## 

MONTHLY POLL

## July 2023 Job Greators Network Small Business Monthly Poll

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## Methodology

This national survey of 400 small business employers was conducted between July 7-30, 2023. This presentation includes JCN's SBIQ (Small Business Intelligence Quotient). The Small Business IQ Monthly Poll tracks its SBIQ, identifies key trends, and offers valuable insights into policies impacting small business employers.

All interviews were conducted online with randomly distributed invitations. The geographic and demographic profiles were structured to represent the population of small business employers in the United States. The sample of 400 small business employers has an accuracy of $+/-4.9 \%$ at a $95 \%$ confidence interval. The numbers in this presentation have been rounded and may not equal $100 \%$.

The JCN SBIQ is calculated on a scale from 0 to 100 , with 100 being best possible conditions and 0 being worst possible conditions.

- Small Business A score of 50 is neutral, anything above 50 is positive and anything below is negative. The JCN SBIQ is based on 7-questions: Intelligence Current Conditions: Employer's Business, U.S. Economy, and Climate for Small Businesses
Quotient


## Divergence Between Perception of Own Business \& National Economic Conditions




## Small Business Employer Industry



## Current Financial Condition



Financial Condition Over Last Year


## Financial Condition Next 3-Months

|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | N |
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| Better | 61\% | 66\% | 62\% | 53\% | 51\% | 55\% | 59\% | 50\% | 55\% | 60\% | 60\% | 60\% | 52\% | 55\% | 57\% | 55\% | 54\% | 58\% | 45\% | 51\% | 53\% | 56\% | 59\% | 58\% | 56\% | 55\% | 57\% | +2 |
| Same | 34\% | 28\% | 32\% | 40\% | 41\% | 36\% | 32\% | 37\% | 38\% | 33\% | 31\% | 32\% | 37\% | 31\% | 35\% | 33\% | 36\% | 31\% | 38\% | 34\% | 39\% | 36\% | 32\% | 34\% | 32\% | 38\% | 38\% | 0 |
| Worse | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 7\% | $8 \%$ | 10\% | 9\% | 13\% | 7\% | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% | 13\% | 9\% | 12\% | 10\% | 12\% | 17\% | 16\% | 7\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 12\% | 7\% | 6\% | -1 |
| Net | +56 | +60 | +56 | +46 | +43 | +45 | +50 | +37 | +48 | +52 | +50 | +51 | +41 | +42 | +48 | +43 | +44 | +46 | +28 | +35 | +46 | +48 | +50 | +49 | +44 | +48 | +51 | +3 |



Better Same Worse
Net

|  | Better | Same | Worse | Net |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 57 | 38 | 6 | 51 |
| East | 48 | 49 | 3 | 45 |
| Midwest | 75 | 22 | 3 | 72 |
| South | 52 | 40 | 8 | 43 |
| West | 57 | 37 | 6 | 50 |
| 2-9 Employees | 55 | 40 | 6 | 49 |
| 10-19 Employees | 59 | 33 | 9 | 50 |
| 20-More Employees | 72 | 25 | 3 | 69 |
| \$100K/Less Revenue | 54 | 36 | 10 | 44 |
| \$100K-\$250K Revenue | 57 | 37 | 6 | 51 |
| \$250K-\$500K Revenue | 59 | 38 | 3 | 56 |
| \$500K-\$1 Million Revenue | 53 | 44 | 3 | 51 |
| \$1 Million/More Revenue | 61 | 32 | 7 | 54 |
| Female-Owned | 67 | 31 | 3 | 64 |
| Minority-Owned | 77 | 22 | 1 | 76 |

## Profitability Next 12-Months

|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Net |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Earn Profit | 69\% | 75\% | 74\% | 66\% | 66\% | 68\% | 74\% | 68\% | 66\% | 70\% | 76\% | 71\% | 68\% | 69\% | 71\% | 64\% | 66\% | 74\% | 66\% | 62\% | 76\% | 67\% | 69\% | 67\% | 72\% | 73\% | 68\% | -5 |
| Break Even | 26\% | 20\% | 23\% | 30\% | 28\% | 27\% | 20\% | 23\% | 27\% | 26\% | 21\% | 25\% | 35\% | 25\% | 26\% | 28\% | 25\% | 23\% | 25\% | 28\% | 18\% | 29\% | 25\% | 27\% | 21\% | 22\% | 27\% | +5 |
| Lose Money | 6\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 9\% | 7\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 7\% | 6\% | 3\% | 9\% | 9\% | 3\% | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 0 |
| Net | +63 | +70 | +71 | +61 | +61 | +63 | +68 | +59 | +59 | +66 | +73 | +67 | +61 | +63 | +69 | +55 | +57 | +71 | +58 | +53 | +70 | +63 | +63 | +60 | +65 | +69 | +64 | -5 |



