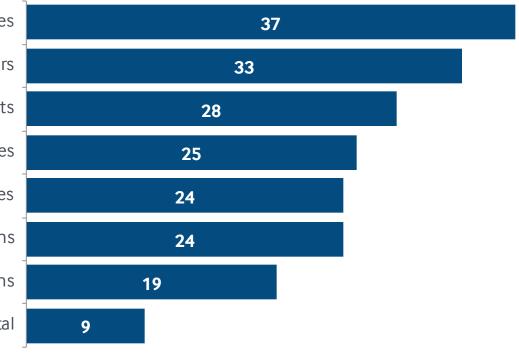
Top Problems for Small-Business Owners

Which one of these do you consider the biggest challenge facing your business?

Cost of providing health care coverage to employeesAttracting new customersAttracting new customersRising cost of business, not involving benefitsAttracting and retaining quality employeesLocal, state, and federal taxesCompetition with big business and corporationsGovernment regulationsLack of access to credit or capital9

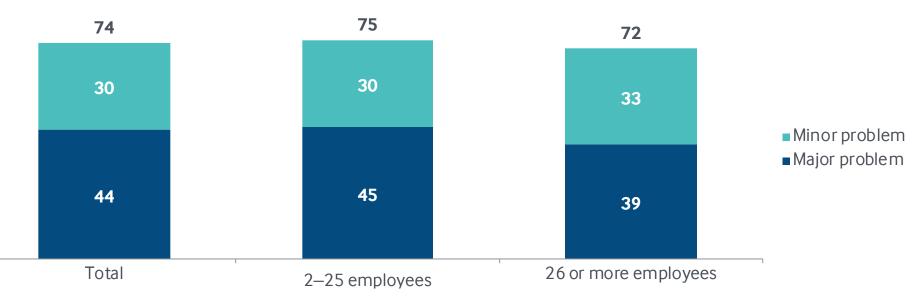
First- and second-choice answers combined (percent)





Cost of Providing Health Care Coverage Is an Issue for Small-Business Owners

Thinking specifically about your business, is the cost of providing health care coverage to employees a major problem, a minor problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all?



Percent

Note: The sample size for small-business owners with 2 to 25 employees is 352 respondents; the sample size for small-business owners with 26 or more employees is 148 respondents. Data: Authors' analysis of online nationwide poll of 500 small-business owners who provide health coverage to their employees, Apr. 4–10, 2019.

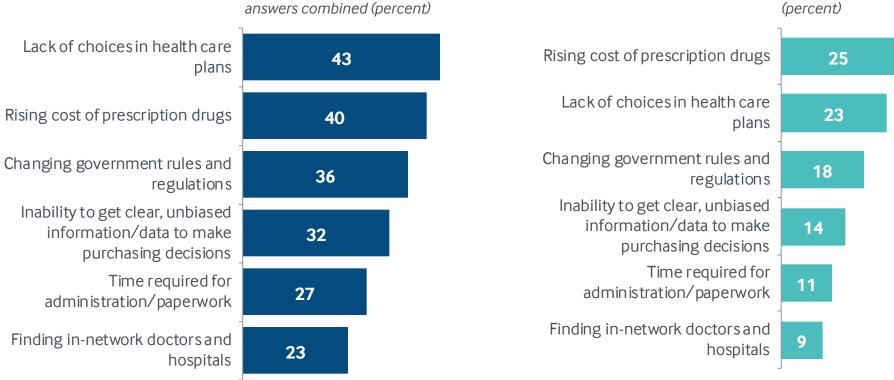


Source: Rhett Buttle, Katie Vlietstra Wonnenberg, and Angela Simaan, *Small-Business Owners' Views on Health Coverage and Costs* (Commonwealth Fund, Sept. 2019).

Biggest Challenges to Providing Health Care Coverage

First- and second-choice

Outside of costs, which one of the following do you consider the biggest challenge when it comes to providing health care coverage to your employees?



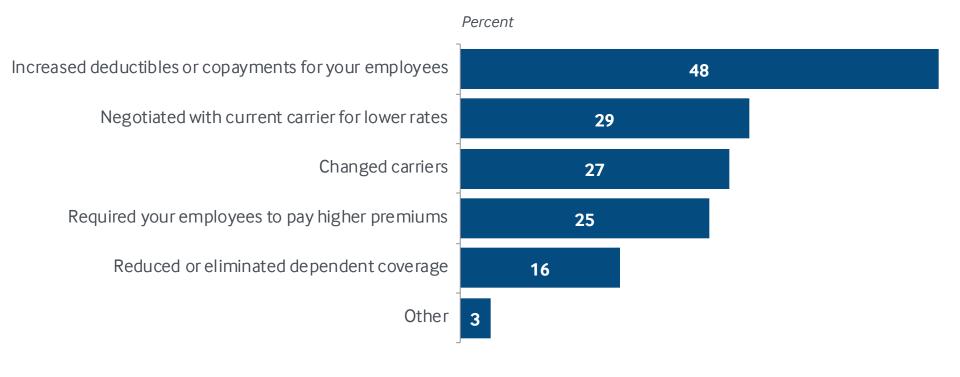
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Top answer (percent)

