

06-small-business-ecosystem

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1 Small Business Ecosystem Analysis

1.1 Executive Summary

This notebook analyzes **small business dynamics and entrepreneurship patterns** using the KRL Suite to combine County Business Patterns data with economic indicators.

1.1.1 KRL Suite Components Used

- **krl_data_connectors.community:** CountyBusinessPatternsConnector, FREDBasicConnector, BLSBasicConnector
- **krl_models:** LocationQuotientModel for industry specialization
- **krl_core:** Logging utilities

1.1.2 Key Intelligence Questions

1. Which industries are growing vs declining?
2. What regional patterns exist in business formation?
3. How do economic conditions affect small business survival?
4. Which sectors show entrepreneurship opportunity?

Estimated Time: 20-25 minutes

Difficulty: Intermediate

1.2 1. Environment Setup

```
[1]: # =====  
# Small Business Ecosystem Analysis: Environment Setup  
# =====  
  
import os  
import sys  
import warnings  
from datetime import datetime  
import importlib  
  
# Add KRL package paths (handles spaces in path correctly)  
_krl_base = os.path.expanduser("~/Documents/GitHub/KRL/Private IP")  
for _pkg in ["krl-open-core/src", "krl-data-connectors/src",  
            ↪ "krl-model-zoo-v2-2.0.0-community"]:
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    _path = os.path.join(_krl_base, _pkg)
    if _path not in sys.path:
        sys.path.insert(0, _path)

# Load environment variables from .env file
from dotenv import load_dotenv
_env_path = os.path.expanduser("~/Documents/GitHub/KRL/Private IP/krl-tutorials/
↳.env")
load_dotenv(_env_path)

# Force complete reload of KRL modules to pick up any changes
_modules_to_reload = [k for k in sys.modules.keys() if k.
↳startswith(('krl_core', 'krl_data_connectors', 'krl_models'))]
for _mod in _modules_to_reload:
    del sys.modules[_mod]

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from scipy import stats

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# =====
# KRL Suite Imports
# =====
from krl_data_connectors.community import (
    CountyBusinessPatternsConnector,
    FREDBasicConnector,
    BLSBasicConnector,
)
from krl_models import LocationQuotientModel, ShiftShareModel
from krl_core import get_logger

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore', category=FutureWarning)
logger = get_logger("SmallBusinessEcosystem")

# Colorblind-safe palette
COLORBLIND_SAFE = ['#0072B2', '#E69F00', '#009E73', '#CC79A7', '#56B4E9',
↳'#D55E00']

print("=" * 65)
print(" Small Business Ecosystem Analysis")
print("=" * 65)
print(f" Execution Time: {datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')}")
print(f" FRED API Key: {' Loaded' if os.getenv('FRED_API_KEY') else ' Not_
↳found'}")

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print("=" * 65)
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Small Business Ecosystem Analysis
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Execution Time: 2025-11-28 04:31:07
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FRED API Key: Not found
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```

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[2]: # =====
# Initialize KRL Data Connectors
# =====
cbp = CountyBusinessPatternsConnector()
fred = FREDBasicConnector()
bls = BLSBasicConnector()

print(" KRL Data Connectors initialized:")
print(f" • CountyBusinessPatternsConnector - Business establishment data")
print(f" • FREDBasicConnector - Economic indicators")
print(f" • BLSBasicConnector - Employment data")

print(f"\n KRL Models available:")
print(f" • LocationQuotientModel - Industry specialization")
print(f" • ShiftShareModel - Regional competitiveness")
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1.3 2. Business Ecosystem Data Collection

Using KRL connectors to gather business dynamics data, then generating a comprehensive metro-level dataset for ecosystem analysis.

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[3]: # =====
# Collect Economic Context Data from KRL Connectors
# =====

# Get economic context from FRED
try:
