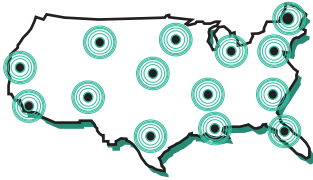


THE IMPORTANCE *of* ENTREPRENEURSHIP

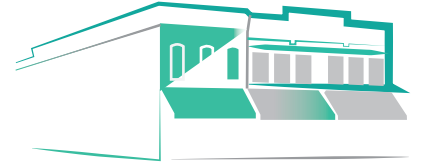
ENTREPRENEURS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKERS ARE...
THE CRITICAL COMPONENTS TO JUMP-START LOCAL AND NATIONAL
ECONOMIES AND TO GENERATE THE JOBS THAT WILL STIMULATE GROWTH.



U.S. STARTUPS CREATE
40% OF JOBS ANNUALLY.



U.S. STARTUPS ADD 6.5 NEW JOBS
ON AVERAGE PER ESTABLISHMENT.



HALF OF ALL JOBS ARE
IN SMALL BUSINESSES
(UNDER 500 EMPLOYEES).

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN NEBRASKA



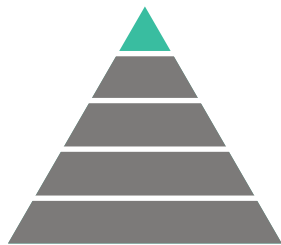
IN 2012, THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED
51,936 WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES.



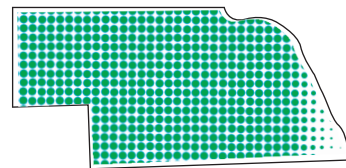
90% OF NEBRASKANS AGREED THAT
"HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN HOW TO
START THEIR OWN BUSINESS IS IMPORTANT
TO NEBRASKA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE (2010).



14,561 BUSINESSES ARE
MINORITY-OWNED.



NEBRASKA RANKS
IN THE TOP 20 FOR NEW
BUSINESS CREATION ACTIVITY



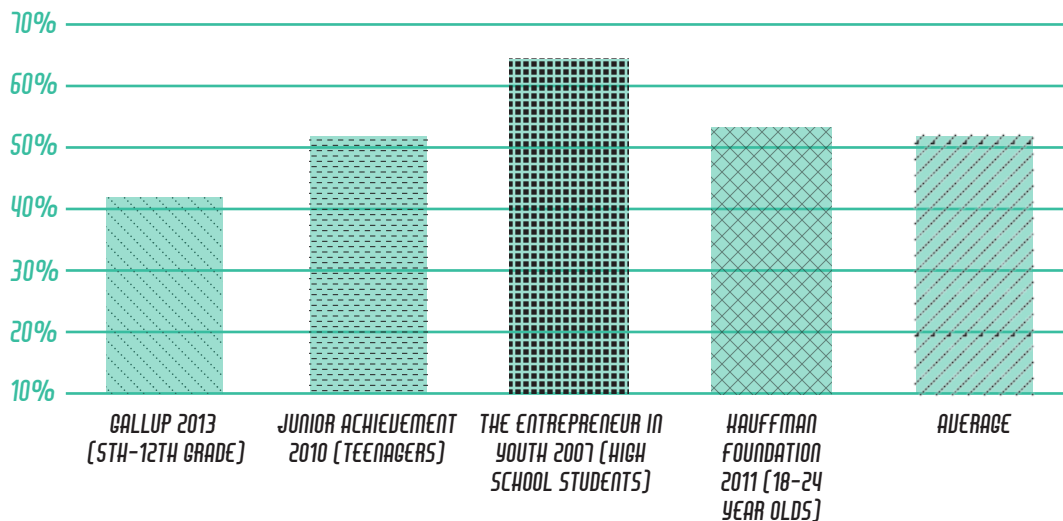
99.1 PERCENT OF ALL
EMPLOYERS IN THE STATE
ARE CONSIDERED SMALL
BUSINESSES (1-499 EMPL.)

79%
OF 16-19 YEAR OLD
TEENS (GENERATION Z)
SEEK CAREER-ALIGNED
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

"WE SHOULD BE CULTIVATING
ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSETS IN ALL
STUDENTS SO THEY CAN ACT, ADAPT,
AND NAVIGATE THEIR FUTURES."

THE IMPORTANCE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN EDUCATION

YOUTH THAT WOULD LIKE TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS



MORE THAN HALF OF ALL STUDENTS SURVEYED SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS.

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