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## The role of self-employment in U.S. and Canadian job growth

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Self-employment rates have been higher in Canada than in the United States for some time, and this tendency became more pronounced during the 1990s. This article does not attempt to explore the causes of the recent differences in the contribution of self-employment to net job creation between the United States and Canada, but instead focuses on comparing the characteristics of the self-employed and the growth of self-employment in the two countries.

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