African Americans have truly made a significant impact on American society, overcoming many obstacles such as slavery, segregation, withheld voting rights, police brutality and numerous other things. Even today, African Americans still face challenges in becoming successful business owners. The purpose of this research is to examine the rise of powerful African American individuals within the business world, and to recognize successful African American business owners. The steps taken to complete this project include collection of data and analysis from the *U.S. Census Bureau*, and a review of successful entrepreneurs and their businesses in the United States. Under consideration will be the impact that African Americans have made on the American economy. This project will note famous African Americans who have been successful entrepreneurs in the past as well as today, through a statistical analysis of black-owned businesses. The results will show that with over 2 million businesses owned by African American entrepreneurs, they are rapidly growing in numbers and are helping build America's economy.