

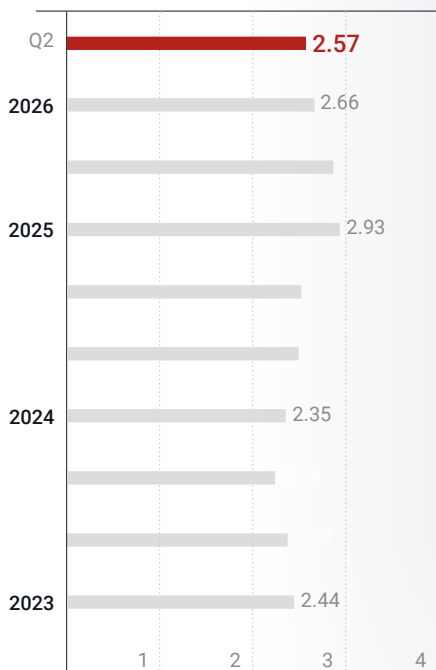


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Small Business Owners Prioritize Spending, Healthcare Costs and Regulatory Relief

Small Business Sentiment Towards Congress

2.57 COMBINED INDEX SCORE



"Small business owners are still waiting for follow-through: lower health insurance and business insurance costs, better access to capital, and relief from high interest rates. Spending remains their top concern for Congress, and until owners see real movement, trust in Washington will keep lagging behind their optimism about their own businesses."

RANDY FORD, President and COO,
National Write Your Congressman

Top Policy Issues Business Owners Want Congress to Prioritize

- #1** Government spending
- #2** Healthcare costs and access to affordable coverage
- #3** Immigration reform
- #4** Regulatory relief to reduce compliance burdens
- #5** Workforce development and addressing labor shortages

The U.S. Economy

This is how business owners described the current U.S. economy:



Most Important Issues Facing Business Owners Today

- #1** Health insurance expenses
- #2** Taxes
- #3** Business insurance expenses
- #4** Inflation
- #5** Hiring qualified workers

The Status of Small Business

50.8% of small business owners say their business has remained flat.

19.6% say their business is declining.

29.6% say their business is growing.