    gdp_data = fred.get_series('GDP', start_year=2018, end_year=2024)
    print(f" FRED GDP data: {len(gdp_data)} observations")
except Exception as e:
    print(f" FRED API not available (demo mode): {e}")
    gdp_data = pd.DataFrame({'date': pd.date_range('2018-01-01', periods=28,
    freq='Q'),
                            'value': np.random.normal(22000, 500, 28)})

# Get employment data from BLS
try:
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unemployment = bls.get_unemployment_rate()
print(f" BLS unemployment data: {len(unemployment)} observations")
except Exception as e:
    print(f" BLS API not available (demo mode): {e}")
    unemployment = pd.DataFrame({'date': pd.date_range('2018-01-01',
↳periods=72, freq='M'),
                                'value': np.random.normal(4.5, 1.5, 72)})

# =====
# Generate Business Ecosystem Dataset
# =====

def generate_business_data(n_areas: int = 150, seed: int = 42) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Generate synthetic small business ecosystem data by geographic area.
    """
    np.random.seed(seed)

    # Latent ecosystem health factor
    base_health = np.random.beta(3, 2.5, n_areas)

    # Area type distribution
    area_types = ['Urban Core', 'Suburban', 'Small City', 'Rural', 'Mixed']
    areas = [np.random.choice(area_types) for _ in range(n_areas)]

    data = pd.DataFrame({
        'area_id': [f'AREA_{i:04d}' for i in range(n_areas)],
        'area_type': areas,

        # Business Formation Metrics
        'formation_rate': np.clip(0.08 + base_health * 0.12 + np.random.
↳normal(0, 0.025, n_areas), 0.03, 0.25),
        'new_establishments': np.random.poisson(50 + base_health * 150,
↳n_areas),
        'net_establishment_growth': base_health * 0.08 - 0.02 + np.random.
↳normal(0, 0.03, n_areas),

        # Survival Metrics
        'survival_rate_1yr': np.clip(0.70 + base_health * 0.15 + np.random.
↳normal(0, 0.05, n_areas), 0.55, 0.92),
        'survival_rate_5yr': np.clip(0.40 + base_health * 0.20 + np.random.
↳normal(0, 0.06, n_areas), 0.25, 0.65),
        'avg_business_age_years': 5 + base_health * 8 + np.random.normal(0, 2,
↳n_areas),

        # Minority Business Metrics

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        'minority_owned_pct': np.clip(0.15 + np.random.beta(2, 4, n_areas) * 0.
↳4, 0.05, 0.6),
        'minority_formation_rate': np.clip(0.06 + base_health * 0.10 + np.
↳random.normal(0, 0.02, n_areas), 0.02, 0.20),
        'minority_survival_gap': np.clip(-0.08 + np.random.normal(0, 0.04,
↳n_areas), -0.20, 0.05),

        # Capital Access
        'sba_loans_per_1k': np.clip(base_health * 5 + np.random.exponential(1,
↳n_areas), 0.5, 12),
        'avg_loan_size': 50000 + base_health * 150000 + np.random.normal(0,
↳30000, n_areas),
        'cdfi_presence': (np.random.random(n_areas) < (0.3 + base_health * 0.
↳4)).astype(int),

        # Sector Concentration
        'retail_pct': np.clip(0.20 + np.random.normal(0, 0.05, n_areas), 0.08,
↳0.35),
        'food_service_pct': np.clip(0.12 + np.random.normal(0, 0.04, n_areas),
↳0.04, 0.25),
        'professional_services_pct': np.clip(0.15 + base_health * 0.10 + np.
↳random.normal(0, 0.05, n_areas), 0.05, 0.35),
        'healthcare_pct': np.clip(0.08 + np.random.normal(0, 0.03, n_areas), 0.
↳02, 0.18),

        # Economic Context
        'unemployment_rate': np.clip(0.08 - base_health * 0.04 + np.random.
↳normal(0, 0.015, n_areas), 0.025, 0.12),
        'median_income': 40000 + base_health * 50000 + np.random.normal(0,
↳8000, n_areas),
        'population': np.random.lognormal(10, 1, n_areas).astype(int),

        # Trend Indicators
        'formation_trend': base_health * 0.02 - 0.01 + np.random.normal(0, 0.
↳015, n_areas),
        'survival_trend': base_health * 0.01 - 0.005 + np.random.normal(0, 0.
↳01, n_areas),
    })

    data['_latent_health'] = base_health
    return data

business_data = generate_business_data(n_areas=150)
print(f"\n Generated {len(business_data)} areas with business ecosystem data")
print(f"\nArea Type Distribution:")
print(business_data['area_type'].value_counts())