|  | Profit | Same | Lose | Net |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 68 | 27 | 4 | 64 |
| East | 64 | 25 | 11 | 53 |
| Midwest | 75 | 21 | 4 | 71 |
| South | 63 | 33 | 4 | 60 |
| West | 72 | 27 | 1 | 72 |
| 2-9 Employees | 69 | 27 | 4 | 65 |
| 10-19 Employees | 66 | 26 | 8 | 59 |
| 20-More Employees | 64 | 34 | 2 | 62 |
| \$100K/Less Revenue | 70 | 28 | 2 | 68 |
| \$100K-\$250K Revenue | 65 | 23 | 12 | 54 |
| \$250K-\$500K Revenue | 65 | 31 | 4 | 61 |
| \$500K-\$1 Million Revenue | 73 | 27 | 0 | 73 |
| \$1 Million/More Revenue | 68 | 28 | 4 | 63 |
| Female-Owned | 60 | 38 | 2 | 59 |
| Minority-Owned | 72 | 28 | 1 | 71 |

—Earn Profit —Break Even —Lose Money

## Employment Next 3-Months

|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Net |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Increase | 25\% | 31\% | 30\% | 25\% | 25\% | 28\% | 31\% | 31\% | 32\% | 30\% | 28\% | 34\% | 30\% | 30\% | 30\% | 30\% | 30\% | 31\% | 26\% | 27\% | 36\% | 31\% | 32\% | 30\% | 29\% | 32\% | 29\% | -3 |
| Same | 70\% | 66\% | 68\% | 72\% | 70\% | 66\% | 66\% | 63\% | 65\% | 66\% | 67\% | 63\% | 65\% | 64\% | 66\% | 64\% | 63\% | 65\% | 67\% | 65\% | 60\% | 66\% | 61\% | 67\% | 68\% | 64\% | 68\% | +4 |
| Decrease | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% | 7\% | 4\% | 8\% | 8\% | 4\% | 3\% | 7\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 0 |
| Net | +20 | +28 | +28 | +21 | +20 | +23 | +28 | +24 | +29 | +26 | +23 | +21 | +26 | +24 | +25 | +24 | +23 | +27 | +18 | +19 | +32 | +28 | +25 | +27 | +26 | +28 | +25 | -3 |



|  | Incr. | Same | Decr. | Net |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 29 | 68 | 4 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| East | 17 | 75 | 8 | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| Midwest | 27 | 70 | 3 | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| South | 33 | 65 | 2 | $\mathbf{3 1}$ |
| West | 33 | 65 | 3 | $\mathbf{3 0}$ |
| 2-9 Employees | 23 | 73 | 4 | $\mathbf{1 9}$ |
| 10-19 Employees | 31 | 64 | 5 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| 20-More Employees | 68 | 32 | 0 | $\mathbf{6 8}$ |
| \$100K/Less Revenue | 28 | 69 | 4 | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| \$100K-\$250K Revenue | 29 | 67 | 4 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| \$250K-\$500K Revenue | 24 | 75 | 1 | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |
| \$500K-\$1 Million Revenue | 30 | 64 | 6 | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| \$1 Million/More Revenue | 32 | 66 | 2 | $\mathbf{3 0}$ |
| Female-Owned | 35 | 65 | 0 | $\mathbf{3 5}$ |
| Minority-Owned | 50 | 50 | 0 | $\mathbf{5 0}$ |

