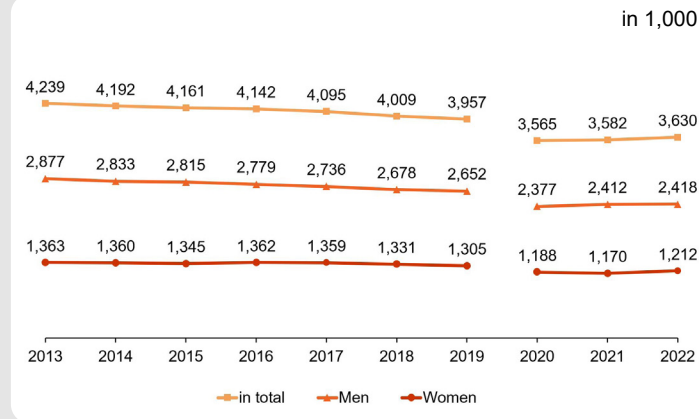


Half of the self-employed have no employees

Approximately 3.6 million people in Germany are self-employed full-time, thereof 1.2 million women and 2.4 million men.

Since 2013, the number of self-employed men has decreased more strongly than the number of their female counter parts. However, the total number of self-employed individuals has slightly increased again since 2020.

Number of self-employed in Germany (2013-2022)

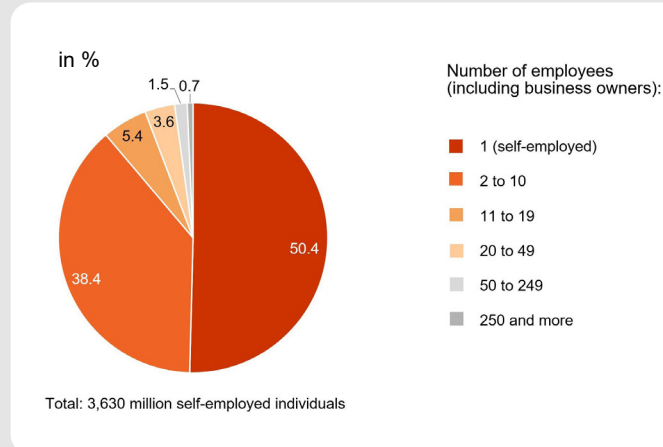


Solo self-employed primarily in the service sector

Half of the self-employed (1.8 million) work without employees – and are thus classified as solo self-employed. Their main areas of activity lie in the service sector, such as professional, scientific, and technical services.



Self-employed individuals in Germany
(by establishment size)



Self-employed with employees are more common in the trade and healthcare sectors

38% of self-employed have up to 10 employees, 11% even have 10 or more. Self-employed with employees are primarily engaged in trade, healthcare and social services, as well as in construction.

Self-employed with and without employees
(by sectors)

