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# **Women's entrepreneurship in Belarus**

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## **Beijing Platform for Action**

**Expanding women's access to entrepreneurship and self-employment is one of the ways for improving women's employment**

# Republic of Belarus

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## National Gender Equality Action Plan for 2017 – 2020

### Small and Medium Business Development Programme

Activities:

*Systemic measures to support women's  
entrepreneurship*

# Republic of Belarus

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## **Women's Entrepreneurship Week**

*(with the support of the Ministry of Economy)*

Key issue:

***Support of women's initiative in business***

### **Projects to support women's entrepreneurship:**

*Успешная (Successful Me)*

*Prowomen.by*

*Woman in Business*

*Women IT Week*

*Up-and-coming woman landowner*

# Information sources

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- **State registers**
- **State statistical reporting forms**
- **LFS**

# State register

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- **Individual entrepreneurs and persons employed by them**
- **Craftspersons**
- **Persons engaged in rural ecotourism**
- **Individuals paying a single tax**

# State register

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## Ministry of Justice

**Single state register of legal entities  
and individual entrepreneurs**

***Information on:***

***Women directors and founders  
of legal entities***

***Women individual entrepreneurs***

# State statistical reporting forms

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## Number of women engaged in small and medium business

*education*

*age*

*“manager” category*

*chief executive*

## Gender pay gap

## Number of women civil servants

*Head of organisation*

*Head of department, division, unit*



# State statistical reporting forms

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## Civil servants

**67%** - *women*

**33%** - *men*

Proportion of women civil servants in:

*legislature* – **49%**

*executive authorities* – **67%**

*judiciary* – **68%**

*local government and self-government* – **73%**

**56%** - proportion of women civil servants among heads of government bodies of all levels and other state organisations and their deputies

**65%** - proportion of women civil servants among heads of departments, divisions, units, sections

# Labour Force Survey

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## ***Women entrepreneurs***

*owners / founders*

*individual entrepreneurs*

*own account workers*

*craftspersons*

# Labour Force Survey

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**Data on women's entrepreneurship are disaggregated by:**

*economic activity*

*age*

*education*

*marital status*

*children under age 18*

# Labour Force Survey

## Entrepreneurs

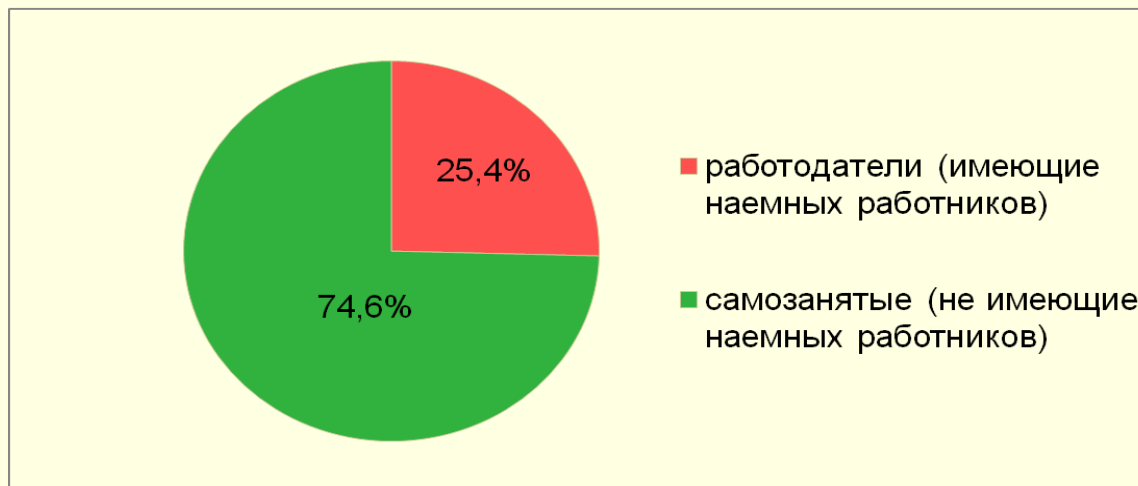
**32% – women**

**68% – men**

### **Women entrepreneurs:**

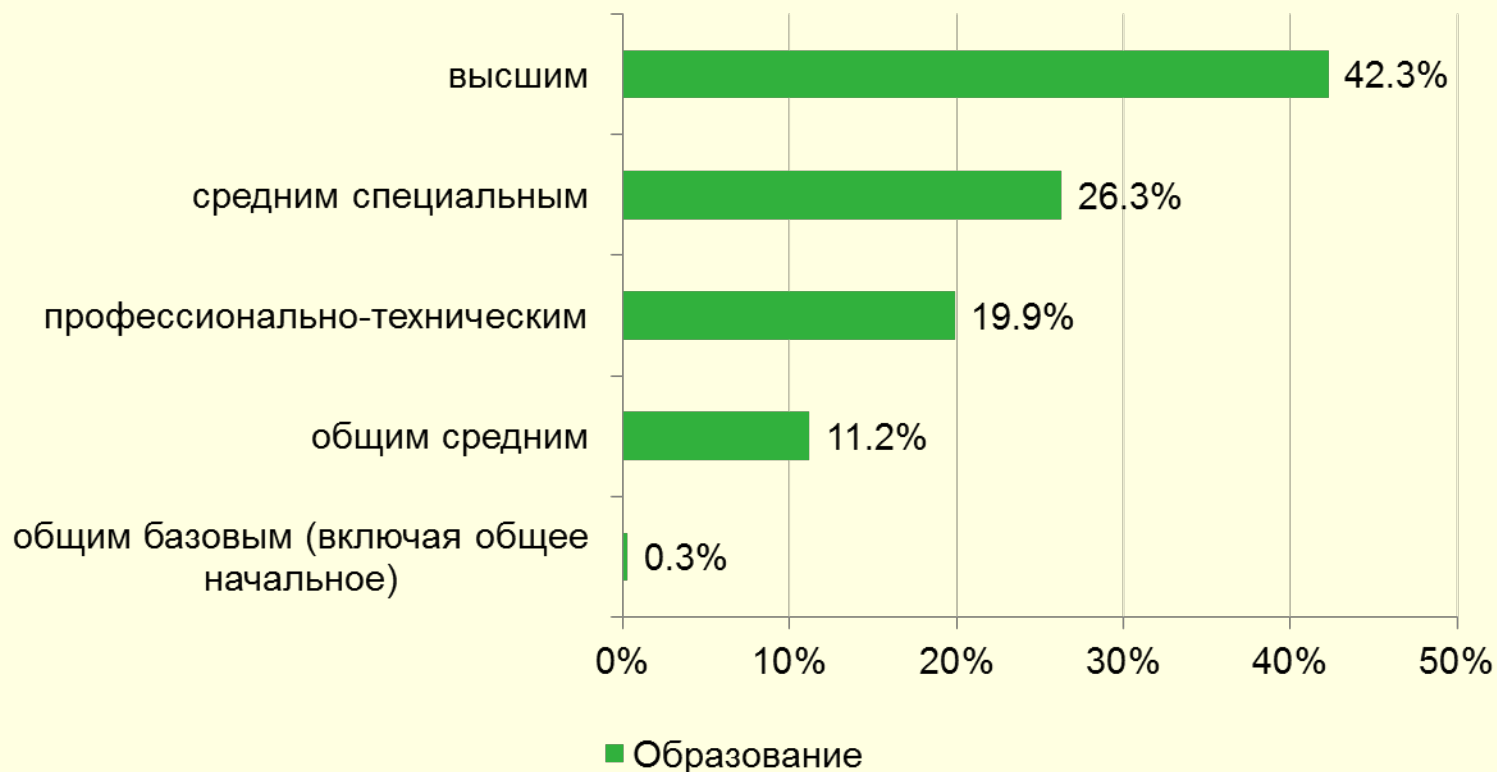
12% – owners/founders

88% – individual entrepreneurs and other own account workers

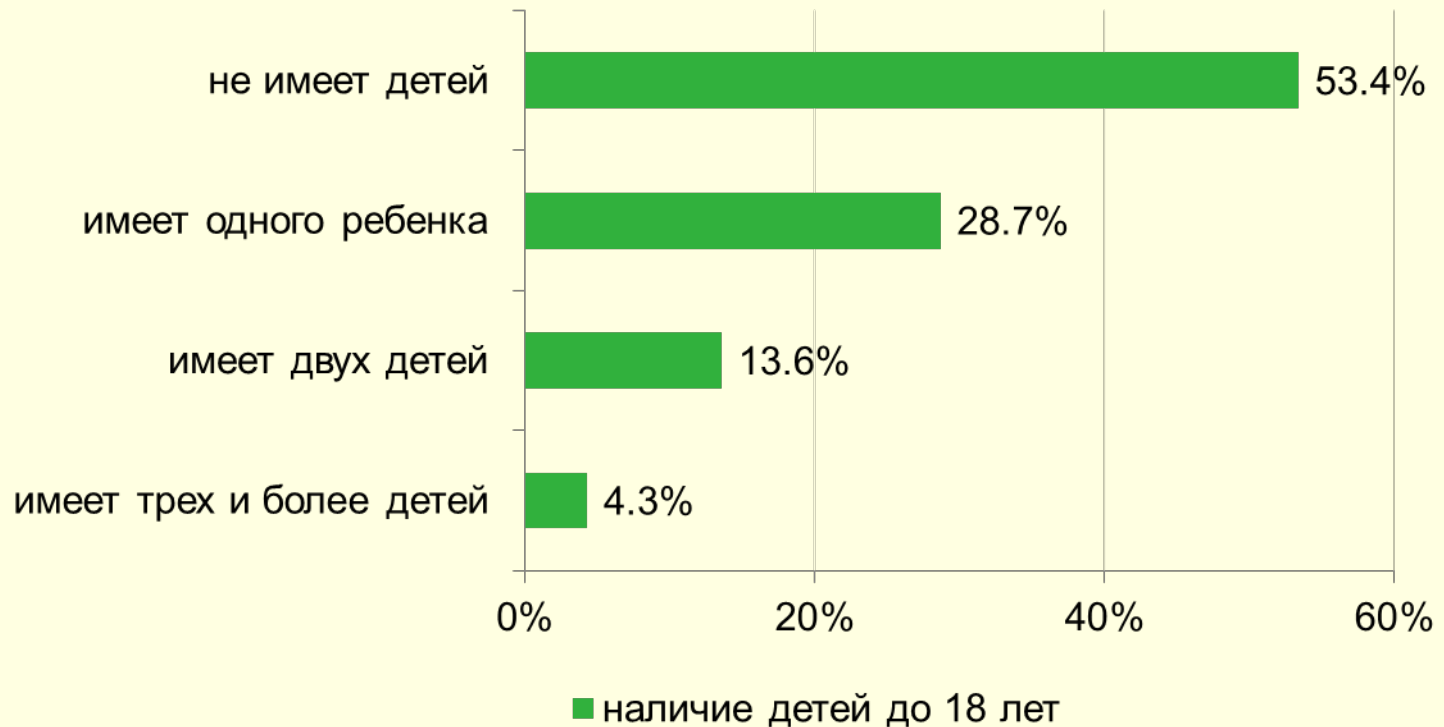


# Labour Force Survey

Average age of a woman entrepreneur –  
**42.4 years**



# Labour Force Survey



# Belstat

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In cooperation with

*the International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

## **Infographics on women's entrepreneurship profile**

<http://www.belstat.gov.by>

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***Thank you!***