

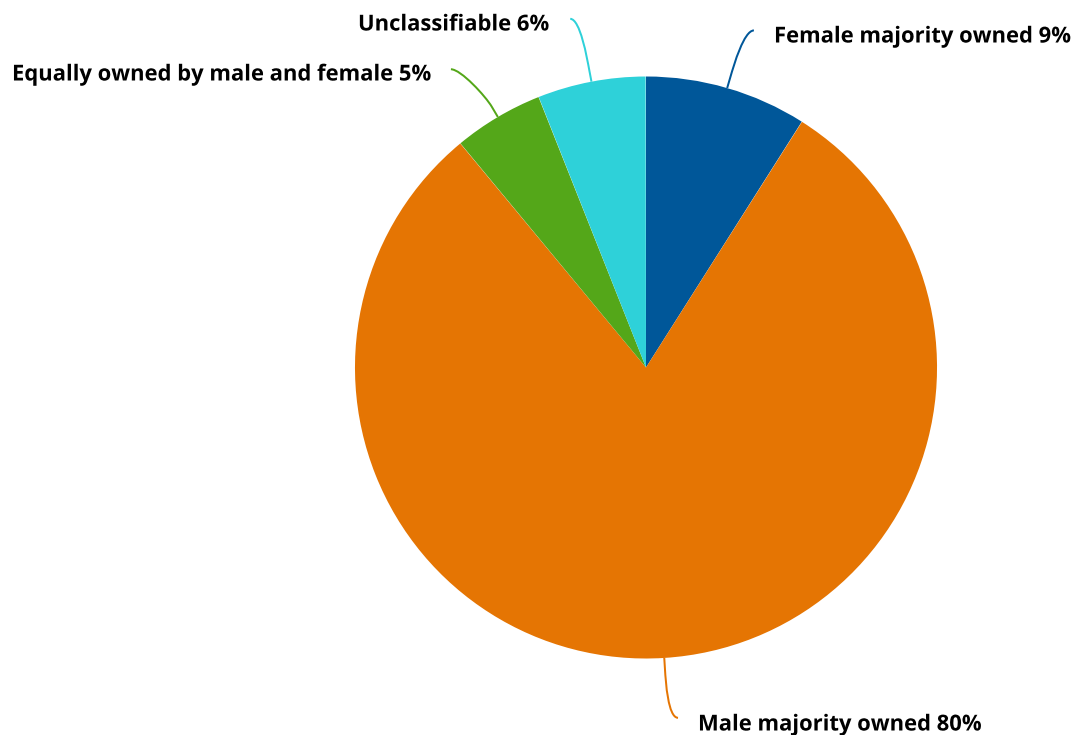


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Male Majority-Owned Microbusinesses Performed 80% of Domestic R&D Costs

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Figure 1 | Distribution of R&D costs performed by companies with 1–9 employees, by sex of primary owners: 2020



Note(s): Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States that performed or funded R&D.

Source(s): National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics and Census Bureau, 2021 Annual Business Survey: Data Year 2020.

In 2020, U.S. microbusinesses (businesses with one to nine employees) performed \$5.6 billion of domestic research and development (R&D) (see [NSF 23-305](#)). Male majority-owned microbusinesses performed 80%, or \$4.5 billion, of the \$5.6 billion in R&D domestic performance costs. Female majority-owned microbusinesses accounted for 9%, or \$517 million, of the total. Microbusinesses that were equally owned by men and women accounted for 5%, or \$293 million, of domestic microbusiness R&D performance.

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