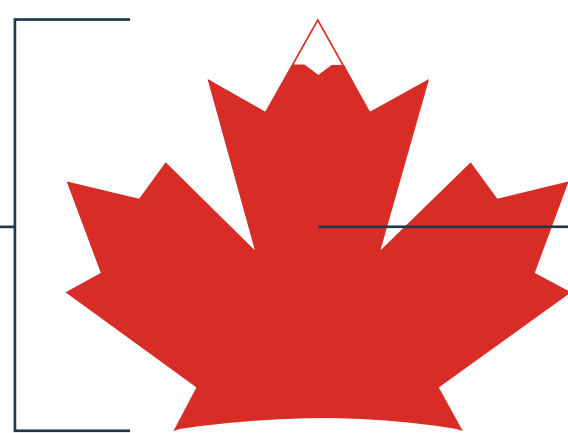
Small business is big in Canada



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Did you know that small and medium-sized businesses contribute 54% of Canada's gross domestic product? The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) is the bank for Canadians entrepreneurs. Celebrate entrepreneurship during BDC Small Business Week™ and help fuel our country's entrepreneurial spirit!

More than **1.2 million** businesses



98% of businesses have less than 100 employees

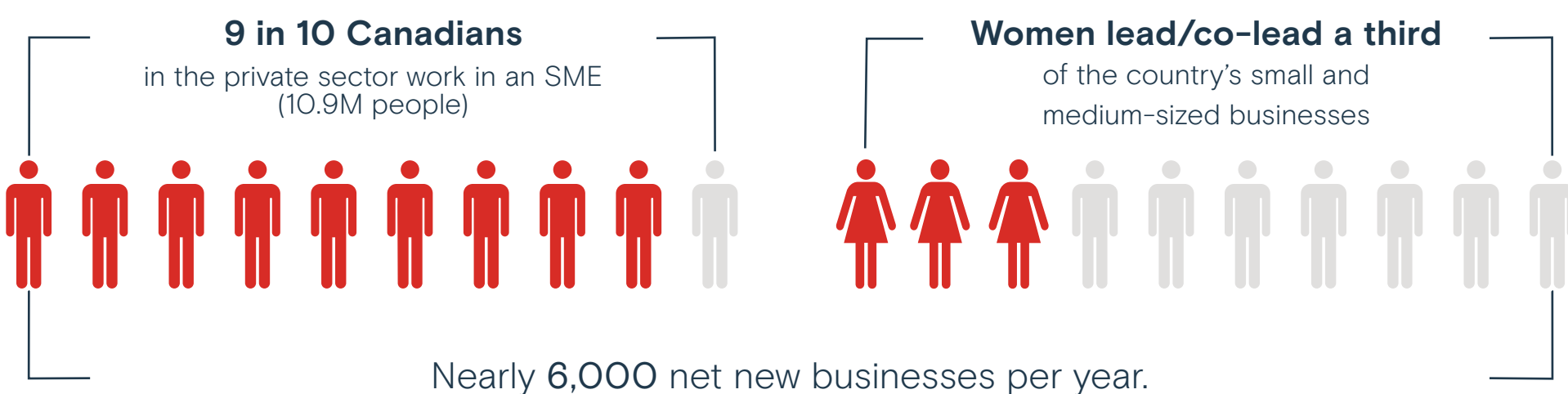
Micro business: 1-4 employees

Small business: 5-99 employees

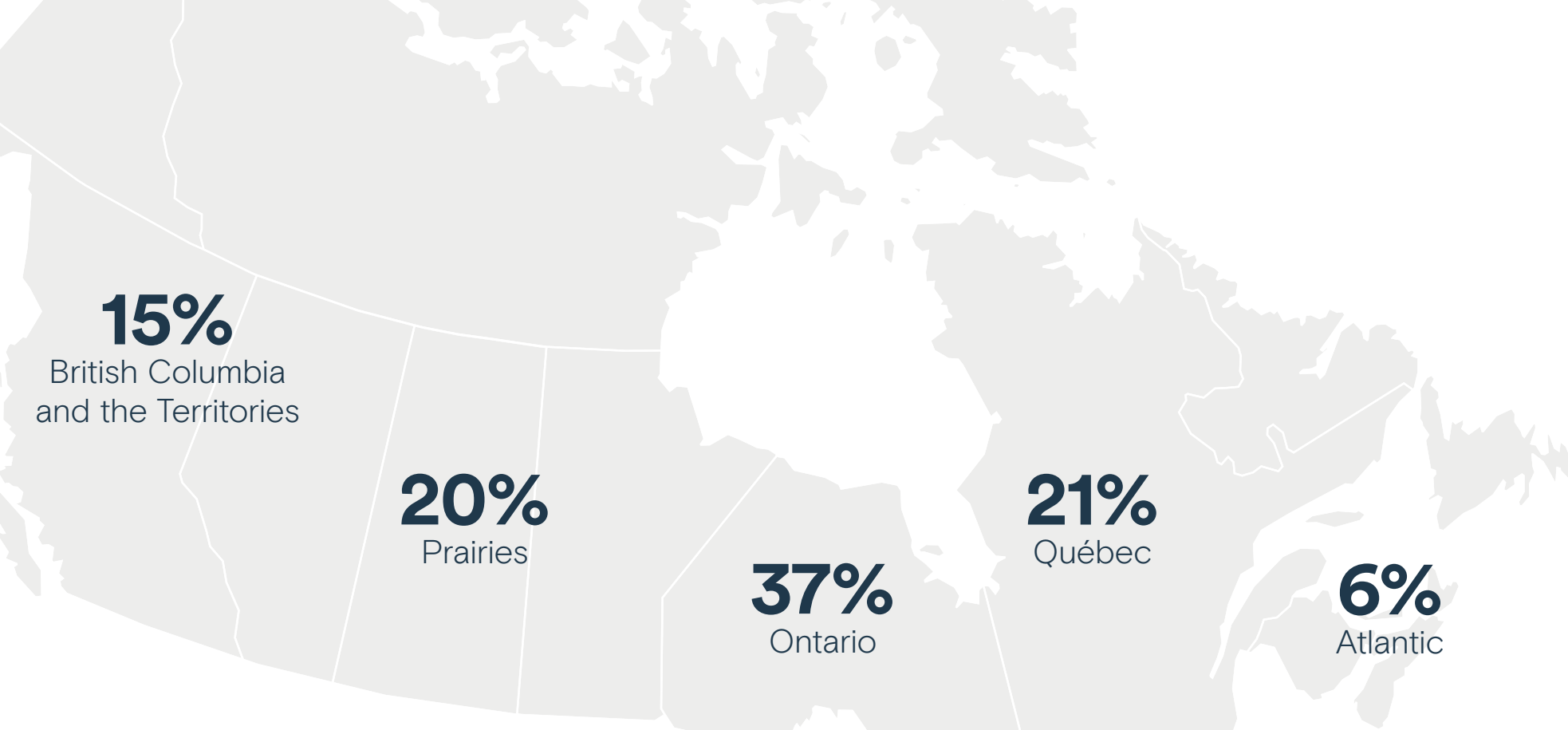
Medium business: 100-499 employees

Large business: 500+ employees

863,000 entrepreneurs



Where small and medium-sized businesses are found



- 25 – 44 year olds** > have the greatest tendency to form new businesses
- Men** > are 2.3 times more likely to start businesses than women
- Women** > now account for 39% of all entrepreneurs in Canada

Entrepreneurs by the numbers

Top 3 industries with the most SMEs

1

Retail

2

Manufacturing

3

Accommodation and food

Number of workers per sector

2.0M

Retail



1.01M

Accommodation and food



0.84M

Construction



For over 40 years, the Business Development Bank of Canada has organized Small Business Week™, bringing thousands of entrepreneurs together to learn, network and celebrate the people building companies across the country.



Sources: Statistics Canada; Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Small Business Branch; Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC).