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Across Industries, the Female Inventor Rate is Half the Female Employment Rate

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Chasing Engineering and Science Success (SUCCESS) Act of 2018 directs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to study and report to Congress on the number of patents applied for and obtained: (1) by women, minorities, and veterans; and (2) by small businesses owned by women, minorities, and veterans. In partial fulfilment of that directive, the USPTO Office of the Chief Economist, in February of 2019, published "Progress and Potential – A profile of women inventors on U.S. Patents". The stated purpose of the report is "to learn more about the progress and potential of women in patenting," as a means to "harness underexploited talent."