



Women Entrepreneurs & Philanthropists

Building Businesses, Leaving Legacies · Executive

The intersection of women's entrepreneurship and philanthropy is one of the most powerful forces shaping modern economic and social progress. Women entrepreneurs and philanthropists have contributed trillions of dollars to the economy — and, increasingly, they are redirecting that wealth toward purpose, community, and legacy. **This is all about contribution to the GDP and community.**

Key Facts: By the Numbers

\$18T → \$34T U.S. assets controlled by women — 2023 to projected 2030 (McKinsey)	15.7 million Women-owned businesses — 40.6% of all U.S. businesses (2025)
\$3.3 trillion Annual revenue generated by women-owned businesses	\$617.2 billion Total U.S. charitable giving in 2025 — first year above \$600B
50% higher Entrepreneurs' median charitable giving vs. non-entrepreneurs	\$73.6 billion Record 2025 venture capital to female-founded companies (27.7%)
43 women · \$166.3B America's richest self-made women in 2026 — both records	~2.04% Share of U.S. philanthropy directed to women & girls

Important Data on Wealth Creation and Giving

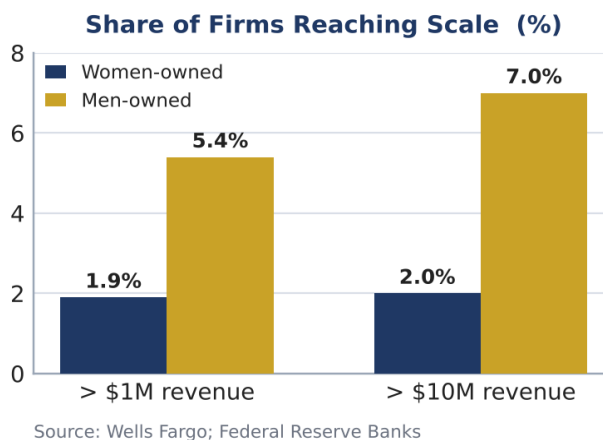
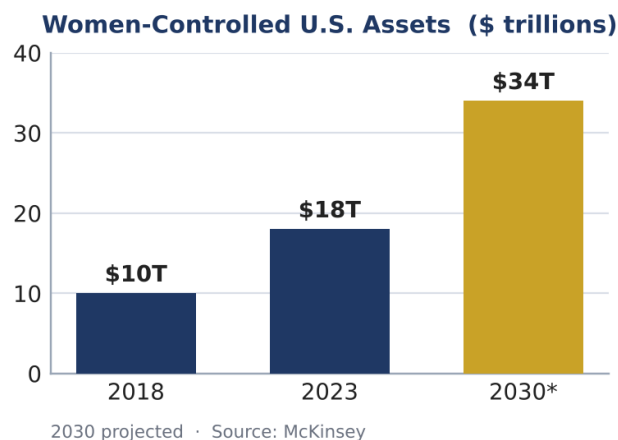
- **\$18 trillion** — Assets controlled by U.S. women in 2023 (about 34% of assets under management), up dramatically from roughly \$10 trillion in 2018 (McKinsey)
- **\$34 trillion** — Projected female-controlled U.S. assets by 2030, about 38% of U.S. financial assets (McKinsey)
- **40%+** — McKinsey's projected share of U.S. wealth controlled by women by 2035
- **\$617.2 billion** — Total U.S. charitable giving in 2025, the first year giving exceeded \$600 billion (Giving USA)
- **\$394.2 billion** — Individual giving in 2025, or 64% of the total; foundations gave \$117.15 billion (19%), bequests \$62.19 billion (10%), and corporations \$43.67 billion (7%)
- **50% higher** — Median charitable giving by entrepreneurs versus non-entrepreneurs (Fidelity Charitable)
- **2.04%** — Share of U.S. philanthropy directed specifically to women's and girls' organizations in 2023 (Women's Philanthropy Institute)
- **15.7 million** — Women-owned businesses in the United States in 2025, or 40.6% of all U.S. businesses (Wells Fargo, 2026 Impact of Women-Owned Businesses Report)