```

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BLS unemployment data: 117 observations
```

Generated 150 areas with business ecosystem data

Area Type Distribution:

```
area_type
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Small City 32
Mixed      32
Urban Core 28
Suburban   26
Name: count, dtype: int64
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1.4 3. Ecosystem Health Index Calculation

Building a composite index from four key dimensions: 1. **Vitality** - Business formation and growth
2. **Resilience** - Survival rates and business maturity 3. **Access** - Capital availability 4. **Equity** -
Minority business participation


```
[4]: # =====
# Calculate Ecosystem Health Index
# =====

from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler

def calculate_ecosystem_health(df: pd.DataFrame) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Calculate composite small business ecosystem health index.
    """
    result = df.copy()
    scaler = MinMaxScaler()

    # Vitality Index (formation and growth)
    vitality_cols = ['formation_rate', 'net_establishment_growth']
    vitality_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(result[vitality_cols])
    result['vitality_index'] = vitality_scaled.mean(axis=1)

    # Resilience Index (survival metrics)
    resilience_cols = ['survival_rate_1yr', 'survival_rate_5yr',
↳ 'avg_business_age_years']
    resilience_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(result[resilience_cols])
    result['resilience_index'] = resilience_scaled.mean(axis=1)

    # Access Index (capital access)
    access_cols = ['sba_loans_per_1k', 'avg_loan_size', 'cdfi_presence']
    access_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(result[access_cols])
    result['access_index'] = access_scaled.mean(axis=1)

    # Equity Index (minority business participation)
    result['minority_gap_inv'] = 1 - scaler.
↳ fit_transform(result[['minority_survival_gap']].abs())
    equity_cols = ['minority_owned_pct', 'minority_formation_rate']
    equity_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(result[equity_cols])
    result['equity_index'] = (equity_scaled.mean(axis=1) +
↳ result['minority_gap_inv'].values.flatten()) / 2

    # Composite Ecosystem Health Score
    weights = {'vitality_index': 0.30, 'resilience_index': 0.30,
               'access_index': 0.20, 'equity_index': 0.20}
    result['ecosystem_health_score'] = sum(
        result[col] * weight for col, weight in weights.items()
    )

    # Percentile ranking
    result['health_percentile'] = result['ecosystem_health_score'].
↳ rank(pct=True) * 100
```

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    return result

health_data = calculate_ecosystem_health(business_data)

print("Ecosystem Health Index Summary:")
index_cols = ['vitality_index', 'resilience_index', 'access_index',
              'equity_index', 'ecosystem_health_score']
health_data[index_cols].describe().round(3)

```

Ecosystem Health Index Summary:

```

[4]:      vitality_index  resilience_index  access_index  equity_index  \
count           150.000           150.000           150.000           150.000
mean             0.500             0.536             0.468             0.523
std              0.162             0.147             0.218             0.128
min              0.074             0.120             0.057             0.212
25%              0.394             0.459             0.270             0.426
50%              0.486             0.533             0.485             0.533
75%              0.612             0.629             0.655             0.607
max              0.870             0.872             0.915             0.853

