

Table 2.2
Trends in Self-Employed Business Ownership Rates by Race
Current Population Survey, Outgoing Rotation Group Files (1979-2006)

Years	White, non-Latino			Black			Latino			Asian			Total		
	Self-Empl. Rate	No. of Self-Emp. (000s)	Labor Force (000s)	Self-Empl. Rate	No. of Self-Emp. (000s)	Labor Force (000s)	Self-Empl. Rate	No. of Self-Emp. (000s)	Labor Force (000s)	Self-Empl. Rate	No. of Self-Emp. (000s)	Labor Force (000s)	Self-Empl. Rate	No. of Self-Emp. (000s)	Labor Force (000s)
1979	10.1%	7,066	70,168	3.8%	297	7,907	6.1%	241	3,956				9.3%	7,724	83,503
1980	10.4%	7,298	69,988	3.8%	300	7,960	6.4%	270	4,205				9.6%	8,016	83,694
1981	10.6%	7,589	71,827	3.8%	309	8,203	5.9%	269	4,533				9.7%	8,380	86,587
1982	10.8%	7,663	70,896	3.8%	300	7,960	6.6%	292	4,430				9.9%	8,460	85,405
1983	11.4%	8,220	71,953	3.6%	298	8,213	6.2%	281	4,515				10.4%	9,056	86,946
1984	11.4%	8,608	75,386	4.0%	352	8,908	6.9%	337	4,868				10.4%	9,568	91,568
1985	11.2%	8,497	75,697	3.8%	357	9,285	6.3%	362	5,774				10.2%	9,494	93,327
1986	11.2%	8,670	77,401	3.9%	374	9,627	7.2%	450	6,248				10.2%	9,786	95,998
1987	11.4%	8,949	78,818	3.8%	388	10,179	7.4%	496	6,743				10.3%	10,175	98,691
1988	11.5%	9,294	80,533	4.1%	429	10,446	7.4%	533	7,203				10.5%	10,617	101,292
1989	11.4%	9,376	81,915	3.8%	406	10,711	7.5%	562	7,454	11.7%	319	2,734	10.4%	10,711	103,432
1990	11.5%	9,374	81,822	4.3%	471	11,040	7.0%	600	8,627	12.1%	372	3,088	10.3%	10,881	105,248
1991	11.7%	9,405	80,675	4.1%	451	10,976	6.7%	574	8,614	12.1%	381	3,147	10.5%	10,880	104,114
1992	11.4%	9,210	80,993	3.9%	424	11,007	6.7%	581	8,723	12.9%	418	3,254	10.2%	10,690	104,687
1993	11.7%	9,653	82,164	3.8%	431	11,322	7.2%	652	9,032	12.2%	394	3,218	10.5%	11,201	106,498
1994	11.6%	9,687	83,826	4.3%	507	11,704	6.9%	659	9,522	12.2%	362	2,953	10.4%	11,287	108,801
1995	11.4%	9,732	85,336	4.3%	526	12,134	6.1%	592	9,645	11.2%	298	2,661	10.1%	11,217	110,594
1996	11.2%	9,550	85,032	4.3%	538	12,386	6.6%	661	9,953	11.3%	460	4,074	10.0%	11,258	112,238
1997	11.3%	9,738	86,490	4.1%	530	12,828	6.4%	697	10,935	11.1%	488	4,375	10.0%	11,525	115,537
1998	11.1%	9,710	87,353	4.1%	544	13,407	6.4%	734	11,466	10.8%	494	4,595	9.8%	11,557	117,730
1999	10.8%	9,545	88,536	4.3%	602	13,999	6.4%	759	11,819	10.9%	521	4,771	9.6%	11,483	120,015
2000	10.7%	9,510	89,108	4.9%	697	14,220	5.9%	732	12,490	9.4%	466	4,977	9.4%	11,460	121,743
2001	10.5%	9,273	88,560	4.4%	629	14,251	6.1%	785	12,848	10.5%	534	5,077	9.3%	11,287	121,707
2002	10.6%	9,290	87,788	4.4%	621	14,062	6.1%	782	12,842	9.9%	502	5,077	9.3%	11,268	120,803
2003	11.1%	9,658	87,305	5.2%	710	13,717	7.0%	1,032	14,777	10.4%	590	5,647	9.8%	12,176	123,830
2004	11.2%	9,880	87,919	5.1%	705	13,926	7.4%	1,135	15,348	11.0%	641	5,851	10.0%	12,558	125,533
2005	11.1%	9,842	89,065	5.2%	751	14,308	7.0%	1,115	15,900	10.8%	661	6,116	9.8%	12,571	128,033
2006	11.1%	9,955	89,833	5.1%	745	14,635	7.5%	1,275	16,958	11.8%	754	6,419	9.9%	12,960	130,459

Notes: (1) The sample includes individuals ages 16 and over who work 15 or more hours during the survey week. (2) Self-employment status is based on the worker's main job activity and includes owners of both unincorporated and incorporated businesses. (3) Agricultural industries are defined using the NAICS classifications and are excluded. Estimates for 1979 to 1991 also exclude veterinary services. (4) Race and Spanish codes changed in 1989, 1996 and 2003, and the CPS was redesigned in 1994. Estimates starting in 2003 only include individuals reporting one race. (5) All estimates are calculated using sample weights provided by the CPS.