- **272,567** — Women-owned employer firms with more than \$1 million in revenue. They are 1.9% of all women-owned businesses, yet they generate about \$2.2 trillion in revenue and 9.4 million jobs (Wells Fargo, 2025)
- **6,004** — Women-owned firms with more than \$20 million in annual revenue, just 2.4% of all U.S. firms of that size, compared with 22.5% owned by men (Wells Fargo, 2025)
- **\$8.5 billion** — Combined 2025 revenue of the 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies, which together employ more than 23,000 people (Women Presidents Organization and J.P. Morgan Commercial Banking, 2026)
- **55** — Women leading Fortune 500 companies in 2026, a record 11% of the list (Fortune)
- **43 women, \$166.3 billion** — America's richest self-made women in 2026, both records, in the first year the list was limited to billionaires (Forbes)
- **\$73.6 billion** — Venture capital raised in 2025 by U.S. companies with at least one female founder, a record 27.7% of U.S. deal value (PitchBook)
- **\$33,219** — Average charitable giving by affluent U.S. donor households in 2024, even as the share of affluent households that give fell to 81% from 91% in 2015 (Bank of America Study of Philanthropy, 2025)

The \$50 Million Opportunity

Women now own 40.6% of U.S. businesses, yet scale remains the frontier. Above \$20 million in revenue, only 6,004 women-owned firms are counted; above \$50 million, there is **no published national count at all**. This report closes that gap — profiling 100+ entrepreneurs and 30+ philanthropists operating at this scale, with the data, insights, and inspiration to accelerate the next generation.

Growth & the Scale Gap



From Wealth to Legacy

Wealth planning is being reframed — from *build* → *preserve* → *leave* to *build* → *scale* → *use* → *give* → *create legacy*. Philanthropy no longer waits until the end of life. Women are formalizing giving through four complementary vehicles:

Family & Private Foundations	Donor-Advised Funds	Employee Ownership (ESOPs)	Women-Led Family Offices
Signature, long-term legacy giving and family governance.	Flexible, efficient giving — often via community foundations.	Shares company value with employees — a living legacy.	Private capital linking investment strategy to impact.

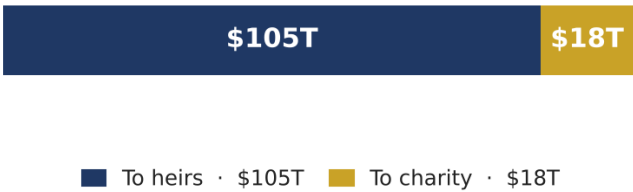
Women Investing in Women

- A fast-growing ecosystem of women-led venture and angel capital now directs billions — and women are nearly **47% of U.S. angel investors**.
- Only 1.9% of women-owned firms reach \$1 million in revenue. Capital, customers, and introductions are what turn a \$5 million company into a \$50 million enterprise.
- The call to action: put women-owned businesses in the supply chain, invest in women founders, and open the door to the networks that scale a company.

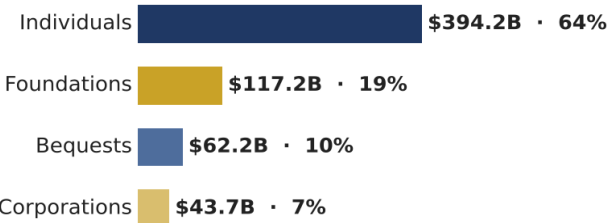
Wealth Transfer & Giving

An estimated **\$124 trillion** will transfer through 2048, and because women generally live longer they will increasingly decide where family fortunes go. Yet only about **two cents of every philanthropic dollar** currently reaches organizations serving women and girls — the defining opportunity ahead.

The Great Wealth Transfer Through 2048 Total: \$124 trillion



U.S. Charitable Giving 2025 — \$617.2B by Source Record year · first above \$600B · +5.7%



Become a Giver

Build wealth with purpose. Use your success to create success for others — create jobs, hire and buy from women, mentor, invest, and give. The final measure of our work will not be the balance in our accounts, but the legacy we build while we are still here to shape it.

Do Your Giving While You Are Living.