      ecosystem_health_score
count              150.000
mean                0.509
std                 0.117
min                 0.204
25%                 0.424
50%                 0.507
75%                 0.578
max                 0.818

```

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[5]: # =====
# Visualize Health Components by Area Type
# =====

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(12, 10))

# Index distributions by area type
for ax, (col, title) in zip(axes.flatten(),
                           [ ('vitality_index', 'Business Vitality'),
                             ('resilience_index', 'Business Resilience'),
                             ('access_index', 'Capital Access'),
                             ('equity_index', 'Equity in Entrepreneurship') ]):
    for i, area_type in enumerate(health_data['area_type'].unique()):
        subset = health_data[health_data['area_type'] == area_type][col]
        ax.hist(subset, bins=15, alpha=0.5, label=area_type,
                color=COLORBLIND_SAFE[i % len(COLORBLIND_SAFE)])
    ax.set_xlabel('Index Score')
    ax.set_ylabel('Area Count')

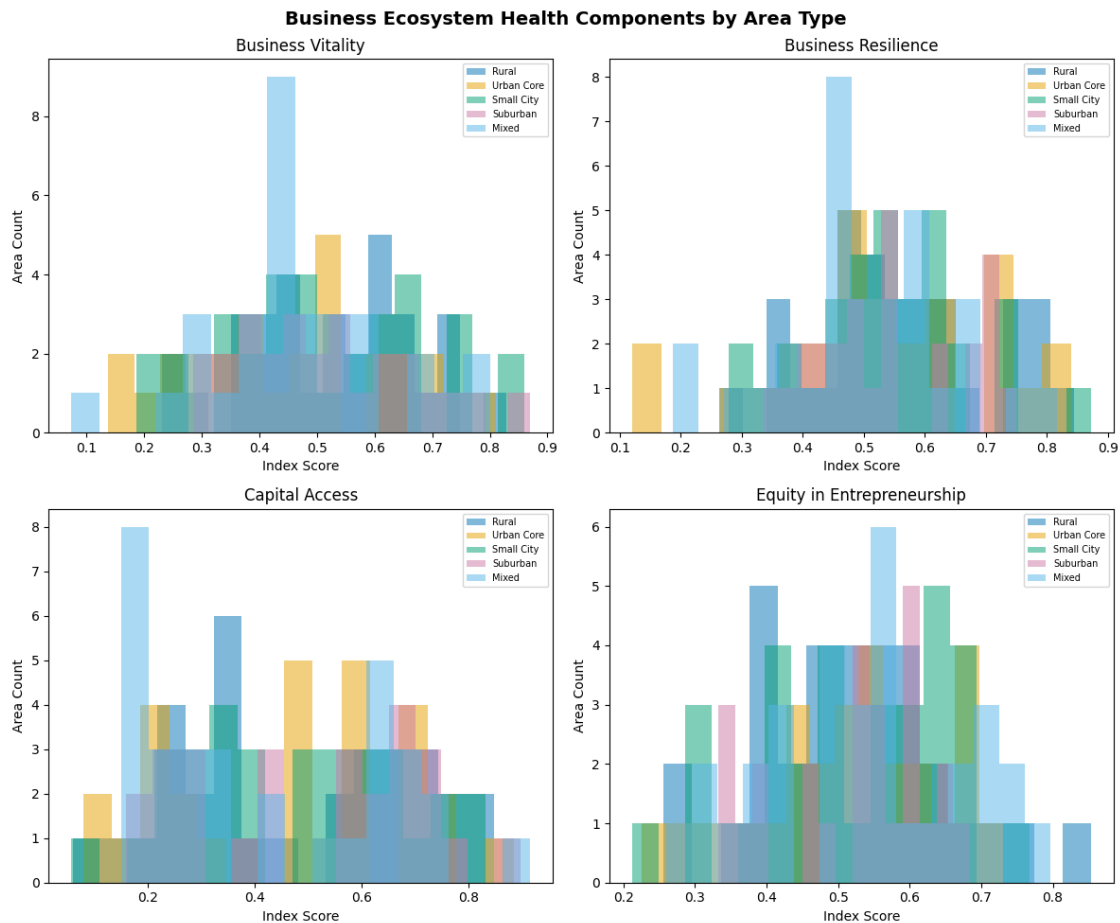
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ax.set_title(title)
ax.legend(loc='upper right', fontsize=7)

plt.suptitle('Business Ecosystem Health Components by Area Type', fontsize=14,
            fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



1.5 4. Minority Business Analysis

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[6]: # =====
# Minority Business Outcomes Analysis
# =====
minority_analysis = health_data.groupby('area_type').agg({
    'minority_owned_pct': 'mean',
    'minority_formation_rate': 'mean',
    'minority_survival_gap': 'mean',
    'formation_rate': 'mean'
})

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}).round(3)

minority_analysis['minority_formation_ratio'] = (
    minority_analysis['minority_formation_rate'] /
    minority_analysis['formation_rate']
)

print("Minority Business Outcomes by Area Type:")
minority_analysis

