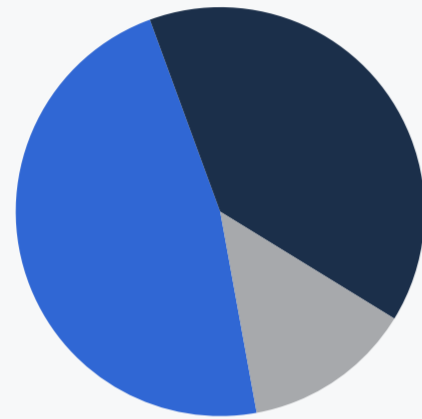
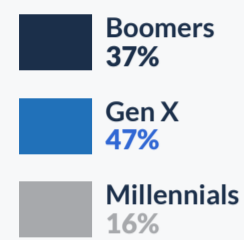


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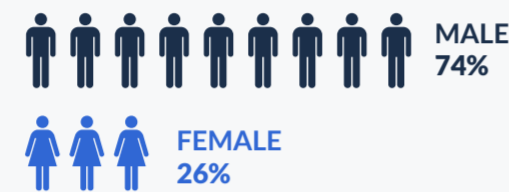
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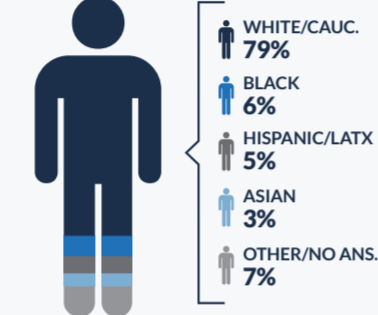
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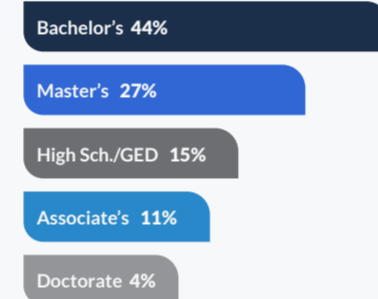
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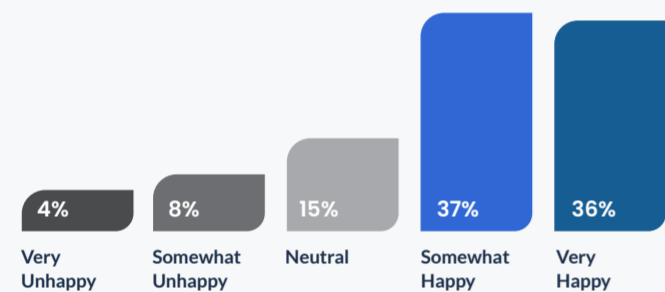
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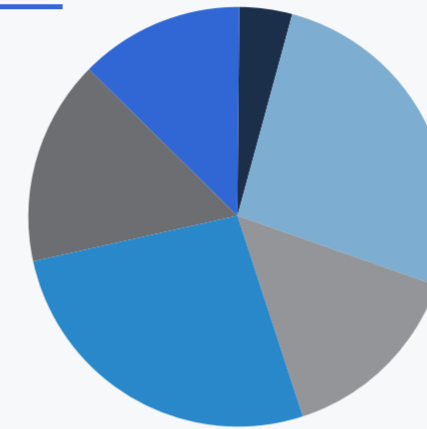
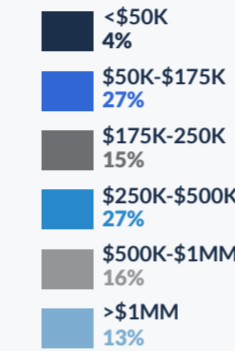


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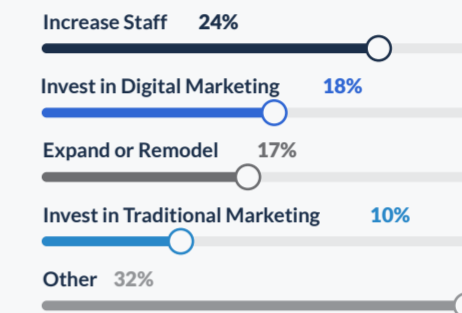