John McLaughlin | Scott Rasmussen

## Employee Wages/Hours Next 3-Months

|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Net |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Increase | 29\% | 39\% | 36\% | 28\% | 29\% | 34\% | 36\% | 34\% | 35\% | 37\% | 34\% | 38\% | 34\% | 31\% | 36\% | 31\% | 36\% | 34\% | 35\% | 34\% | 37\% | 37\% | 36\% | 32\% | 35\% | 37\% | 33\% | -4 |
| Same | 65\% | 59\% | 62\% | 69\% | 67\% | 61\% | 60\% | 61\% | 62\% | 60\% | 61\% | 57\% | 63\% | 65\% | 61\% | 64\% | 59\% | 62\% | 58\% | 58\% | 57\% | 60\% | 59\% | 64\% | 62\% | 59\% | 63\% | +4 |
| Decrease | 6\% | 2\% | $2 \%$ | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | $3 \%$ | 5\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 0 |
| Net | +23 | +37 | +34 | +25 | +25 | +29 | +31 | +29 | +32 | +34 | +28 | +33 | +31 | +26 | +33 | +25 | +31 | +30 | +28 | +27 | +31 | +33 | +31 | +28 | +32 | +33 | +29 | -4 |



50\%


|  | Incr. | Same | Decr. | Net |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 33 | 63 | 4 | $\mathbf{2 9}$ |
| East | 21 | 77 | 2 | 19 |
| Midwest | 40 | 55 | 5 | 36 |
| South | 29 | 68 | 4 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| West | 43 | 52 | 5 | 38 |
| 2-9 Employees | 31 | 66 | 3 | $\mathbf{2 8}$ |
| 10-19 Employees | 31 | 64 | 5 | $\mathbf{2 6}$ |
| 20-More Employees | 53 | 39 | 7 | $\mathbf{4 6}$ |
| \$100K/Less Revenue | 30 | 64 | 6 | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| \$100K-\$250K Revenue | 38 | 62 | 0 | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| \$250K-\$500K Revenue | 34 | 65 | 1 | $\mathbf{3 3}$ |
| \$500K-\$1 Million Revenue | 34 | 61 | 5 | $\mathbf{3 0}$ |
| \$1 Million/More Revenue | 30 | 62 | 7 | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |
| Female-Owned | 31 | 62 | 7 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| Minority-Owned | 44 | 49 | 7 | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |

## Condition of U.S. Economy

|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Net |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Excellent/Good | 41\% | 43\% | 48\% | 44\% | 32\% | 30\% | 33\% | 35\% | 31\% | 29\% | 36\% | 27\% | 26\% | 27\% | 26\% | 30\% | 26\% | 22\% | 28\% | 33\% | 30\% | 32\% | 30\% | 26\% | 32\% | 33\% | 29\% | -4 |
| Only Fair/Poor | 59\% | 57\% | 53\% | 56\% | 68\% | 70\% | 67\% | 65\% | 69\% | 71\% | 65\% | 73\% | 74\% | 73\% | 74\% | 71\% | 74\% | 79\% | 72\% | 67\% | 70\% | 68\% | 70\% | 75\% | 68\% | 67\% | 72\% | +5 |
| Net | -18 | -14 | -5 | -12 | -36 | -40 | -34 | -30 | -38 | -42 | -29 | -47 | -48 | -46 | -48 | -41 | -48 | -57 | -44 | -34 | -40 | -36 | -40 | -49 | -36 | -34 | -43 | -9 |



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—Excellent -Good -Only Fair —Poor

|  | Excel/ <br> Good | Fair/ <br> Poor | Net |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 29 | 72 | $-\mathbf{- 4 3}$ |
| East | 27 | 73 | $\mathbf{- 4 7}$ |
| Midwest | 28 | 72 | $-\mathbf{- 4 4}$ |
| South | 31 | 69 | $\mathbf{- 3 8}$ |
| West | 27 | 73 | $\mathbf{- 4 7}$ |
| 2-9 Employees | 26 | 74 | -47 |
| 10-19 Employees | 27 | 73 | $\mathbf{- 4 6}$ |
| 20-More Employees | 46 | 54 | $\mathbf{- 8}$ |
| \$100K/Less Revenue | 30 | 70 | $\mathbf{- 3 9}$ |
| \$100K-\$250K Revenue | 25 | 75 | $\mathbf{- 5 1}$ |
| \$250K-\$500K Revenue | 29 | 71 | $\mathbf{- 4 2}$ |
| \$500K-\$1 Million Revenue | 26 | 75 | $\mathbf{- 4 9}$ |
| \$1 Million/More Revenue | 33 | 67 | $\mathbf{- 3 4}$ |
| Female-Owned | 28 | 72 | $\mathbf{- 4 4}$ |
| Minority-Owned | 42 | 58 | $\mathbf{- 1 7}$ |

