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Table 1. Business Ownership by Veteran Status, Gender, Hispanic or Latino Origin, and Race for Owners of Respondent Firms: 2002

[All estimates are based on owners of firms that responded to the 2002 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), both firms with paid employees and firms with no paid employees. A respondent firm is defined as a business that returned the survey form and provided the gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, or race characteristics for the owner(s). Detail may not add to total because a Hispanic or Latino firm may be of any race. Moreover, each owner had the option of selecting more than one race and therefore is included in each race selected. Data in the "Percent" columns represent the percentage of owners of firms in the designated categories. For explanation of relative standard errors (RSE columns) and standard errors (SE columns) and for information on confidentiality protection and definitions, see any SBO publication's introductory text.]

Business ownership by veteran status, gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race	Owners of respondent firms ¹				Owners of employer respondent firms				Owners of nonemployer respondent firms			
	Number		Percent		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE
TOTAL FOR ALL SECTORS												
All owners of respondent firms	20,528,726	-	X	X	5,574,045	-	X	X	14,954,681	-	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	35.5	0.1	X	X	27.0	0.1	X	X	38.7	0.1
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	64.5	0.1	X	X	73.0	0.1	X	X	61.3	0.1
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.3	-	X	X	3.8	-	X	X	5.9	0.1
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	94.7	0.1	X	X	96.2	0.1	X	X	94.1	0.1
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	91.7	0.1	X	X	92.6	0.1	X	X	91.3	0.1
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	3.5	-	X	X	1.5	-	X	X	4.2	-
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.8	-	X	X	0.5	-	X	X	1.0	-
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	4.6	-	X	X	5.7	-	X	X	4.2	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-
Veteran, yes	2,973,246	-	X	X	811,740	-	X	X	2,161,506	-	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.7	0.1	X	X	1.7	-	X	X	3.0	0.1
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	97.3	0.4	X	X	98.3	0.3	X	X	97.0	0.5
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.3	0.1	X	X	2.1	0.1	X	X	2.4	0.1
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	97.7	0.4	X	X	97.9	0.3	X	X	97.6	0.6
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	95.5	0.4	X	X	97.3	0.3	X	X	94.9	0.5
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	3.2	-	X	X	1.5	-	X	X	3.8	-
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	1.0	-	X	X	0.6	-	X	X	1.2	-
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.9	-	X	X	1.0	0.1	X	X	0.9	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-
Veteran, no	17,114,632	-	X	X	4,566,840	-	X	X	12,547,792	-	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	41.2	0.1	X	X	31.5	0.1	X	X	44.8	0.1
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	58.8	0.1	X	X	68.5	0.1	X	X	55.2	0.1
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.8	-	X	X	4.1	-	X	X	6.5	0.1
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	94.2	0.1	X	X	95.9	0.2	X	X	93.5	0.1
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	91.0	0.1	X	X	91.8	0.1	X	X	90.8	0.1
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	3.5	-	X	X	1.5	-	X	X	4.3	-
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.8	-	X	X	0.5	-	X	X	0.9	-

Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.3	-	X	X	6.6	0.1	X	X	4.8	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-
Veteran, item not reported	440,848	1	X	X	195,465	1	X	X	245,383	1	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	33.8	0.6	X	X	26.0	0.4	X	X	39.9	0.9
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	66.1	1.0	X	X	74.0	1.0	X	X	59.9	1.2
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.7	0.2	X	X	4.0	0.1	X	X	7.0	0.3
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	94.3	1.4	X	X	96.0	1.3	X	X	93.0	1.7
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	90.6	1.3	X	X	92.9	1.2	X	X	88.7	1.6
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	4.3	0.2	X	X	1.9	0.1	X	X	6.2	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.9	0.1	X	X	0.5	-	X	X	1.2	0.2
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	4.9	0.2	X	X	5.1	0.2	X	X	4.8	0.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-
Service-disabled veteran, yes	193,750	1	X	X	37,521	2	X	X	156,229	1	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	4.0	0.2	X	X	2.3	0.3	X	X	4.4	0.2
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	96.0	1.3	X	X	97.7	2.7	X	X	95.6	1.3
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	3.5	0.2	X	X	3.8	0.4	X	X	3.4	0.3
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	96.5	1.2	X	X	96.2	2.6	X	X	96.6	1.3
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	91.7	1.3	X	X	95.4	2.6	X	X	90.8	1.3
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	6.3	0.3	X	X	2.5	0.2	X	X	7.2	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.3	0.2	X	X	1.4	0.2	X	X	2.5	0.2
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	1.2	0.2	X	X	1.5	0.3	X	X	1.2	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.2	0.1	X	X	0.2	0.1	X	X	0.3	0.1
Service-disabled veteran, no	2,600,043	-	X	X	724,445	-	X	X	1,875,598	-	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.4	0.1	X	X	1.5	-	X	X	2.8	0.1
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	97.6	0.3	X	X	98.5	0.4	X	X	97.2	0.5
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.2	0.1	X	X	1.9	0.1	X	X	2.3	0.1
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	97.8	0.4	X	X	98.1	0.4	X	X	97.7	0.6
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	95.9	0.3	X	X	97.4	0.4	X	X	95.4	0.5
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.8	-	X	X	1.4	-	X	X	3.4	0.1
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.9	-	X	X	0.6	-	X	X	1.0	-
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.9	-	X	X	1.0	-	X	X	0.9	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	0.1	-
Service-disabled veteran, item not reported	179,453	1	X	X	49,775	1	X	X	129,679	1	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.0	0.3	X	X	4.5	0.4	X	X	5.2	0.4
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	95.0	1.0	X	X	95.5	1.9	X	X	94.8	1.2
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	2.8	0.2	X	X	2.4	0.2	X	X	2.9	0.3

Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	97.2	1.1	X	X	97.6	2.1	X	X	97.1	1.3
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	93.7	1.0	X	X	96.6	1.9	X	X	92.6	1.3
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	4.3	0.3	X	X	1.9	0.1	X	X	5.2	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	1.2	0.1	X	X	0.6	0.1	X	X	1.5	0.2
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	1.4	0.1	X	X	1.4	0.2	X	X	1.4	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.2	0.1	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.2	0.1
Service-disabled veteran, item not applicable	17,555,480	-	X	X	4,762,305	-	X	X	12,793,175	-	X	X
Female owners of respondent firms	X	X	41.0	0.1	X	X	31.3	0.1	X	X	44.7	0.1
Male owners of respondent firms	X	X	59.0	0.1	X	X	68.7	0.2	X	X	55.3	0.1
Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.8	-	X	X	4.0	-	X	X	6.5	0.1
Non-Hispanic owners of respondent firms	X	X	94.2	0.1	X	X	96.0	0.2	X	X	93.5	0.1
White owners of respondent firms	X	X	91.0	0.1	X	X	91.9	0.2	X	X	90.7	0.1
Black or African American owners of respondent firms	X	X	3.5	-	X	X	1.5	-	X	X	4.3	-
American Indian and Alaska Native owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.8	-	X	X	0.5	-	X	X	0.9	-
Asian owners of respondent firms	X	X	5.3	-	X	X	6.5	0.1	X	X	4.8	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owners of respondent firms	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-	X	X	0.1	-

¹All firms data include both respondent firms with paid employees and respondent firms with no paid employees.

- Represents zero.

S Estimates are suppressed when publication standards are not met, such as, firm count is less than 3, or the relative standard error of the sales and receipts is 50 percent or more.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Survey of Business Owners

Table 2. Statistics for All Owners, Veteran Owners, and Service-Disabled Veteran Owners of Respondent Firms by Owner's Age: 2002

[All estimates are based on owners of firms that responded to the 2002 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), both firms with paid employees and firms with no paid employees. A respondent firm is defined as a business that returned the survey form and provided the gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, or race characteristics for the owner(s). Detail may not add to total because a Hispanic or Latino firm may be of any race. Moreover, each owner had the option of selecting more than one race and therefore is included in each race selected. Data in the "Percent" columns represent the percentage of owners of firms in the designated categories. For explanation of relative standard errors (RSE columns) and standard errors (SE columns) and for information on confidentiality protection and definitions, see any SBO publication's introductory text.]

