

Business Owners of Color and COVID-19

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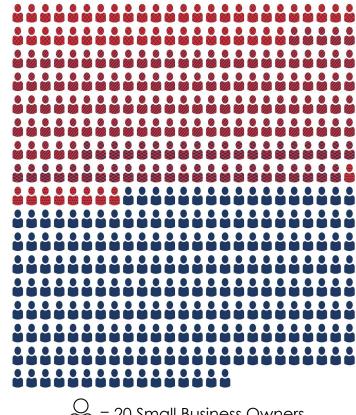
Small businesses and their workers must rebound from the COVID-19 crisis so that communities thrive and the benefits ripple throughout the economy. We are a multi-stakeholder, cross-sector initiative focused on advancing and uplifting innovative solutions to ensure that Main Street is at the center of our recovery. Reimagine Main Street is a project of Public Private Strategies.

Context for this Survey

- Small business and communities of color hard hit by pandemic
- Limited data available to reflect absolute and relative experience of Asian-, Black-, Hispanic- and Native-owned small businesses
- Large-scale national survey of small business owners fielded from September 28 through November 30, 2020. Large samples of Asian-, Black-, Hispanic-, Native- and White-owned businesses provide timely insight into impact and pain points.

Large and Diverse Sample

8,328 Respondents



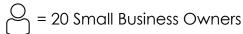
Asian 893

Black 2,208

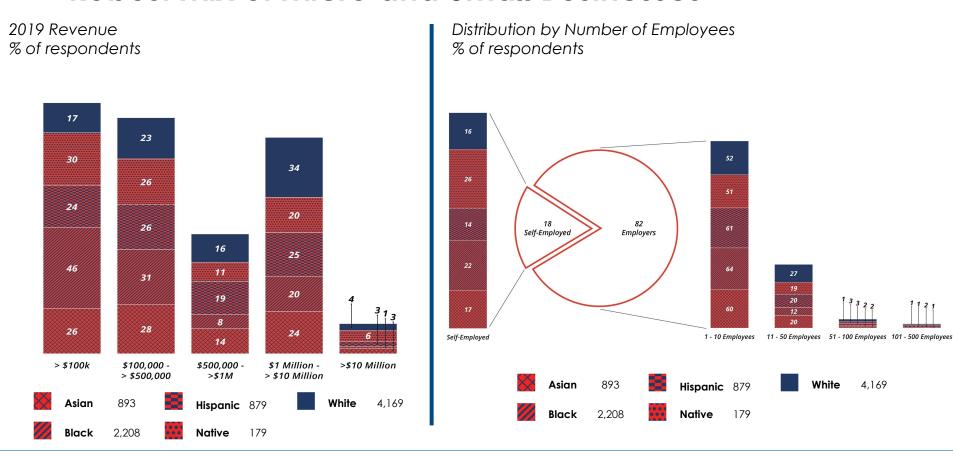
Hispanic 879

000 **Native** 179

White 4,169



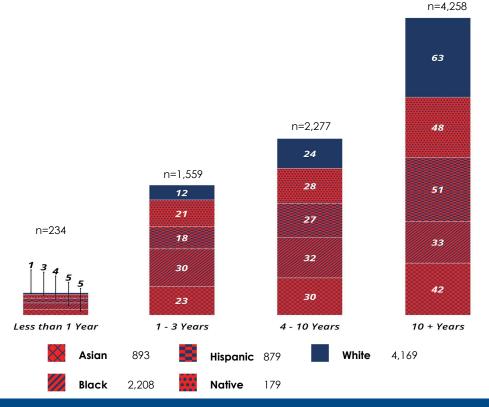
Robust Mix of Micro and Small Businesses