## Direction of U.S. Economy



# Climate for Small Businesses 



## Direction of Climate for Small Businesses

|  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Better | 44\% | 46\% | 47\% | 38\% | 30\% | 28\% | 32\% | 33\% | 26\% | 28\% | 34\% | 31\% | 28\% | 24\% | 20\% | 23\% | 29\% | 26\% | 30\% | 26\% | 28\% | 27\% | 24\% | 30\% | 30\% | 29\% | 24\% | -5 |
| Same | 31\% | 26\% | 32\% | 32\% | 32\% | 32\% | 32\% | 27\% | 32\% | 34\% | 32\% | 29\% | 29\% | 30\% | 30\% | 34\% | 25\% | 29\% | 28\% | 33\% | 33\% | 30\% | 35\% | 30\% | 33\% | 30\% | 35\% | +5 |
| Worse | 25\% | 28\% | 21\% | 30\% | 38\% | 40\% | 37\% | 40\% | 42\% | 37\% | 34\% | 40\% | 43\% | 46\% | 50\% | 44\% | 46\% | 45\% | 43\% | 41\% | 40\% | 43\% | 40\% | 40\% | 37\% | 41\% | 41\% |  |
| Net | +19 | +18 | +26 | +8 | -8 | -12 | -5 | -7 | -16 | -9 | 0 | -9 | -15 | -22 | -30 | -21 | -17 | -19 | -13 | -15 | -12 | -16 | -16 | -10 | -7 | -13 | -17 | -4 |



10\%

May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July 202120212021202120212021202120212022202220222022202220222022202220222022202220222023202320232023202320232023

|  | Better | Same | Worse | Net |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 24 | 35 | 41 | $\mathbf{- 1 7}$ |
| East | 17 | 32 | 52 | $\mathbf{- 3 5}$ |
| Midwest | 23 | 33 | 44 | $\mathbf{- 2 1}$ |
| South | 26 | 45 | 29 | $\mathbf{- 3}$ |
| West | 27 | 27 | 46 | $\mathbf{- 2 0}$ |
| 2-9 Employees | 22 | 33 | 45 | $\mathbf{- 2 3}$ |
| 10-19 Employees | 15 | 51 | 33 | $\mathbf{- 1 8}$ |
| 20-More Employees | 45 | 35 | 19 | $\mathbf{2 6}$ |
| \$100K/Less Revenue | 21 | 36 | 43 | $\mathbf{- 2 2}$ |
| \$100K-\$250K Revenue | 20 | 32 | 48 | $\mathbf{- 2 8}$ |
| \$250K-\$500K Revenue | 24 | 39 | 37 | $\mathbf{- 1 3}$ |
| \$500K-\$1 Million Revenue | 30 | 31 | 40 | $\mathbf{- 1 0}$ |
| \$1 Million/More Revenue | 24 | 39 | 37 | $\mathbf{- 1 3}$ |
| Female-Owned | 27 | 44 | 29 | $\mathbf{- 2}$ |
| Minority-Owned | 50 | 29 | 21 | $\mathbf{2 9}$ |