Kind of business and owner's age	Owners of respondent firms ¹				Owners of employer respondent firms				Owners of nonemployer respondent firms			
	Number		Percent		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE
TOTAL FOR ALL SECTORS												
All owners of respondent firms	20,528,726	-	X	X	5,574,045	-	X	X	14,954,681	-	X	X
Age, under 25	X	X	2.2	-	X	X	0.5	-	X	X	2.8	-
Age, 25 to 34	X	X	11.6	-	X	X	7.5	-	X	X	13.1	-
Age, 35 to 44	X	X	23.9	0.1	X	X	24.7	0.1	X	X	23.6	0.1
Age, 45 to 54	X	X	28.6	0.1	X	X	32.4	0.1	X	X	27.1	0.1
Age, 55 to 64	X	X	20.0	0.1	X	X	21.8	0.1	X	X	19.4	0.1
Age, 65 or over	X	X	10.9	-	X	X	10.2	-	X	X	11.1	-
Age, item not reported	X	X	2.8	-	X	X	2.8	-	X	X	2.8	-
Veteran owners of respondent firms	2,973,246	-	X	X	811,740	-	X	X	2,161,506	-	X	X
Age, under 25	X	X	0.2	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	0.2	-
Age, 25 to 34	X	X	2.9	0.1	X	X	1.6	-	X	X	3.4	0.1
Age, 35 to 44	X	X	8.0	0.1	X	X	6.8	0.1	X	X	8.4	0.1
Age, 45 to 54	X	X	19.7	0.1	X	X	20.6	0.2	X	X	19.3	0.2
Age, 55 to 64	X	X	35.7	0.2	X	X	40.2	0.2	X	X	34.0	0.2
Age, 65 or over	X	X	32.1	0.2	X	X	29.3	0.1	X	X	33.1	0.2
Age, item not reported	X	X	1.5	-	X	X	1.3	-	X	X	1.5	-
Service-disabled veteran owners of respondent firms	193,750	1	X	X	37,521	2	X	X	156,229	1	X	X
Age, under 25	X	X	0.4	0.1	X	X	0.2	0.1	X	X	0.4	0.1
Age, 25 to 34	X	X	5.1	0.2	X	X	3.0	0.3	X	X	5.6	0.3
Age, 35 to 44	X	X	10.6	0.3	X	X	9.3	0.5	X	X	10.9	0.4
Age, 45 to 54	X	X	25.0	0.5	X	X	25.5	0.8	X	X	24.9	0.6
Age, 55 to 64	X	X	30.7	0.7	X	X	35.3	1.4	X	X	29.6	0.7
Age, 65 or over	X	X	26.5	0.7	X	X	25.1	0.8	X	X	26.8	0.7
Age, item not reported	X	X	1.7	0.2	X	X	1.5	0.3	X	X	1.7	0.2

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Table 3. Statistics for All Owners, Veteran Owners, and Service-Disabled Veteran Owners of Respondent Firms by Owner's Educational Background: 2002

