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OCTOBER IS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH IN BC

October, 2009 – October is Small Business Month in British Columbia. Around the province, businesses and organizations are celebrating that vital centre of BC's economy – the small business.

Small Business BC has assembled a calendar of all events taking place this month in relation to Small Business Month. To find out what's happening in your area, [click here](#).

Facts about small business in British Columbia:

- In 2008 small business accounted for one-third – 34 per cent – of British Columbia's GDP, the highest of all provinces.
- The number of self-employed people in British Columbia rose 13.8 per cent between 2003 and 2008, well above the national average of 9.5 per cent.
- Small business workers have seen annual earnings increase by 24 per cent over the past five years --that's more than twice the increase for large business workers.

Read more BC small business facts in the [Provincial Government's news release](#)

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