Understanding Entrepreneurship

Young and growing firms are a principal source of net job creation in the United States and around the globe, and they help drive productivity and innovation. To better understand what drives innovation and entrepreneurial growth in the world, the Kauffman Foundation produces a wide range of research and resources that offer data, trends, and policy implications for entrepreneurship.

State of the Field
An online hub covering the most up-to-date research on all aspects of entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship Policy Digest
Each brief covers a policy issue related to entrepreneurship. Written for policymakers, the Digests deliver quick facts and actionable policy ideas distilled from the Kauffman Foundation’s extensive research.

Blogs from Kauffman Foundation Researchers

Growthology: links between entrepreneurship, economic welfare, and economic growth

Policy Dialogue on Entrepreneurship: information and analysis on policies and initiatives that drive innovation and economic growth

Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship
This annual conference brings mayors and experts together to discuss ways to promote entrepreneurship in their cities.

Data Maven: information on available data to study entrepreneurship trends
The Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurship

This index is the first and largest index tracking entrepreneurship across city, state, and national levels for the United States, and also presents demographic characteristics of the business owners. The 2015 Index covers annual activity from 1996 to 2014.

The Entrepreneurial Scholar

The Entrepreneurial Scholar is designed for researchers who study the field of entrepreneurship. It highlights and links to research and resources, including calls for papers, events, new data, papers, and blog posts.

Forthcoming Papers

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