Self-Employed and the U.S. Economy

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The Majority of U.S. Small Businesses are Self-Employed

**FACT:** 77.6 percent of small businesses in the United States are self-employed.


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FACT: 99.9 percent of all businesses in the United States are small businesses, with three-fourths representing the self-employed.


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Self-Employed Businesses have Grown Faster than All Other Segments

![Average Growth Rate](chart.png)

**Source:** U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, based on data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, Statistics of U.S. Business and Nonemployer Statistics, 1997-2006.

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Self-Employed Growth has been Steady and Strong

(http://www.census.gov/econ/nonemployer/index.html)

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Self-Employed Businesses are Helping to Drive U.S. Economic Growth

• The United States added nearly 1 million self-employed businesses between 2006 and 2007, bringing the total to 21.7 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This is a 4.5 percent growth rate over one year.

• The self-employed added $992 billion to the U.S. economy in 2007, up from $970 billion in 2006, which is a 2.2 percent increase.
Self-Employed by State

Source: Internal Revenue Service Statistics on Sole Proprietorships, 2007

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