

National Small Business Week 2021 is the [U.S. Small Business Administration's](#) (SBA) annual event recognizing the innovation and contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small businesses across the country. Recognized through [proclamation](#) by the President of the United States since 1963, [National Small Business Week](#) traditionally takes place the first week in May. This year, however, it is scheduled for the week of September 13-15.

National Small Business Week 2021 Events

The main event this year is the [National Small Business Week 3-Day Virtual Summit](#) hosted by the SBA, taking place Monday, September 13 - Wednesday, September 15, 2021. The theme of this year's virtual summit is *Celebrating Resilience and Renewal*, highlighting the resilience of America's entrepreneurs and the renewal of the small business economy as they build back from the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic. Administrator Guzman will kickoff the summit which will feature keynotes by Mark Cuban and Chef Jose Andres. More details on the summit presenters can be found [here](#). The event is open to the public and [registration](#) is free.

As National Small Business Week 2021 co-sponsor, [SCORE](#) will feature 22 virtual educational webinars. This year's events include:

- Life After COVID - A Fireside Chat with SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman and Restaurateur Chef Jose Andres
- The Must-Knows of Wage & Hour Requirements and IRS Small Business Resources
- Access to Capital for Women Entrepreneurs
- Unlocking the Doors to Access for Black-Owned Businesses - Funders and Founders Share Their Real Life Stories
- Empowering the Veteran and Military Small Business Community
- Recovery Lessons from the Nation's Entrepreneurial Coaching Network

America's Small Business - By the Numbers

Small businesses are the drivers of our nation's economy. The SBA Office of Advocacy [2020 U.S. Small Business Profile](#) reports key indicators of America's small business, highlights include:

- 31.7 million small businesses (99.9% of U.S. businesses)
- 60.6 small business employees (47.1% of the U.S. workforce)
- 1.6 million net new jobs added by small businesses
- 5.2 million self-employed minorities

- 285,334 small business exporters

Visit the [2021 Small Business Profiles For the States, the District Of Columbia, and the U.S.](#) and [Small Business Facts](#) to learn more.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

Under the leadership of SBA Administrator [Isabella Casillas Guzman](#), the [mission](#) of the U.S. Small Business Administration is to help “Americans start, build, and grow businesses.”

The SBA was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. To learn more, visit <https://www.sba.gov/>.

Additional Small Business Resources

Already in business or thinking about starting your own small business? Check out our various small business resources:

- View our COVID-19 Resources here: [COVID-19 Small Business Resources](#), [COVID-19 Industry Resources](#) and [Small Business Reopening Guide](#)
- View more business reports here: [Small Business Snapshots](#)
- View industry-specific research here: [Market Research Links](#)
- View small business help topics here: [Small Business Information Center](#)
- View business plans samples here: [Sample Business Plans](#)

Remember, you can also receive **free professional business advice** and free or low-cost business training from your [local Small Business Development Center](#)!

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