

**Status of Women in Miami-Dade County**  
**Award of Miami-Dade County Government Contracts Addendum**  
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The Status of Women in Miami-Dade County report is published annually to track disparities between men and women and our progress towards closing the gender gap. The most current report was released in March 2019 and it noted a marked decline from 2017 to 2018 in the number of Miami-Dade County (MDC) government contracts awarded to businesses identified as women-owned.

This variance was due to the historical gaps in the demographic data provided to Miami-Dade County on a required or voluntary basis by certified small business and non-certified firms. However, as a result of the County's recently implemented web-based software, the Business Management Workforce System (BMWS), it is anticipated that the amount and accuracy of demographic data collected from firms bidding on and/or awarded MDC contracts will continue to improve, allowing for more robust reporting on the participation of women-owned firms.

If you have further questions regarding the collection of demographic data by Small Business Development (SBD), a division of the Internal Services Department, please contact Gary Hartfield, SBD Director, at [Gary.Hartfield@miamidade.gov](mailto:Gary.Hartfield@miamidade.gov).