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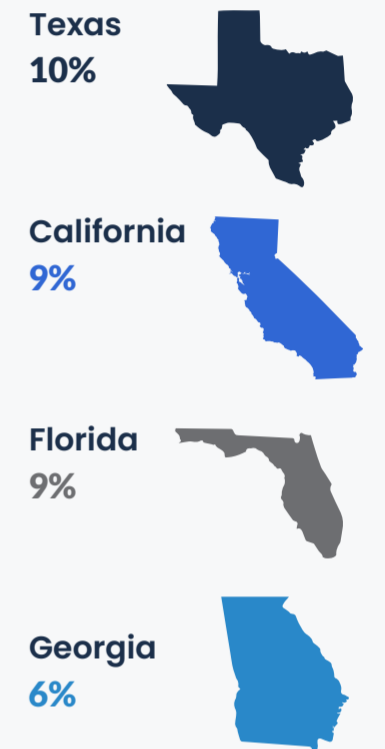
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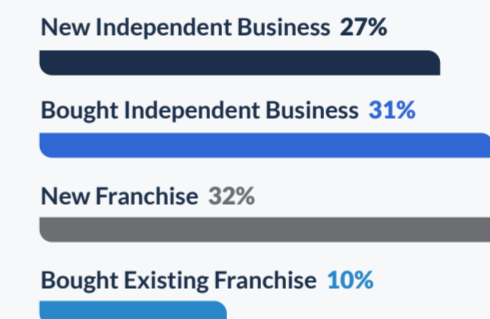
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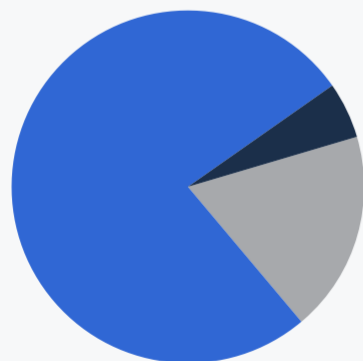
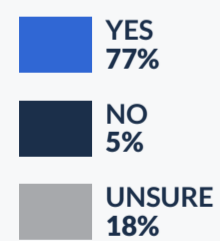


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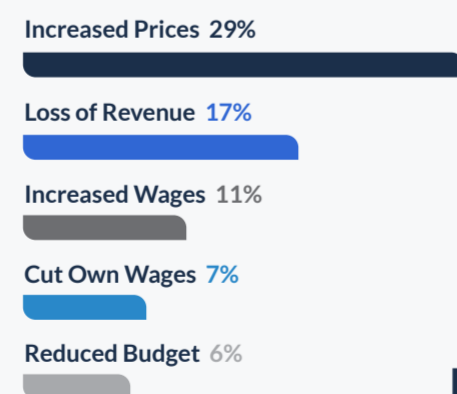


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DO YOU EXPECT YOUR BUSINESS TO SURVIVE TODAY'S ECONOMY?



