








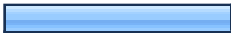










**1. Has your BUSINESS experienced any of the following in the past year (12 months)?
(Select all that apply.)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
I have experienced a significant decrease in sales and/or revenue		49.0%	240
I've had to let go of employees		16.5%	81
I've had to scale back or drop benefits (i.e. health coverage, 401K, etc.)		20.0%	98
I've had to refrain from making improvements or growing my business		50.0%	245
I've been unable to access credit or loans		22.7%	111
I've had to utilize my personal savings or retirement savings (i.e. 401K or other retirement savings vehicles) to address cash flow issues		46.7%	229
I've been forced to close my business		3.1%	15
I have experienced no affects		16.1%	79
Other (please specify)		16.9%	83
		answered question	490
		skipped question	0





2. Has your FAMILY experienced any of the following in the past year (12 months)? (Select all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
My credit card debt has increased		33.9%	160
I've had to utilize my personal savings or retirement savings (i.e. 401K or other retirement savings vehicles)		47.7%	225
I have been unable to access personal credit or loans		21.0%	99
I am having difficulty affording my basic needs (housing, utilities, food, etc.)		33.3%	157
Family income has decreased due to job loss		27.3%	129
I have experienced no affects		19.7%	93
Other (please specify)		12.9%	61
		answered question	472
		skipped question	18



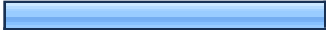


3. Are you planning to hire workers this year regardless of type (i.e. full-time, part-time, temporary)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		19.1%	92
No		80.9%	389
		answered question	481
		skipped question	9



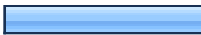


4. If yes, what type of employees are you planning on hiring? (Select all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Part-time		63.0%	58
Full-time		31.5%	29
Temporary		33.7%	31
Do Not Know		10.9%	10
answered question			92
skipped question			398





5. If no, please indicate why you will not be hiring additional workers this year. (Select all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
I have no need for additional help at this time.		63.8%	248
I am concerned about cash flow and the health of my business at present.		43.4%	169
I am concerned about the current uncertainty in our economy.		47.8%	186
I am unable to pay the salary of an additional worker.		50.1%	195
I am unable to offer or afford benefits for an additional worker.		41.1%	160
Other (please specify)			32
answered question			389
skipped question			101











6. What is your opinion of the current state of our nation's economy over the past year (12 months)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Greatly Improved		5.4%	26
Slightly Improved		27.4%	132
No improvement		29.3%	141
Slightly worsened		18.7%	90
Greatly worsened		19.1%	92
		answered question	481
		skipped question	9

7. Which statement best describes your business?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A career that presently supplies the main source of income in my household		75.2%	361
A part-time business to supplement another income in my household		10.8%	52
A start-up business with the potential to become a permanent, main source of income		7.3%	35
Other (please specify)		6.7%	32
		answered question	480
		skipped question	10

8. How many employees (including yourself) does your business currently employ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		43.3%	207
2		24.3%	116
3		7.5%	36
4		4.8%	23
5		3.3%	16
6 -10		8.4%	40
11 - 15		2.1%	10
16 - 20		1.3%	6
Over 20		0.8%	4
Other (please specify)		4.2%	20
answered question			478
skipped question			12

9. The NASE would like to hear from those who are interested in sharing with us more details regarding how our nation's current economic state has affected you, your business and your family. Please provide us with your story and perspective of how the self-employed are weathering our nation's economic challenges. If you would like us to share your story with your Members of Congress, please provide us with your name and address. Thank you!

	Response Count
	159
answered question	159
skipped question	331