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Kind of business and owner's educational background	Owners of respondent firms ¹				Owners of employer respondent firms				Owners of nonemployer respondent firms			
	Number		Percent		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE
TOTAL FOR ALL SECTORS												
All owners of respondent firms	20,528,726	-	X	X	5,574,045	-	X	X	14,954,681	-	X	X
Education, less than high school graduate	X	X	6.0	-	X	X	3.8	-	X	X	6.9	-
Education, high school graduate - Diploma or GED	X	X	21.2	0.1	X	X	20.5	0.1	X	X	21.4	0.1
Education, technical, trade, or vocational school	X	X	7.1	-	X	X	6.0	-	X	X	7.5	-
Education, some college, but no degree	X	X	18.2	0.1	X	X	17.2	0.1	X	X	18.6	0.1
Education, Associate's degree	X	X	5.6	-	X	X	5.0	-	X	X	5.8	0.1
Education, Bachelor's degree	X	X	22.8	0.1	X	X	24.7	0.1	X	X	22.0	0.1
Education, Master's, Doctorate, or professional degree	X	X	17.3	-	X	X	20.5	-	X	X	16.2	0.1
Education, item not reported	X	X	1.7	-	X	X	2.2	-	X	X	1.5	-
Veteran owners of respondent firms	2,973,246	-	X	X	811,740	-	X	X	2,161,506	-	X	X
Education, less than high school graduate	X	X	4.3	0.1	X	X	3.2	-	X	X	4.7	0.1
Education, high school graduate - Diploma or GED	X	X	20.8	0.1	X	X	19.5	0.1	X	X	21.3	0.2
Education, technical, trade, or vocational school	X	X	6.4	0.1	X	X	5.7	0.1	X	X	6.6	0.1
Education, some college, but no degree	X	X	21.2	0.2	X	X	19.5	0.2	X	X	21.8	0.2
Education, Associate's degree	X	X	5.9	-	X	X	5.1	0.1	X	X	6.3	0.1
Education, Bachelor's degree	X	X	21.5	0.1	X	X	23.1	0.2	X	X	20.9	0.2
Education, Master's, Doctorate, or professional degree	X	X	19.2	0.2	X	X	23.2	0.1	X	X	17.7	0.2
Education, item not reported	X	X	0.7	-	X	X	0.7	-	X	X	0.7	-
Service-disabled veteran owners of respondent firms	193,750	1	X	X	37,521	2	X	X	156,229	1	X	X
Education, less than high school graduate	X	X	4.3	0.2	X	X	4.2	0.4	X	X	4.4	0.2
Education, high school graduate - Diploma or GED	X	X	18.5	0.5	X	X	16.2	0.8	X	X	19.0	0.5
Education, technical, trade, or vocational school	X	X	7.1	0.3	X	X	6.8	0.4	X	X	7.1	0.4
Education, some college, but no degree	X	X	25.1	0.5	X	X	21.9	0.8	X	X	25.9	0.6
Education, Associate's degree	X	X	8.5	0.3	X	X	7.0	0.3	X	X	8.8	0.4
Education, Bachelor's degree	X	X	17.9	0.4	X	X	19.9	0.9	X	X	17.4	0.4
Education, Master's, Doctorate, or professional degree	X	X	18.2	0.6	X	X	23.4	1.0	X	X	16.9	0.6
Education, item not reported	X	X	0.4	0.1	X	X	0.7	0.1	X	X	0.4	0.1

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Table 4. Statistics for All Owners, Veteran Owners, and Service-Disabled Veteran Owners of Respondent Firms by Owner's Average Number of Hours Spent Managing or Working in the Business: 2002