Skews Toward Established Businesses

Time in Business % of respondents



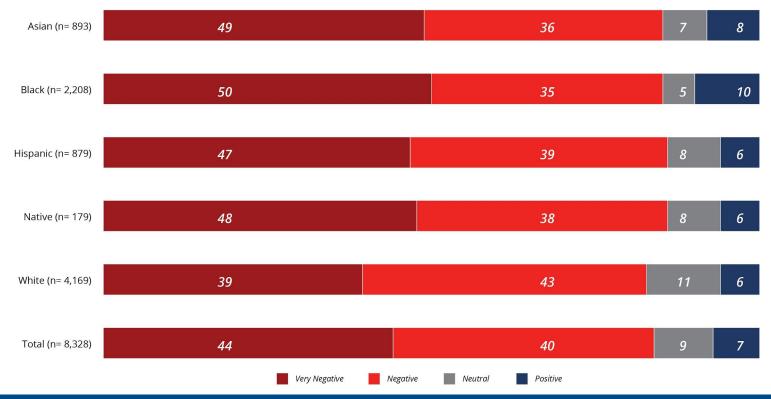


Takeaways

- Small businesses have been hard hit to date: 8 in 10 small business owners surveyed reported negative effects from the pandemic, more than half of respondents have experienced revenue declines of more than 25%, and 37% are not operating at full capacity, with an average of almost 10% closed.
- It's going to get worse for business owners and their employees: ~10% of small business respondents expect to close permanently in next 6 months. 44% of employer businesses that responded have already shed jobs and 45% expect more job losses to come.
- Small businesses need cash: As expected, most respondents want relief in the
 form of grants or another PPP loan. More than one-third of small businesses in the
 survey expect to borrow to address COVID-induced cash flow constraints, making
 it imperative to ensure liquidity in credit markets, especially for relatively
 small-dollar loans.

Small Businesses Hard Hit by Pandemic

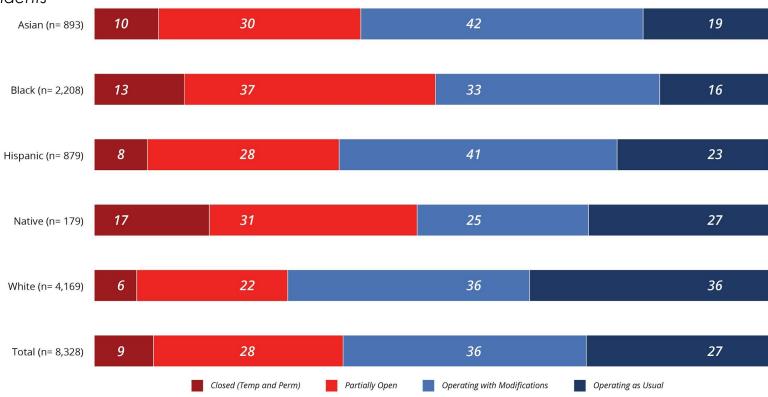
Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic % of respondents





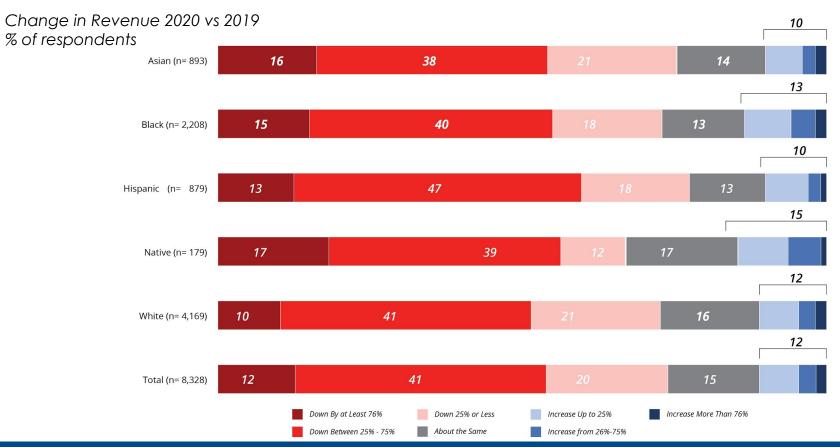
It's Not Business as Usual for the Majority of Respondents

