2019 was a big year for the Ohio Small Business Development Centers. For the first time in the program’s 34-year history, the majority of our clients were women. The majority of businesses the program helped start were women-owned, and the program saw a historic increase in services to every minority demographic served.

The program also saw increased demand and services in historically underserved areas, with a 16 percent increase in services provided in Appalachian counties.

Ohio SBDCs provide high-quality, in-depth and confidential consulting at no cost to Ohio small businesses. With more than 25 locations across the state, SBDCs are accessible and ready to provide services small businesses need to expand, innovate, increase productivity and even grow internationally.