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Small Business Pulse Survey: Tracking Changes During The Coronavirus Pandemic



The Small Business Pulse Survey (Business Pulse) measures the effect of changing business conditions during the Coronavirus pandemic on our nation's small businesses.

Business Pulse complements existing U.S. Census Bureau data collections by providing high-frequency, detailed information on the challenges small businesses are facing during the Coronavirus pandemic as well as their participation in federal programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program.

The survey includes information small business operations and finances, requests and receipt of assistance, and measures of overall well-being and expectations for recovery. Data is available by sector and state for the fifty most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).

Survey results give local, state, and federal officials essential real-time data to aid in policy and decision-making. In addition, the information may aid businesses in making economic decisions and assist researchers studying the effects of the pandemic.

Business Pulse survey results are experimental data products and are subject to suppression based on overall response and disclosure avoidance thresholds. Data products may not meet some of the Census Bureau's statistical quality standards.

Data tabulations and visualizations for the first phase covering April through June are currently available using the "View Published Results" button below. Data from the second phase will be available starting in late August.

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