Status of Operations % of respondents





Revenue Down by > 25% for Most Respondents

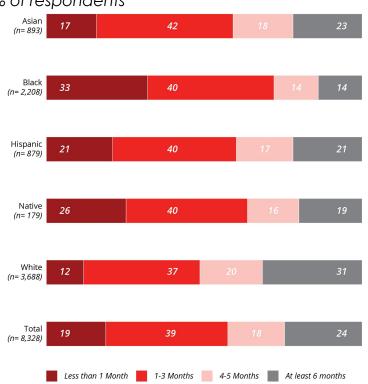




Expect More Small Businesses to Shut Down

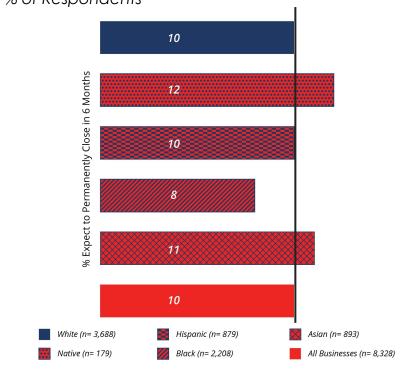


Months of Cash % of respondents





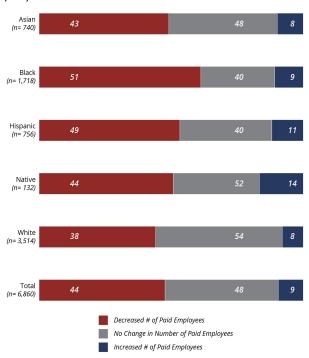
% of Respondents



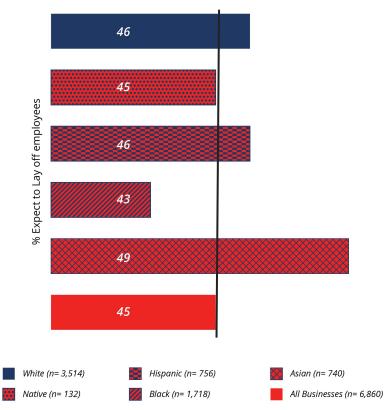
More Job Shedding Likely

~4 in 10 Small Employers Surveyed Have Already Shed Jobs

Change in Number of Paid Employees % of Employer Firms

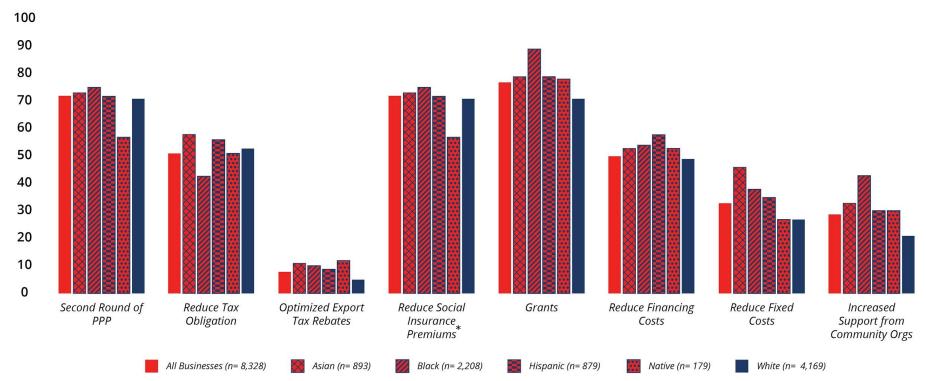


Nearly Half of Respondents Expect More Layoffs



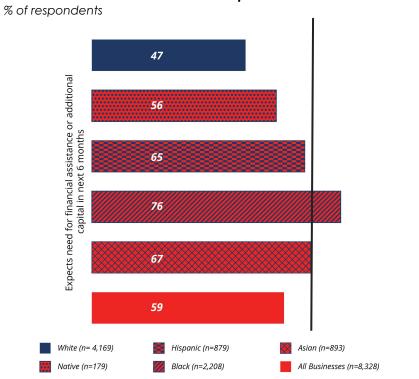
Business Owners Want Relief, With Varying Priorities