Biggest Business Concerns (1st \& $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ Choice Combo)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & { }_{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb } \\ & \text { '22 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } \\ \text { '22 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr } \\ & { }_{22} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ \text { '22 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & { }_{2} 22 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & { }_{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug } \\ & \text { '22 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sep } \\ & \text { '22 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct } \\ & { }_{22} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov } \\ & \text { '22 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec } \\ & { }_{20} 22 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb } \\ & \text { '23 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } \\ \text { '23 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr } \\ & { }_{22} \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{23}{\text { May }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun } \\ & { }_{23} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July y } \\ & { }_{23} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Higher Prices/Inflation | 40\% | 40\% | 43\% | 42\% | 41\% | 46\% | 48\% | 43\% | 48\% | 40\% | 49\% | 49\% | 41\% | 47\% | 45\% | 49\% | 53\% | 53\% | 48\% |
| Economy/Client Spending | 21\% | 19\% | 20\% | 23\% | 26\% | 22\% | 28\% | 27\% | 26\% | 29\% | 31\% | 31\% | 27\% | 27\% | 29\% | 31\% | 31\% | 28\% | 32\% |
| General Operating Costs | 21\% | 24\% | 21\% | 28\% | 14\% | 18\% | 23\% | 26\% | 20\% | 23\% | 26\% | 26\% | 19\% | 23\% | 30\% | 20\% | 25\% | $31 \%$ | 24\% |
| Taxes | 14\% | 15\% | 13\% | 15\% | 11\% | 12\% | 16\% | 12\% | 12\% | 12\% | 15\% | 14\% | 21\% | 13\% | 17\% | 15\% | 15\% | 12\% | 17\% |
| Supply-Chain Disruptions | 20\% | 20\% | 14\% | 16\% | 15\% | 16\% | 12\% | 18\% | 21\% | 14\% | 14\% | 11\% | 13\% | 14\% | 9\% | 12\% | 14\% | 11\% | 14\% |
| Available Workers | 11\% | 14\% | 12\% | 15\% | 14\% | 13\% | 8\% | 12\% | 12\% | 13\% | 12\% | 13\% | 10\% | 15\% | 16\% | 14\% | 12\% | 8\% | 13\% |
| Political Climate | 10\% | 9\% | 12\% | $8 \%$ | 9\% | 9\% | 11\% | 8\% | 7\% | 12\% | 4\% | 8\% | 11\% | 6\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 13\% | 11\% |
| Government Regulations | 14\% | 10\% | 10\% | 8\% | 10\% | 4\% | 8\% | 5\% | 7\% | 9\% | 4\% | 7\% | 11\% | 8\% | 6\% | 6\% | 7\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Interest Rates | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 10\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 13\% | 9\% | 8\% | 6\% | 9\% |
| Gas Prices | 9\% | 10\% | 25\% | 19\% | 23\% | 27\% | 26\% | 19\% | 19\% | 13\% | 15\% | 13\% | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% | 11\% | 10\% | 9\% | 5\% |
| Healthcare Costs | 5\% | 7\% | 7\% | 4\% | 8\% | 7\% | 3\% | 5\% | 7\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| Expansion Costs | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 6\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | $2 \%$ | 7\% | 8\% | 4\% | $8 \%$ | 2\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| Loan Accessibility | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| Covid Restrictions/Sales | 21\% | 16\% | 9\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 10\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% |
| Compensation/Insurance | 2\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | $2 \%$ | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | $3 \%$ | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% |

# How Concerned That Economic Conditions Could Force You to Close Your Business 



## Concerned Bank Failures \& Instability Will Impact Their Small Business

|  | April <br> Total | May Total | June <br> Total | July <br> Total | East | MidWest | South | West | $\begin{gathered} 2-9 \\ \text { Employ } \end{gathered}$ | 10-19 <br> Employ | 20/More Employ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concerned | 59\% | 57\% | 57\% | 55\% | 52\% | 57\% | 46\% | 68\% | 55\% | 50\% | 59\% |
| Very | 16\% | 20\% | 19\% | 12\% | 10\% | 17\% | 10\% | 11\% | 13\% | 6\% | 10\% |
| Somewhat | 43\% | 37\% | 38\% | 43\% | 42\% | 40\% | 36\% | 57\% | 42\% | 45\% | 49\% |
| Not Concerned | 40\% | 42\% | 42\% | 44\% | 47\% | 41\% | 53\% | 30\% | 44\% | 50\% | 41\% |
| Unsure | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |


|  | \$100K- <br> Less Rev. | \$100K- <br> $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 0 K}$ Rev. | $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 0 K}-$ <br> $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 0 K}$ Rev. | \$500K- <br> $\mathbf{\$ 1}$ Mill Rev. | \$1 Mill- <br> More Rev. | Female <br> Owned | Minority <br> Owned | C- <br> Corp | S- <br> Corp |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concerned | $\mathbf{4 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 2 \%}$ |
| Very | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Somewhat | $33 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Not Concerned | $48 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ |

## Amount of Time Your Business Deals with Local, State \& Federal Regulations

|  | March Total | April Total | May Total | June <br> Total | July <br> Total | East | MidWest | South | West | $\begin{gathered} 2-9 \\ \text { Employ } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10-19 } \\ \text { Employ } \end{gathered}$ | 20/More Employ |  |
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| Time Consuming | 61\% | 56\% | 62\% | 60\% | 49\% | 45\% | 50\% | 45\% | 57\% | 45\% | 55\% | 70\% |  |
| Not Consuming | 36\% | 43\% | 36\% | 39\% | 50\% | 54\% | 49\% | 53\% | 43\% | 54\% | 45\% | 27\% |  |
| Unsure | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 4\% |  |
|  | \$100K- <br> Less Rev. |  | \$100K- <br> 250K Rev. |  | \$250KOOK Rev. |  | \$500K- <br> Mill Rev. | \$1 Mill- <br> v. More Rev. |  | Female Owned | Minority Owned | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C- } \\ & \text { Corp } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S- } \\ & \text { Corp } \end{aligned}$ |
| Time Consuming | 43\% |  | 48\% |  | 44\% |  | 52\% | 58\% |  | 53\% | 57\% | 64\% | 42\% |
| Not Consuming | 56\% |  | 49\% |  | 56\% |  | 47\% | 42\% |  | 42\% | 38\% | 33\% 58\% |  |
| Unsure | 1\% |  | 3\% |  | 1\% |  | 1\% | 0\% |  | 5\% | 4\% | 2\% 1\% |  |