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Kind of business and owner's average number of hours spent managing or working in the business	Owners of respondent firms ¹				Owners of employer respondent firms				Owners of nonemployer respondent firms			
	Number		Percent		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE
TOTAL FOR ALL SECTORS												
All owners of respondent firms	20,528,726	-	X	X	5,574,045	-	X	X	14,954,681	-	X	X
Hours worked, none	X	X	6.8	-	X	X	7.1	-	X	X	6.7	-
Hours worked, less than 20 hours	X	X	30.1	0.1	X	X	13.1	0.1	X	X	36.4	0.1
Hours worked, 20 to 39 hours	X	X	17.7	0.1	X	X	12.7	0.1	X	X	19.5	0.1
Hours worked, 40 hours	X	X	10.8	-	X	X	13.8	-	X	X	9.7	-
Hours worked, 41 to 59 hours	X	X	20.1	-	X	X	31.0	0.1	X	X	16.0	-
Hours worked, 60 hours or more	X	X	12.9	-	X	X	19.5	0.1	X	X	10.4	-
Hours worked, item not reported	X	X	1.7	-	X	X	2.9	-	X	X	1.2	-
Veteran owners of respondent firms	2,973,246	-	X	X	811,740	-	X	X	2,161,506	-	X	X
Hours worked, none	X	X	6.1	0.1	X	X	6.0	0.1	X	X	6.2	0.1
Hours worked, less than 20 hours	X	X	31.0	0.2	X	X	13.6	0.1	X	X	37.6	0.3
Hours worked, 20 to 39 hours	X	X	18.1	0.1	X	X	14.3	0.1	X	X	19.5	0.2
Hours worked, 40 hours	X	X	10.0	0.1	X	X	13.6	0.1	X	X	8.6	0.1
Hours worked, 41 to 59 hours	X	X	20.0	0.1	X	X	31.1	0.2	X	X	15.9	0.2
Hours worked, 60 hours or more	X	X	13.6	0.1	X	X	19.7	0.1	X	X	11.3	0.1
Hours worked, item not reported	X	X	1.1	-	X	X	1.8	-	X	X	0.8	-
Service-disabled veteran owners of respondent firms	193,750	1	X	X	37,521	2	X	X	156,229	1	X	X
Hours worked, none	X	X	5.9	0.4	X	X	5.3	0.5	X	X	6.1	0.4
Hours worked, less than 20 hours	X	X	30.4	0.6	X	X	13.2	0.7	X	X	34.5	0.7
Hours worked, 20 to 39 hours	X	X	20.0	0.6	X	X	15.0	0.8	X	X	21.2	0.7
Hours worked, 40 hours	X	X	8.5	0.3	X	X	10.6	0.4	X	X	7.9	0.3
Hours worked, 41 to 59 hours	X	X	18.0	0.4	X	X	27.5	0.9	X	X	15.7	0.6
Hours worked, 60 hours or more	X	X	16.2	0.4	X	X	26.4	1.1	X	X	13.7	0.4
Hours worked, item not reported	X	X	1.0	0.1	X	X	1.9	0.2	X	X	0.8	0.2

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Table 5. Statistics for All Owners, Veteran Owners, Service-Disabled Veteran Owners of Respondent Firms by Owner's Primary Function in the Business: 2002

[All estimates are based on owners of firms that responded to the 2002 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), both firms with paid employees and firms with no paid employees. A respondent firm is defined as a business that returned the survey form and provided the gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, or race characteristics for the owner(s). Detail may not add to total because a Hispanic or Latino firm may be of any race. Moreover, each owner had the option of selecting more than one race and therefore is included in each race selected. Data in the "Percent" columns represent the percentage of owners of firms in the designated categories. For explanation of relative standard errors (RSE columns) and standard errors (SE columns) and for information on confidentiality protection and definitions, see any SBO publication's introductory text.]

