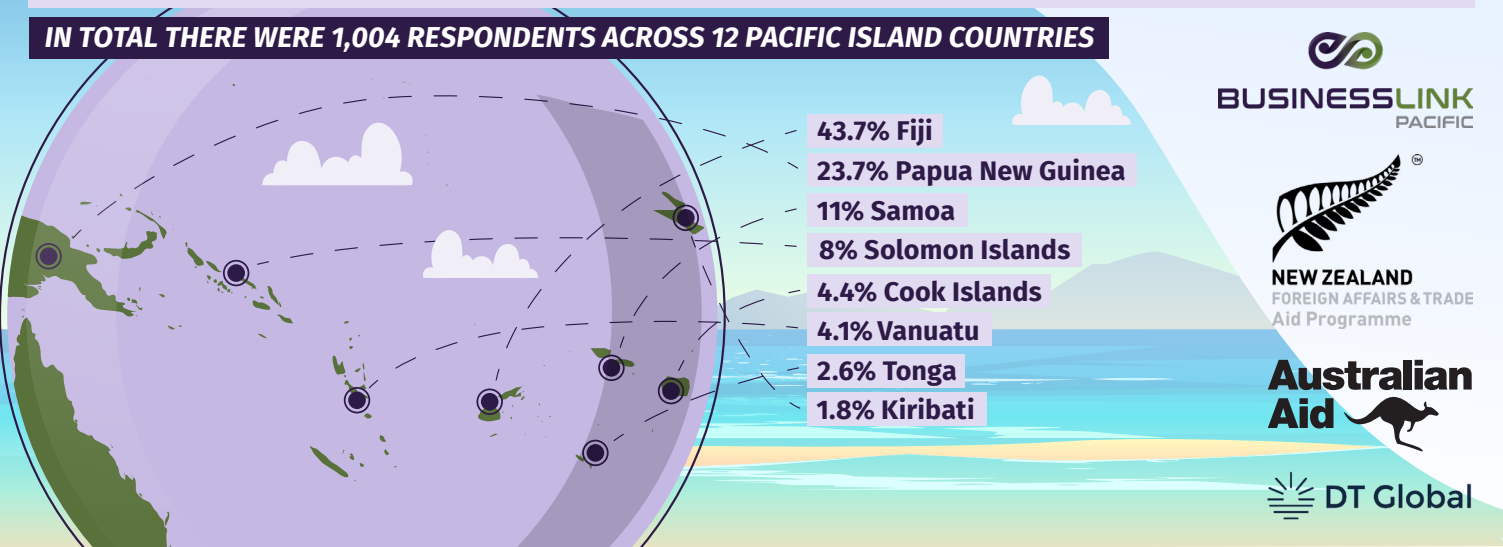


BLP's SME FINANCE AND COVID-19 SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

IN TOTAL THERE WERE 1,004 RESPONDENTS ACROSS 12 PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES



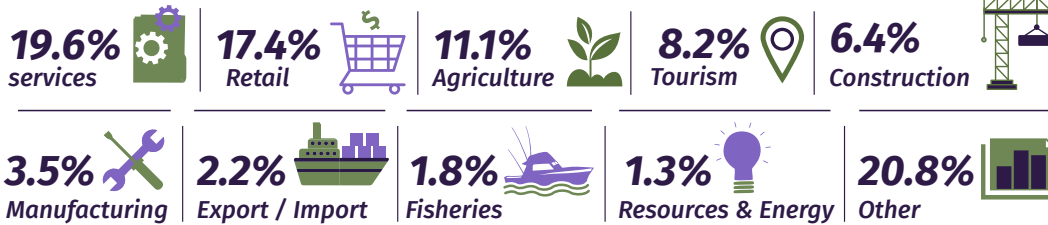
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These businesses operate in all industry categories, including:



The gender composition of business ownership:



MAIN FINDINGS: Human Resources

- 55% of SME respondents have incorporated additional health and safety requirements in their workplaces to limit the impact of COVID-19.
- 52.8% offer compassionate leave and 38.4% offer extended maternity leave.
- 23.5% of respondents reported that within the labour market women have been most negatively affected by the pandemic, followed by males (18.6%), youth (16%) and people with disabilities (9.4%). 32% reported not knowing who in the workforce was most affected by COVID-19.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In your opinion, who in your workforce has been most negatively impacted by the Covid-19 Crisis?

