

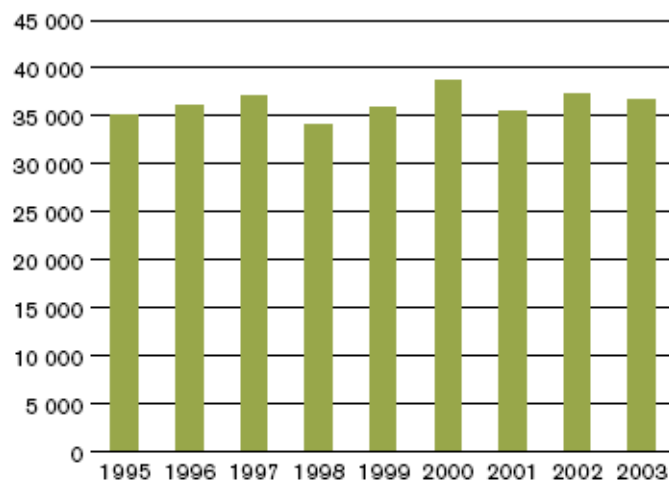
SWEDEN

Women in business

In 2003, approximately 36 771 new enterprises were established in Sweden. Further, 60 percent of those enterprises were located in areas such as Stockholm, Västra Götaland and Skåne. 30 percent of all the new started enterprises had a turnover in 30 000 Euros or more during the first year of activity¹.

The figure (1) below displays the number of enterprises established during the period of 1995 to 2003. Notably, during the 1990s, the proportion of businesses owned by women has doubled from 15 percent to 30 percent².

Figure 1: Newly started businesses, 1995-2003



Source: ITPS

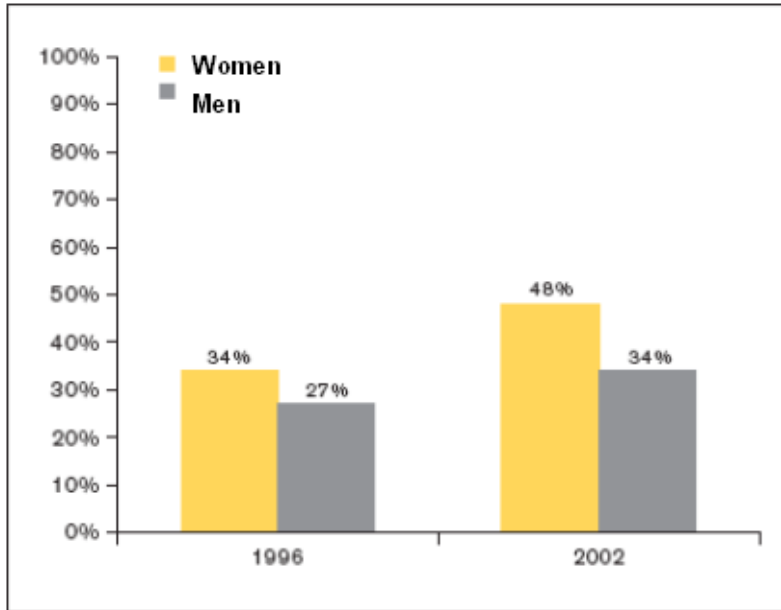
Traditionally, Swedish entrepreneurs have had a low level of education attainment. But as figure 2 shows, the number of women and men with a tertiary education have increased slightly since 1996, when information on the educational background of new entrepreneurs was made available³.

Figure 2 The number of women and men self-employed with a tertiary education, percent

¹ *Nyföretagandet i Sverige 2002 och 2003*. (S2004:008) ITPS. (http://www.itps.se/pdf/S2004_008.pdf)

² http://fsf.se/fem_middle.html

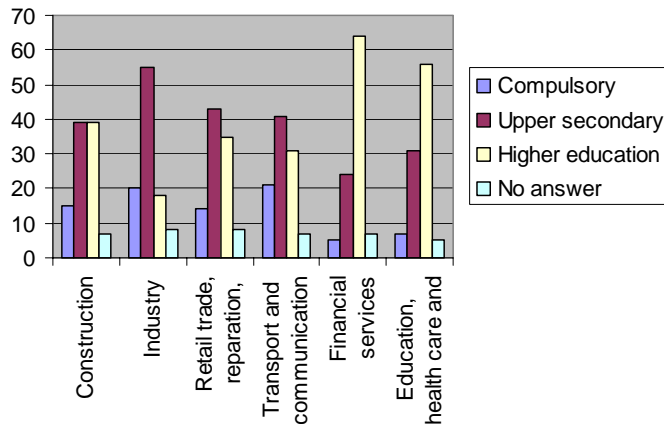
³ *Kvinnors och mäns företagande*. (2004). Nutek, Stockholm. http://fm2.nutek.se/forlag/pdf/info_049-2004.pdf



Self employed with tertiary education, per cent

Figure 3 displays the new started enterprises in 2003, divided by sector and level of education, percent. Notably, the number of new started enterprises with a female entrepreneur who has a tertiary education is approximately 57 percent, which is ten percent more than male entrepreneurs with a tertiary education⁴.

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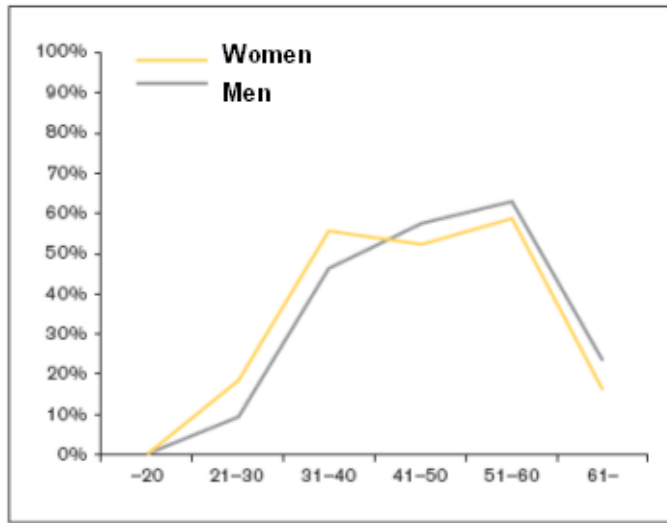


Women entrepreneurs in Sweden are on average younger than men, but there are more male entrepreneurs over the age of 50. 37 percent of the female entrepreneurs and 43 percent of the male entrepreneurs are over 50⁵. (See figure 4).

⁴ *Nyföretagandet i Sverige 2002 och 2003*. (S2004:008) ITPS. (http://www.itps.se/pdf/S2004_008.pdf)

⁵ *Kvinnors och mäns företagande*. (2004). Nutek, Stockholm. (http://fm2.nutek.se/forlag/pdf/info_049-2004.pdf)

Figure 4



Self employed by age and gender, per cent