Kind of business and owner's primary function in the business	Owners of respondent firms ¹				Owners of employer respondent firms				Owners of nonemployer respondent firms			
	Number		Percent		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE
TOTAL FOR ALL SECTORS												
All owners of respondent firms	20,528,726	-	X	X	5,574,045	-	X	X	14,954,681	-	X	X
Primary function, producing this business's goods/services	X	X	52.1	0.1	X	X	46.6	0.1	X	X	54.2	0.1
Primary function, managing day-to-day operations	X	X	52.8	0.1	X	X	63.0	0.1	X	X	49.0	0.1
Primary function, financial control with the authority to sign loans, leases, and contracts	X	X	39.5	0.1	X	X	54.1	0.1	X	X	34.1	0.1
Primary function, none of the above	X	X	17.1	-	X	X	10.9	0.1	X	X	19.4	-
Primary function, item not reported	X	X	1.6	-	X	X	1.9	-	X	X	1.6	-
Veteran owners of respondent firms	2,973,246	-	X	X	811,740	-	X	X	2,161,506	-	X	X
Primary function, producing this business's goods/services	X	X	54.4	0.2	X	X	49.6	0.2	X	X	56.2	0.3
Primary function, managing day-to-day operations	X	X	54.4	0.2	X	X	64.0	0.2	X	X	50.8	0.3
Primary function, financial control with the authority to sign loans, leases, and contracts	X	X	42.8	0.3	X	X	57.3	0.2	X	X	37.3	0.4
Primary function, none of the above	X	X	14.7	0.1	X	X	9.1	0.1	X	X	16.8	0.2
Primary function, item not reported	X	X	1.0	-	X	X	0.8	-	X	X	1.1	0.1
Service-disabled veteran owners of respondent firms	193,750	1	X	X	37,521	2	X	X	156,229	1	X	X
Primary function, producing this business's goods/services	X	X	56.7	1.0	X	X	52.1	1.2	X	X	57.8	1.2
Primary function, managing day-to-day operations	X	X	55.6	0.9	X	X	68.1	1.8	X	X	52.6	1.0
Primary function, financial control with the authority to sign loans, leases, and contracts	X	X	41.2	0.7	X	X	59.0	1.4	X	X	37.0	0.8
Primary function, none of the above	X	X	14.9	0.4	X	X	7.8	0.6	X	X	16.6	0.5
Primary function, item not reported	X	X	1.2	0.2	X	X	1.0	0.1	X	X	1.2	0.2

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Survey of Business Owners

Table 6. Statistics for All Owners, Veteran Owners, and Service-Disabled Veteran Owners of Respondent Firms by Whether the Business Provided the Owner's Primary Source of Personal Income: 2002

[All estimates are based on owners of firms that responded to the 2002 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), both firms with paid employees and firms with no paid employees. A respondent firm is defined as a business that returned the survey form and provided the gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, or race characteristics for the owner(s). Detail may not add to total because a Hispanic or Latino firm may be of any race. Moreover, each owner had the option of selecting more than one race and therefore is included in each race selected. Data in the "Percent" columns represent the percentage of owners of firms in the designated categories. For explanation of relative standard errors (RSE columns) and standard errors (SE columns) and for information on confidentiality protection and definitions, see any SBO publication's introductory text.]

Kind of business and whether the business provided the owner's primary source of personal income	Owners of respondent firms ¹				Owners of employer respondent firms				Owners of nonemployer respondent firms			
	Number		Percent		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE	Total	RSE	Total	SE
TOTAL FOR ALL SECTORS												
All owners of respondent firms	20,528,726	-	X	X	5,574,045	-	X	X	14,954,681	-	X	X
Primary source of income, yes	X	X	50.9	0.1	X	X	69.5	0.1	X	X	43.9	0.1
Primary source of income, no	X	X	46.9	0.1	X	X	28.3	0.1	X	X	53.8	0.1
Primary source of income, item not reported	X	X	2.2	-	X	X	2.1	-	X	X	2.2	-
Veteran owners of respondent firms	2,973,246	-	X	X	811,740	-	X	X	2,161,506	-	X	X
Primary source of income, yes	X	X	47.5	0.2	X	X	69.1	0.2	X	X	39.4	0.2
Primary source of income, no	X	X	51.0	0.3	X	X	30.0	0.2	X	X	59.0	0.4
Primary source of income, item not reported	X	X	1.4	-	X	X	0.9	-	X	X	1.6	0.1
Service-disabled veteran owners of respondent firms	193,750	1	X	X	37,521	2	X	X	156,229	1	X	X
Primary source of income, yes	X	X	44.1	0.8	X	X	66.0	1.7	X	X	38.9	0.8
Primary source of income, no	X	X	54.1	0.9	X	X	33.0	1.1	X	X	59.2	1.1
Primary source of income, item not reported	X	X	1.7	0.2	X	X	1.0	0.2	X	X	1.9	0.3

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