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At the end of 2024, there were 1.657 million profit-seeking enterprises in Taiwan; the share of female responsible persons rose to a new high of 37.4%.

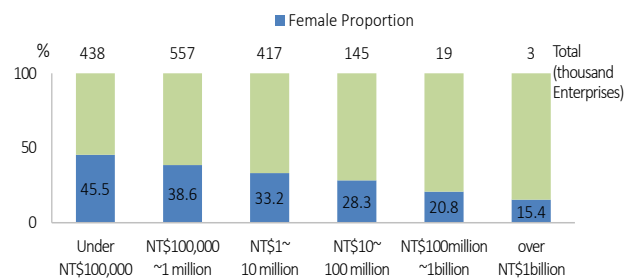
1. As of the end of 2024, the total number of profit-seeking enterprises reached 1.657 million, an increase of 30,000 (+1.9%) from the previous year. Responsible persons<sup>1</sup> remained predominantly male at 62.6%, while the ratio of women-led businesses rose to a record 37.4%, up 1.2 percentage points from 2016. By industry, Wholesale and Retail Trade accounted for the majority of enterprises at 726,000, followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities with 186,000. Among all industries, the proportion of female responsible persons was highest in Other Service Activities (47.8%) and Education (47.2%), likely related to recent trends such as nail and eyebrow salons, miscellaneous beauty treatment, yoga, and dance instruction. By capital brackets, enterprises with NT\$100,000 ~ 1 million in capital accounted for 557,000, the largest segment, followed by those with under NT\$100,000 at 438,000, together comprising 60% of all enterprises. Among businesses with under NT\$100,000 in capital, 45.5% were led by women — the highest among all segments. This indicates that women tend to start businesses in sectors with lower capital requirements and entry barriers. As capital bracket increases, the share of female responsible persons declines significantly, reflecting that capital-intensive and large-scale enterprises remain predominantly led by men.

Number of Profit-Seeking Enterprises and Gender Composition of Responsible Persons

Unit:10,000 Enterprises;%

Year / Industry	Total	Male	Female
2016	135.7	63.8	36.2
2022	157.6	63.1	36.9
2023	162.7	62.8	37.2
2024	165.7	62.6	37.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	72.6	60.4	39.6
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	18.6	53.4	46.6
Other Service Activities	9.7	52.2	47.8
Education	0.7	52.8	47.2

Proportion of Female Responsible Persons by Capital Brackets<sup>2</sup> (End of 2024)

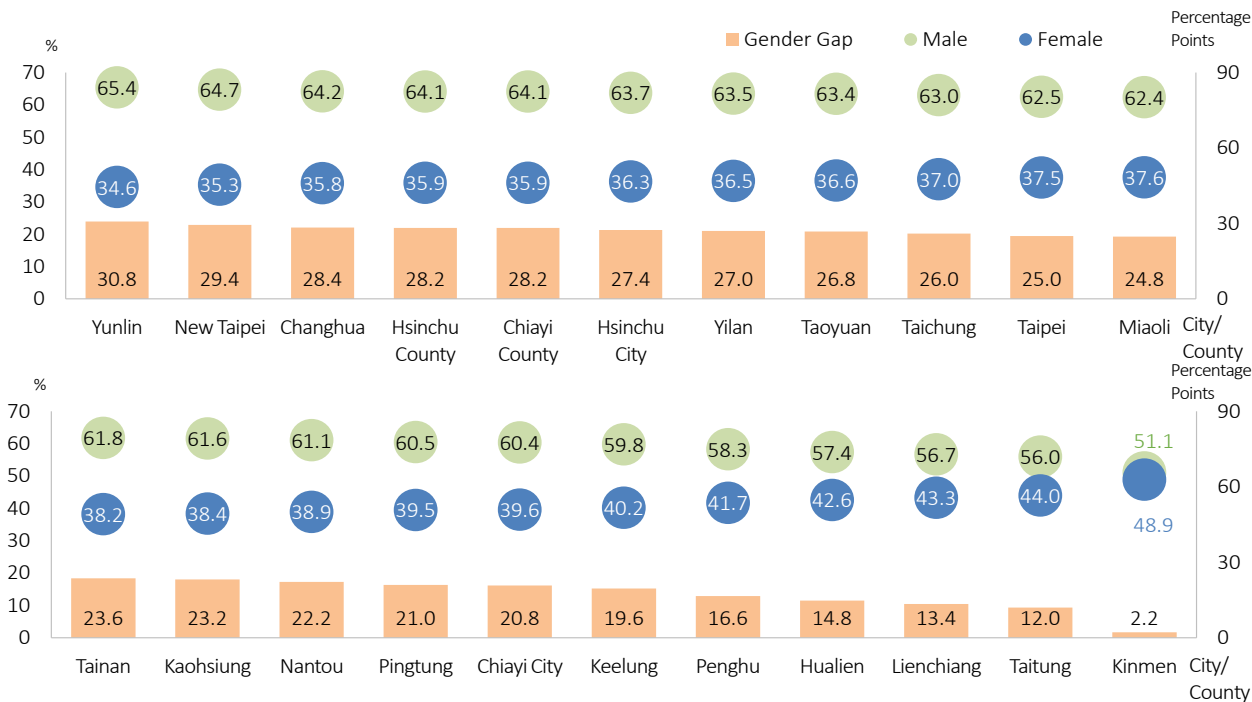


<sup>1</sup> The responsible person, representative, or manager in this table denotes persons to be registered in the Business Registration in accordance with Article 4 of the Regulations Governing Taxation Registration.

<sup>2</sup> The capital amount "Under NT\$100,000" does not include branch offices (which have a capital amount of NT\$0). Classification of capital of "NT\$100,000~1 million" refers to capital amount is greater than NT\$100 thousand and less or equal to NT\$1 million, and so on.

2. With regard to counties and cities, at the end of 2024, male responsible persons outnumbered females in all counties and cities. The largest gender gaps were in Yunlin County (30.8 percentage points) and New Taipei City (29.4 percentage points), likely due to a higher share of labor-intensive industries such as Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, and Animal Husbandry, and Construction, where female participation is lower. Counties such as Penghu, Hualien, Lienchiang, and Taitung Counties, driven by tourism and service-oriented industries, have higher proportions of female operators in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Accommodation and Food Service Activities, resulting in female shares exceeding 40% and relatively smaller gender gaps. In Kinmen County, the industrial structure is highly concentrated in Wholesale and Retail Trade (79%), a sector largely run by women. As a result, the overall proportion of female responsible persons is 48.9%, only slightly lower than males at 51.1%, with a gender gap of just 2.2 percentage points.

Gender Gap of Responsible Persons in Profit-Seeking Enterprises by County and City  
(End of 2024)



Data Source: Fiscal Information Agency, Ministry of Finance.