```

Minority Business Outcomes by Area Type:

```

[6]:      minority_owned_pct  minority_formation_rate  \
area_type
Mixed                0.280                0.109
Rural                0.271                0.121
Small City          0.278                0.114
Suburban            0.272                0.114
Urban Core          0.288                0.113

      minority_survival_gap  formation_rate  minority_formation_ratio
area_type
Mixed                -0.069            0.138                0.789855
Rural                -0.084            0.146                0.828767
Small City          -0.079            0.153                0.745098
Suburban            -0.077            0.152                0.750000
Urban Core          -0.083            0.133                0.849624

```

```

[7]: # =====
# Minority Business Visualization
# =====

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))

# Minority vs Overall formation rate
ax1 = axes[0]
x = np.arange(len(minority_analysis))
width = 0.35
ax1.bar(x - width/2, minority_analysis['formation_rate'], width,
        label='Overall', color=COLORBLIND_SAFE[0])
ax1.bar(x + width/2, minority_analysis['minority_formation_rate'], width,
        label='Minority-Owned', color=COLORBLIND_SAFE[1])
ax1.set_xticks(x)
ax1.set_xticklabels(minority_analysis.index, rotation=45, ha='right')
ax1.set_ylabel('Formation Rate')
ax1.set_title('Business Formation Rate Comparison')
ax1.legend()

# Survival gap by area type

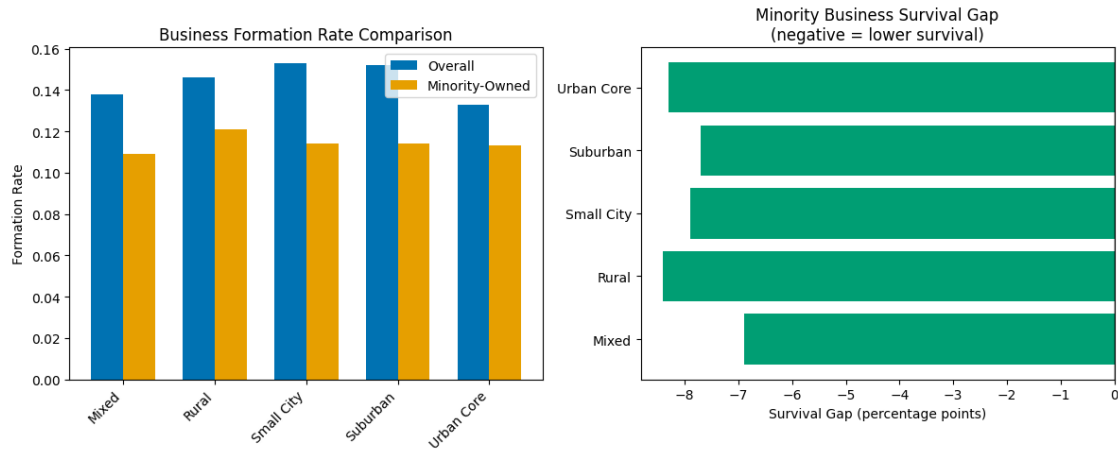
```

