Alone together: Entrepreneurship and diversity in the UK



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There are persistent disparities in outcomes for business owners from ethnic minority backgrounds

Black business owners report

£25k median turnover

vs £35k for White business owners and £40k for Asian and Other Ethnic Minority business owners

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49%

of Black entrepreneurs

say they met their non-

financial aims vs 53% of

Asian and Other Ethnic

Minority entrepreneurs

38%

of Asian and Other **Ethnic Minoritu** business owners and 28% of Black business owners report making no profit vs 16% of White business owners



Disparities explained by:

- Access to finance
- Education
- Deprivation
- Under-representation in senior roles
- Systemic disadvantage



Female entrepreneurs from ethnic minority backgrounds experience the biggest disparities

Over 1/3

of Black, and Asian and Other Ethnic minority female business owners report making no profit last year, vs 15% of White female business owners



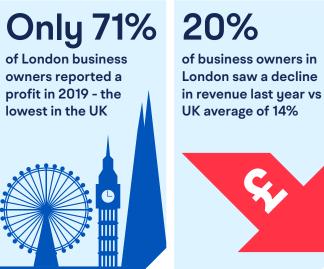
Irrespective of ethnicity, female business owners experience significantly lower median turnover than male business owners



Even after accounting for caring roles and part-time work, substantial disparities persist for female entrepreneurs



Location is an important factor in success, irrespective of ethnicity and gender



South East

based entrepreneurs see the most success with a median turnover of £35k



Money plays a vital role those who are poorer experience less success

Business owners with household income of £75k+ have a median turnover 12 times that of those with an income of under £20k



49%

of Asian and Other Ethnic Minority entrepreneurs cite 'difficulties getting finance' as the reason for stopping work on their business idea





Entrepreneurs includes Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Business Owners. Aspiring Entrepreneurs are currently developing an idea that has business potential, or previously did so in the last five years. Business Owners are self-employed or running a business that they started themselves in the past ten years, or previously did so in the last five years.