Albania

Women Entrepreneurship

Demographics



Women constituted 50.3% of the economy's population as at 1st January 2022. 65.3% of university graduates in 2020 were young women. Women graduate mostly in business, administration, and law (28.4%); health and wellbeing (16.3%); arts, and humanities (13.0%).

Women-led Entities in Albania



- Out of all active legal entities contributing to Albania's GDP, **24.1%** or 43,724 had a **woman owner or administrator in 2021.**
- The largest share of women administrators/owners of legal entities is found in public sector, and NGOs and international organisations with 36.1% for each category.
- Out of 29,152 new legal entities in 2021, 21% were led or owned by a woman.

Women-led Enterprises



- Women entrepreneurs ran about 31% or 36,917 of total of 118,627 companies of all sizes across Albania as at the end of 2021.
- The average share of women entrepreneurship in the last five years has been 31.67%. The best year for women entrepreneurship was 2017, when the share of women owners or administrators in active enterprises across the economy was at 34.3%.



Legal forms

The largest share of women in business in Albania was observed in the **legal form of natural persons with 34.2% of the total**, followed by limited liability and joint stock companies with a respective share of 20.1% and 18.4% as at the end of 2021.



Size of Enterprise

Out of all active enterprises with 1-4 employees in 2021, 32.4% were led by women, versus 67.6% led by men. Whereas out of all women led enterprises, in 2021, 89.2% had 1-4 employees. The share of enterprises with more than 10 employees has increased in the past year, while enterprises with 10-49 and 50+ employees, saw an increase by 3.61 and 4.45 percentage points respectively from 2016 to 2021.



Activities (Top Industries)

In 2021, **40.11%** of active enterprises with women owner/administrator focused on "Other Services", followed by "*Trade*" with 34.3% and "*Accommodation and Food Services*" with 28.57%. The sectors with the lowest representation of women are "*Transport and storage*" and "*Construction*", considered mainly as men-dominated sectors.

Women in Agriculture

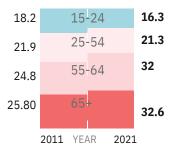


- Out of 62,922 farmers in 2021, 6,807 or **10.8% were women**.
- Only 15.8% of women farmers have a status of natural person.
- As at the end of 2021, 24.4% of new registered entities were women farmers.





Women in self-employment by age groups (%)



Active enterprises by gender of owner/administrator

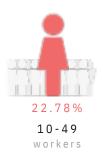


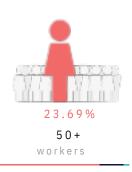
Active entities with women owner/manager by firm size 2021 (%)





workers





Active entities by gender of owner/administrator and economic activity (%) 2021

Top Industries for Women Entrepreneurs







Agriculture, forestry and fishery



Industry



Construction



Service providers





and storage



Accommodati on and food services



communication



Information and Other services

Active by region (NUTS 3*) and women owners/ administrators 2021





Women in Agriculture 2021





^{*}Nomenclature of Territorial Measuring Units for Statistics (A uniform classification, and is used as a base for collection and processing of European regional statistics)