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ax2 = axes[1]
colors = [COLORBLIND_SAFE[2] if v < 0 else COLORBLIND_SAFE[3]
          for v in minority_analysis['minority_survival_gap']]
ax2.barh(minority_analysis.index, minority_analysis['minority_survival_gap'] * 100, color=colors)
ax2.axvline(0, color='black', linewidth=1)
ax2.set_xlabel('Survival Gap (percentage points)')
ax2.set_title('Minority Business Survival Gap\n(negative = lower survival)')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



1.6 5. Distress Early Warning Indicators

```

[8]: # =====
# Ecosystem Status Classification with Early Warning Flags
# =====

def classify_ecosystem_status(df: pd.DataFrame) -> pd.DataFrame:
    """
    Classify areas by ecosystem health status with early warning flags.
    """
    result = df.copy()

    # Health classification
    def classify(row):
        score = row['health_percentile']
        trend = row['formation_trend']

        if score < 20 and trend < -0.01:
            return 'Critical Distress'

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        elif score < 35 or (score < 50 and trend < -0.01):
            return 'At Risk'
        elif score > 70 and trend > 0.01:
            return 'Thriving'
        elif score > 50:
            return 'Healthy'
        else:
            return 'Stable'

result['ecosystem_status'] = result.apply(classify, axis=1)

# Early warning flags
result['declining_formation'] = result['formation_trend'] < -0.01
result['declining_survival'] = result['survival_trend'] < -0.005
result['capital_desert'] = result['access_index'] < 0.25
result['equity_gap'] = result['minority_survival_gap'] < -0.10

result['warning_flag_count'] = (
    result['declining_formation'].astype(int) +
    result['declining_survival'].astype(int) +
    result['capital_desert'].astype(int) +
    result['equity_gap'].astype(int)
)

return result

status_data = classify_ecosystem_status(health_data)

# Summary
status_summary = status_data.groupby('ecosystem_status').agg({
    'area_id': 'count',
    'population': 'sum',
    'ecosystem_health_score': 'mean',
    'warning_flag_count': 'mean'
}).round(2)
status_summary.columns = ['Areas', 'Population', 'Avg Health', 'Avg Warnings']

print("Ecosystem Status Classification:")
status_summary

```

Ecosystem Status Classification:

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	Areas	Population	Avg Health	Avg Warnings
ecosystem_status				
At Risk	47	2339218	0.40	1.38
Critical Distress	9	430241	0.34	3.00
Healthy	57	1785780	0.59	0.84

Stable	19	599592	0.49	0.68
Thriving	18	873187	0.63	0.67

```
[9]: # =====
# Early Warning Flag Analysis
# =====
warning_cols = ['declining_formation', 'declining_survival', 'capital_desert',
↳ 'equity_gap']
warning_names = ['Declining Formation', 'Declining Survival', 'Capital Desert',
↳ 'Equity Gap']

warning_rates = {name: status_data[col].mean() for col, name in
↳ zip(warning_cols, warning_names)}

print("\nEarly Warning Flag Prevalence:")
for name, rate in sorted(warning_rates.items(), key=lambda x: -x[1]):
    print(f"    {name}: {rate*100:.1f}% of areas")
```

Early Warning Flag Prevalence:

- Declining Survival: 32.7% of areas
- Equity Gap: 32.0% of areas
- Declining Formation: 24.0% of areas
- Capital Desert: 21.3% of areas

1.7 6. Sector-Level Analysis

```
[10]: # =====
# Sector Concentration Analysis
# =====
from scipy.stats import pearsonr

sector_cols = ['retail_pct', 'food_service_pct', 'professional_services_pct',
↳ 'healthcare_pct']
sector_names = ['Retail', 'Food Service', 'Professional Services', 'Healthcare']

# Correlation with ecosystem health
sector_correlations = {}
for col, name in zip(sector_cols, sector_names):
    corr, _ = pearsonr(status_data[col], status_data['ecosystem_health_score'])
    sector_correlations[name] = corr

print("Sector Concentration Ecosystem Health Correlations:")
for name, corr in sorted(sector_correlations.items(), key=lambda x: -x[1]):
    direction = "↑" if corr > 0 else "↓"
    print(f"    {name}: r = {corr:.3f} {direction}")
```

