SELF-EMPLOYMENT AMONG MÉTIS:
FINDINGS FROM THE 2017 ABORIGINAL PEOPLES SURVEY

In 2017, around one in seven (14% or 40,260) employed Métis were self-employed.

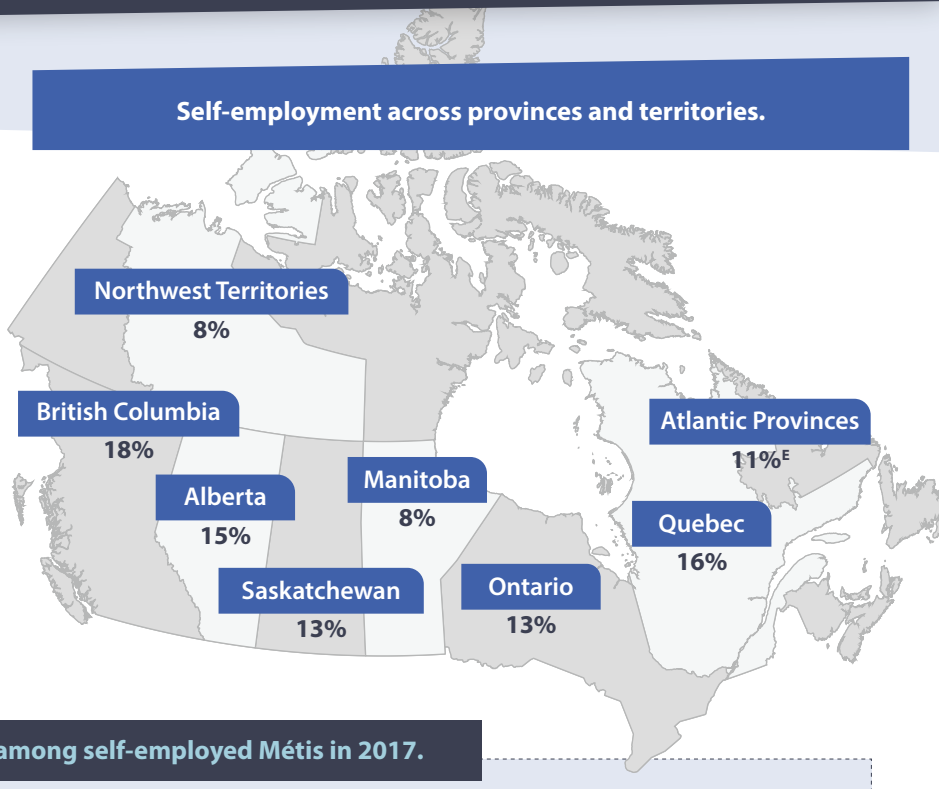
59% of self-employed Métis were **men**.

41% of self-employed Métis were **women**.

Freedom or independence were the leading reasons for choosing self-employment (37%).

About a third (32%) of self-employed Métis had employees.

Self-employment across provinces and territories.



Top industries among self-employed Métis in 2017.

- Construction — 16%
- Professional, scientific and technical services — 13%
- Services including repair, maintenance, and personal and laundry services — 14%
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting — 8%
- Health care and social assistance — 7%E

Gender differences appeared in the number of self-employed in some industries, while men and women were equally represented in others.

92% of self-employed Métis in the **construction** sector were **men.**

75% of self-employed Métis in the **healthcare** and **social assistance** sector were **women**.

♂49% ♀51%

Men and women were equally likely to be represented in **professional, scientific and technical services**, **49%** were men, and **51%** were women.

Most (91%) self-employed Métis did not receive outside assistance for their business.

Outside business assistance includes: **financial assistance, procurement programs, information on business opportunities, help establishing business contracts, training/development programs**

Under half (43%) of self-employed Métis owned an incorporated business.

Ranged from 56% of self-employed in Alberta to 22%E in Manitoba.

Notes: E Use with caution.
Métis in this publication refers to individuals who self-identied as Métis in the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey.

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