## Will Debt Ceiling Deal Help Small Business:

## Reins In Spending, Establishes Welfare Work Requirements, and Streamlines Permitting

|  | June Total | July <br> Total | East | Mid- <br> West | South | West | 2-9 <br> Employ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 10-19 } \\ \text { Employ } \end{gathered}$ | 20/More Employ |
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| Yes | 23\% | 26\% | 31\% | 29\% | 22\% | 26\% | 23\% | 25\% | 53\% |
| No | 42\% | 41\% | 38\% | 41\% | 43\% | 38\% | 41\% | 43\% | 33\% |
| Unsure | 35\% | 33\% | 31\% | 30\% | 34\% | 36\% | 36\% | 32\% | 14\% |

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| Yes | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No | $47 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ |

## When it comes to increasing the production and sales of electric vehicles, which comes closer

 to your own opinion?1. The federal government needs to set more aggressive regulations and mandates, requiring automakers to rapidly increase electric vehicles and decrease gas-powered vehicles.
2. Automakers are already increasing electric vehicles to provide greater choices and meet consumer demand. We should allow consumer demand and competition to take its course without government overreach and interference.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aggressive Regulations | 21\% | 20\% | 21\% | 13\% | 27\% | 21\% | 22\% | 20\% |  |  | 53\% |  |  |
| Consumer Demand | 68\% | 67\% | 70\% | 78\% | 63\% | 70\% | 69\% | 71\% |  |  | 53\% |  |  |
| Unsure | 11\% | 14\% | 9\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% |  | 14\% |  |  |
|  | \$100K-Less Rev. |  | \$100K- <br> \$250K Rev. |  | $\begin{gathered} \$ 250 \mathrm{~K}- \\ \mathbf{\$ 5 0 0 K} \text { Rev } \end{gathered}$ | \$500K- <br> v. \$1 Mill Rev. |  | \$1 Mill- <br> . More Rev. |  | Female Owned | Minority Owned | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C- } \\ & \text { Corp } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { S- } \\ \text { Corp } \end{gathered}$ |
| Aggressive Regulations | 21\% |  | 25\% |  | 24\% |  | 16\% |  |  | 26\% | 33\% | 22\% | 20\% |
| Consumer Demand | 70\% |  | 63\% |  | 56\% |  | 84\% |  |  | 57\% | 51\% | 68\% | 71\% |
| Unsure | 9\% |  | 13\% |  | 20\% |  | 0\% |  |  | 17\% | 16\% | 10\% | 9\% |

## Concerned About New Banking Regulations Will Make It More Expensive to Give Loans



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## Concerned About Rising Interest Rates Will Affect Business' Ability to Access Credit



Where are you most likely to go if your business wanted to get a financial loan?

|  | May <br> Total | June <br> Total | July <br> Total | East | Mid- <br> West | South | West | $\begin{gathered} 2-9 \\ \text { Employ } \end{gathered}$ | 10-19 <br> Employ | 20/More Employ |
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| Big Bank | 22\% | 26\% | 29\% | 29\% | 30\% | 24\% | 36\% | 28\% | 24\% | 40\% |
| Small Bank/Credit Union | 60\% | 57\% | 51\% | 46\% | 54\% | 49\% | 57\% | 53\% | 65\% | 30\% |
| Fintech/Online Bank | 6\% | 7\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 15\% | 4\% | 7\% | 5\% | 27\% |
| Unsure | 12\% | 10\% | 10\% | 20\% | 8\% | 12\% | 3\% | 12\% | 6\% | 2\% |

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| Big Bank | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Small Bank/Credit Union | $61 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Fintech/Online Bank | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ |

## Pandemic Loans



## Support or Oppose Paycheck Protection Program