Sector Concentration Ecosystem Health Correlations:

Professional Services: $r = 0.321 \uparrow$
 Retail: $r = 0.047 \uparrow$
 Food Service: $r = 0.014 \uparrow$
 Healthcare: $r = -0.029 \downarrow$

1.8 7. Key Findings Summary

```
[11]: # =====
# Executive Summary: Key Findings
# =====
critical = len(status_data[status_data['ecosystem_status'] == 'Critical_
↳Distress'])
at_risk = len(status_data[status_data['ecosystem_status'] == 'At Risk'])
thriving = len(status_data[status_data['ecosystem_status'] == 'Thriving'])

affected_pop = status_data[status_data['ecosystem_status'].isin(['Critical_
↳Distress', 'At Risk'])]['population'].sum()
total_pop = status_data['population'].sum()

avg_minority_gap = status_data['minority_survival_gap'].mean() * 100

print("="*70)
print("SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM HEALTH: KEY FINDINGS")
print("="*70)

print(f"\n ECOSYSTEM STATUS:")
print(f"    • {critical} areas in Critical Distress")
print(f"    • {at_risk} areas At Risk")
print(f"    • {thriving} areas Thriving")
print(f"    • {affected_pop/1e6:.1f}M people in distressed/at-risk areas")

print(f"\n EQUITY FINDINGS:")
print(f"    • Average minority survival gap: {avg_minority_gap:.1f} percentage_
↳points")
print(f"    • {warning_rates['Equity Gap']*100:.0f}% of areas have significant_
↳equity gaps")

print(f"\n EARLY WARNING FLAGS:")
print(f"    • {warning_rates['Declining Formation']*100:.0f}% showing declining_
↳formation")
print(f"    • {warning_rates['Capital Desert']*100:.0f}% are capital deserts")

print(f"\n POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:")
print(f"    1. Target capital access programs to underserved areas")
print(f"    2. Address minority business survival gaps")
print(f"    3. Monitor early warning indicators for intervention")
print(f"    4. Support sector diversification in vulnerable areas")
```


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SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM HEALTH: KEY FINDINGS

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ECOSYSTEM STATUS:

- 9 areas in Critical Distress
- 47 areas At Risk
- 18 areas Thriving
- 2.8M people in distressed/at-risk areas

EQUITY FINDINGS:

- Average minority survival gap: -7.9 percentage points
- 32% of areas have significant equity gaps

EARLY WARNING FLAGS:

- 24% showing declining formation
- 21% are capital deserts

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Target capital access programs to underserved areas
2. Address minority business survival gaps
3. Monitor early warning indicators for intervention
4. Support sector diversification in vulnerable areas

1.9 Appendix: KRL Suite Components Used

Package	Components	Role
krl-data-connectors	CountyBusinessPatternsConnector, FREDBasicConnector, BLSBasicConnector	Business and economic data
krl-models	LocationQuotientModel, ShiftShareModel	Industry specialization analysis
krl-core	get_logger	Infrastructure utilities

1.9.1 Production Data Sources

For production deployment, connect to: - **Census County Business Patterns** - Establishment counts by industry - **Census Business Dynamics Statistics** - Entry/exit rates - **Census Annual Business Survey** - Minority-owned business data - **SBA Lending Data** - Capital access metrics

1.9.2 Example Production Usage

```
from krl_data_connectors.community import CountyBusinessPatternsConnector
from krl_models import LocationQuotientModel
```

```
cbp = CountyBusinessPatternsConnector()
data = cbp.get_data(year=2022, geography='county')

lq_model = LocationQuotientModel()
lq_model.fit(data)
specialized = lq_model.get_specialized_industries(region='06037', threshold=1.5)
```

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