Adjustments Made by Small-Business Owners

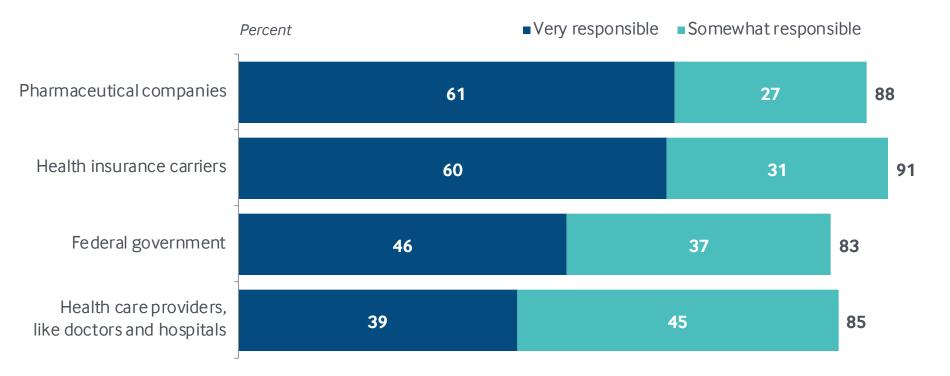
Which of the following actions have you taken or adjustments have you made to decrease the cost of providing health care coverage to your employees?





Blame for Rising Health Care Costs

Below are groups that some people might say are responsible for the rising costs of providing health care. For each group, please indicate how much responsibility you think they have for those rising costs.



Note: Segments may not sum to total because of rounding.

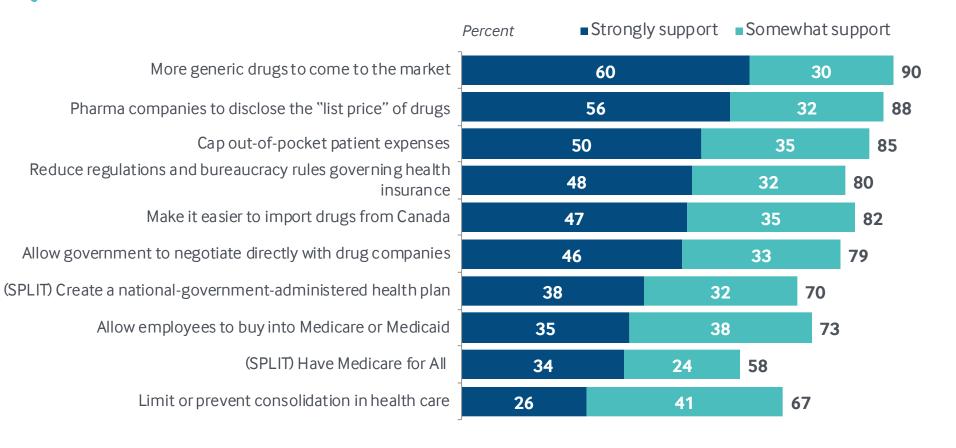
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Proposals to Control Health Care Costs

Below are suggestions some people have made to reform health care in this country. For each solution, please indicate whether you support it or oppose it.



Note: A split sample divides respondents into two groups in order to gauge responses when there are variations of an option.

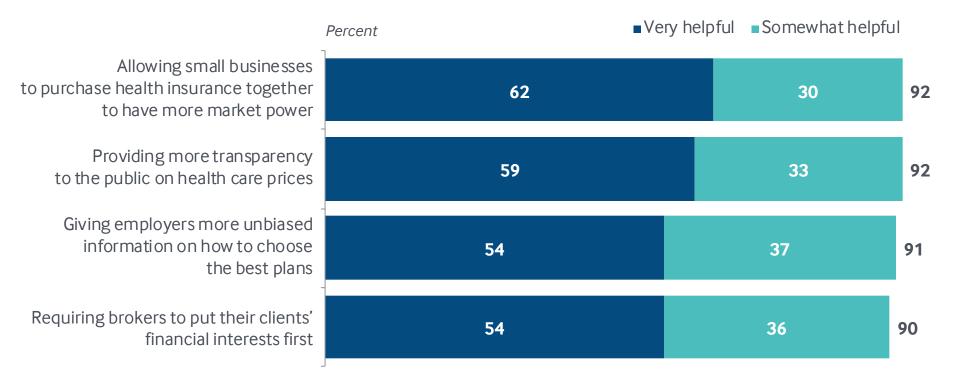
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Proposals to Control Health Care Costs for Your Business

Thinking about your own business, for each of the following solutions please indicate whether that solution would be helpful for you to reduce health care costs.

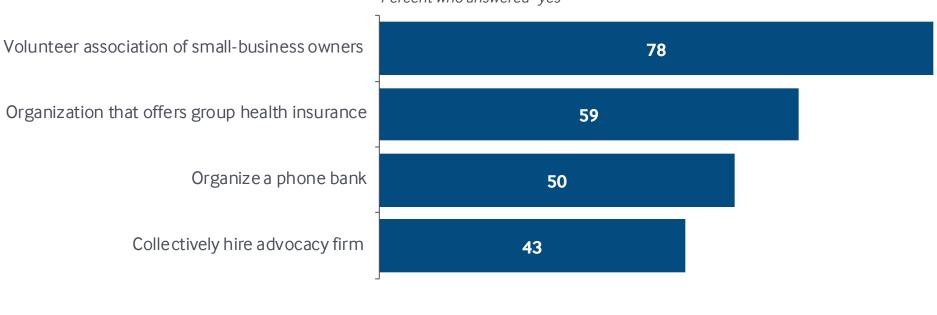




Small-Business Owners Banding Together



Below are some types of ways you would be able to join with other small-business owners in your community and state in order to push for changes in the health care system to make health care more affordable. Please indicate for each method whether or not you would be willing to participate in that way.



Percent who answered "yes"