Preferences Among Relief Options Presented % of respondents

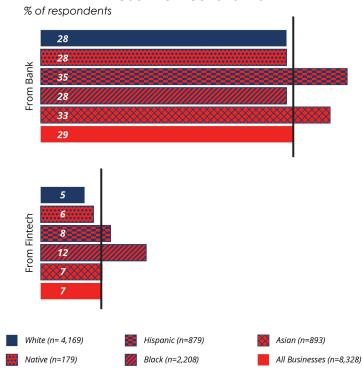


Imperative to Maintain Liquidity in Credit Markets

More than half of respondents say they will need financial assistance or additional capital in next 6 months



More than one-third of small businesses expects to borrow to address COVID-induced cash flow constraints



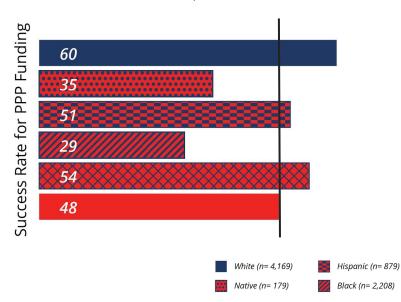


Federal Support to Date Not Distributed Equally

Success Rate % Applied x % Received Relief

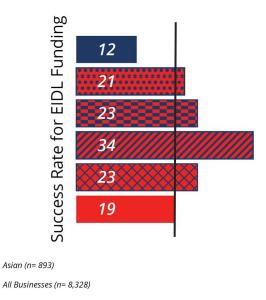
Paycheck Protection Program

- \$484 Billion
- Distributed via private lenders



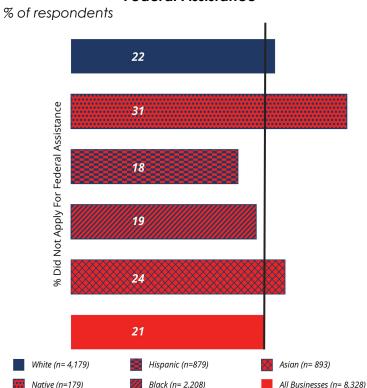
Economic Injury Disaster Loan

- \$20 Billion
- Distributed by the SBA

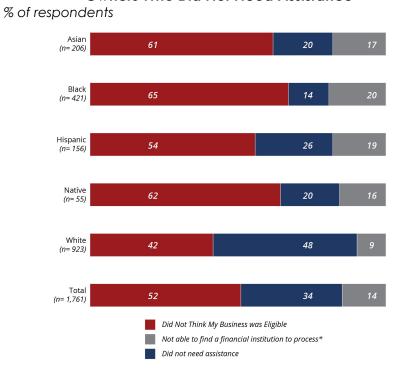


Expectations & Needs for Federal Assistance Vary

Roughly 1 in 5 Small Businesses Did Not Apply for Federal Assistance



Majority of Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native Owners Did Not Think They Were Eligible vs Almost Half of White Business Owners Who Did Not Need Assistance



What Do We Think Needs to Happen?

- Get the virus under control so that demand returns
- In the meantime, provide flexible and sufficient Federal relief for small businesses and support for credit markets to ensure capital available for Main Street recovery
- Improve data driven insights into segments of small businesses and their workers
- Mobilize effective support for small businesses, the people who work for them and the communities that they serve
- Support innovation of financial products and distribution channels to reach small businesses in communities of color at scale



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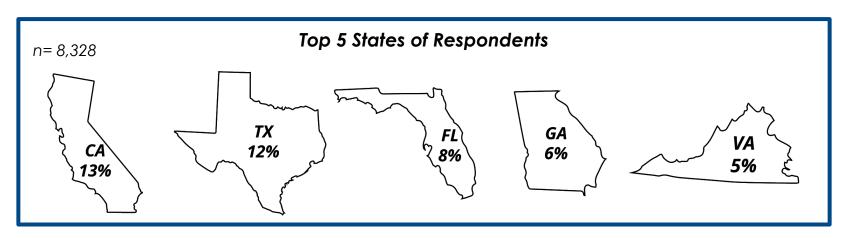