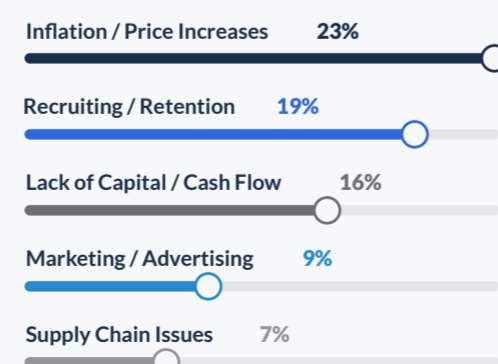
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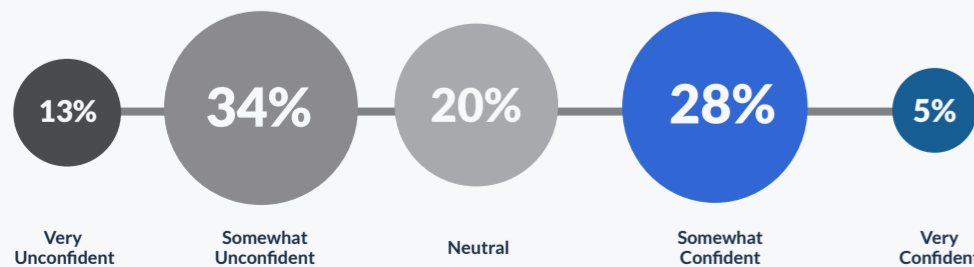
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OF BUSINESSES ARE CURRENTLY PROFITABLE

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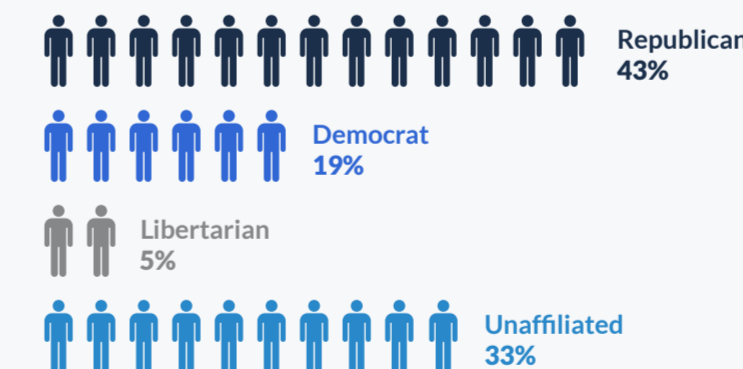


CONFIDENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS IN TODAY'S ECONOMY

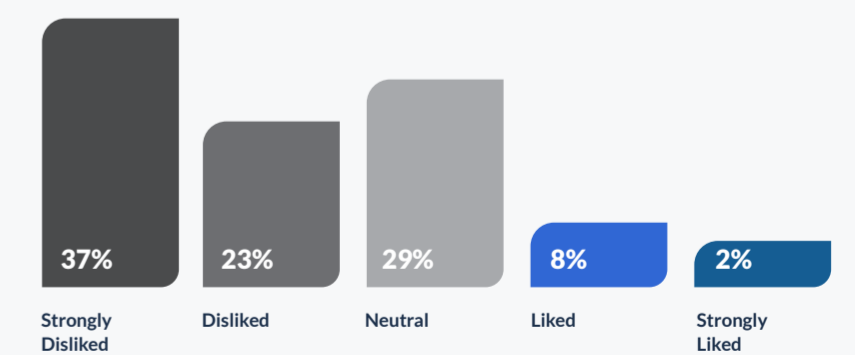


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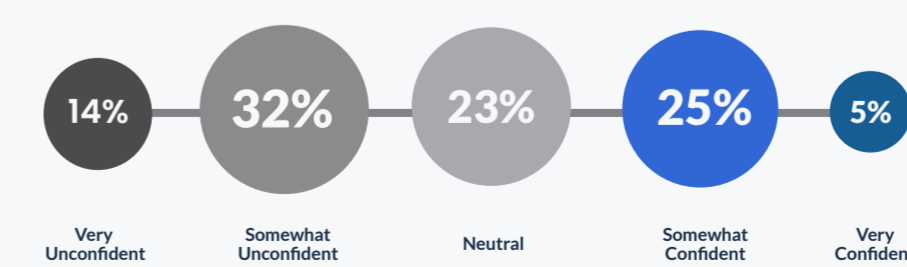
POLITICAL PARTIES



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE BIDENS ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE ON THE ECONOMY?



CONFIDENCE IN POLITICAL CLIMATE



THE SMALL BUSINESS VOTE

