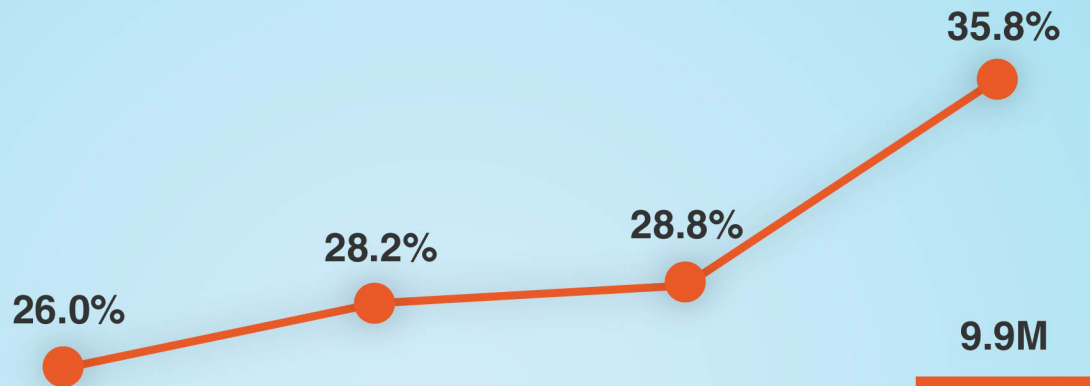




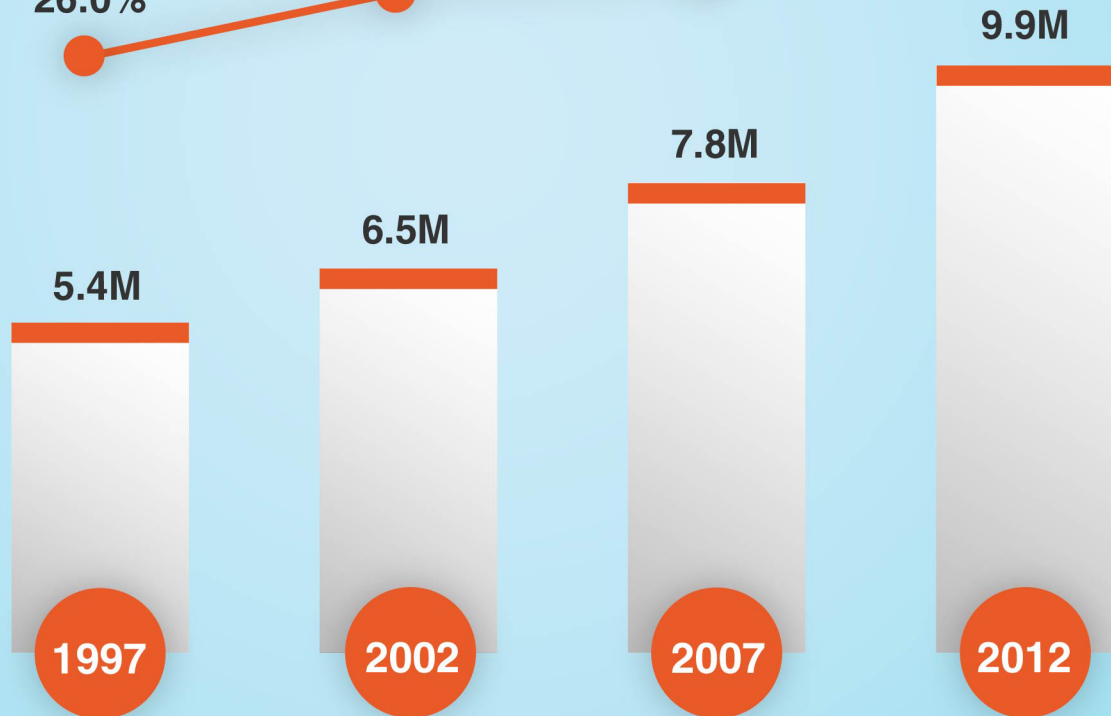
Women-Owned Businesses

Business Ownership Among Women Continues to Rise

Percentage of
businesses owned
by women



Number of
businesses owned
by women
M = millions



Note: Data shown are for businesses owned solely by women, and exclude businesses that are equally owned by men and women. Methodologies have changed over time affecting comparability, particularly between 1997 and 2002.