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Appendix: About the Sample

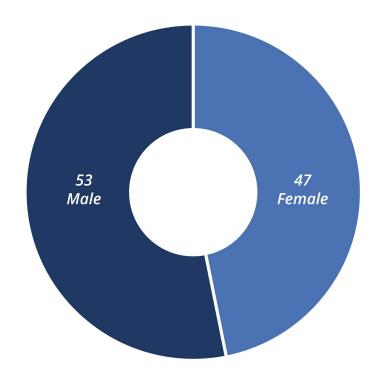
Broad Geographic Coverage

- Survey respondents represent all 50 states and three territories (Puerto Rico, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands)
- >1,000 respondents in California, Texas
- >500 respondents in Florida, Georgia
- At least 300 respondents in Maryland, North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio

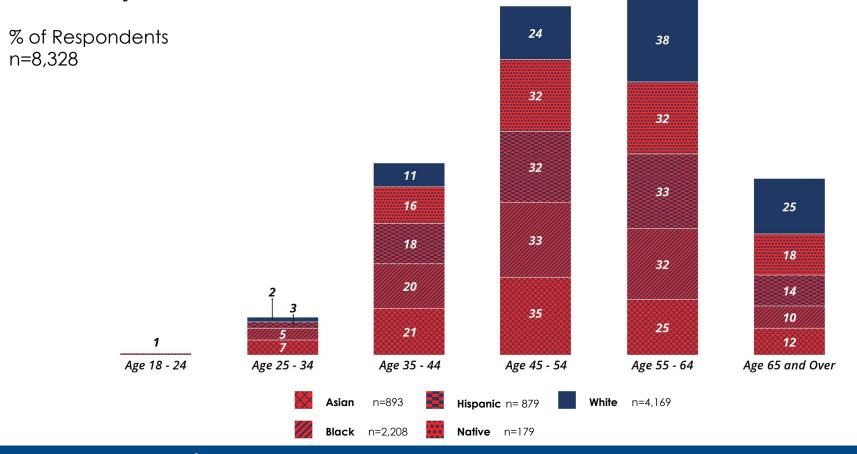


Rough Parity Between Male and Female Respondents

% of respondents n=8,328

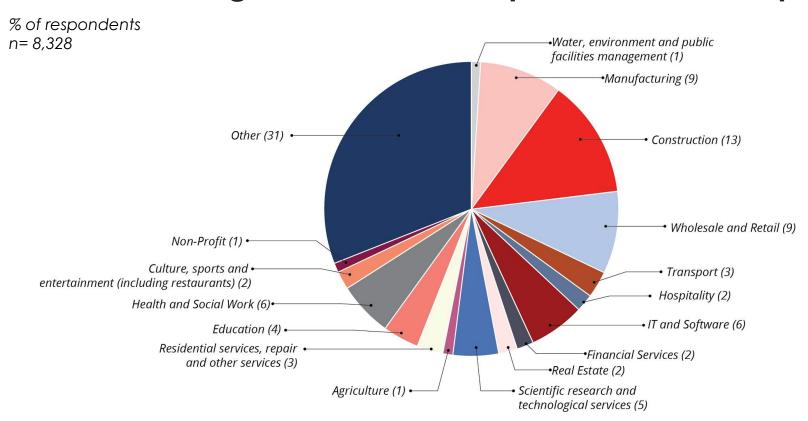


Respondents Skew Older





Broad Range of Industries Represented in Sample



Top 5 Industries by Race/Ethnicity of the Respondent

Asian	Black	Hispanic	Native	White	Total
IT & Tech Services	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction	Construction
(12%)	(10%)	(21%)	(24%)	(14%)	(13%)
Wholesale & Retail	Health and Social	Wholesale & Retail	Manufacturing -	Manufacturing	Wholesale & Retail
(10%)	(9%)	(7%)	(10%)	(13%)	(9%)
Scientific research and technological services	Wholesale & Retail (8%)	Manufacturing (7%)	Wholesale & Retail (8%)	Wholesale & Retail (10%)	Manufacturing (9%)
(9%) Construction (8%)	IT & Tech Services	IT & Tech Services	Health and Social	IT & Tech Services	IT & Tech Services
	(8%)	(5%)	(7%)	4%	(6%)
Manufacturing (7%)	Transport & Logistics (6%)	Health and Social 4%	IT & Tech Services (4%)	Health and Social (4%)	Health and Social (6%)

