


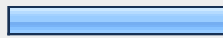
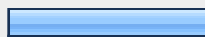


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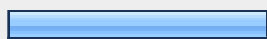
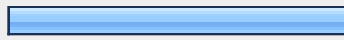

Do you make financial and/or managerial decisions for your business?			Response Percent	
Yes			91.9%	
No			3.6%	
Sometimes			4.5%	

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How do you perceive the national economy?			Response Percent
Strengthening			36.2%
Stable			33.3%
Weakening			30.5%
Other (please specify)			

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1	although the debt and spending of government at all levels especially nationally is frightening	Apr 20, 2010 7:48 PM
2	None of the above...too early to tell...business is good for windows	Apr 22, 2010 5:49 PM
3	Spotty	Apr 22, 2010 6:20 PM
4	No energy independence. No sign of closing trade imbalance. No sign of regaining mfg prominence.	Apr 22, 2010 6:45 PM
5	More than those three terms, I believe unstable is an even better description	Apr 22, 2010 6:59 PM
6	Stable at best	Apr 22, 2010 8:58 PM
7	Uncertain, Pending National legislation such as Cap and Trade, Financial Regulation, Taxes and Foreign Policy could hve devistating affects on our state and local economy.	Apr 22, 2010 10:52 PM
8	Not declining but not stable, could go either way still	Apr 26, 2010 12:23 PM
9	I hope President Bush gets some of the credit for saving the financial markets.	Apr 26, 2010 3:53 PM
10	not very good	Apr 26, 2010 8:05 PM
11	Much to recover from but some signs in aerospace that market is improving.	Apr 27, 2010 1:05 PM
12	Holding on...or maintaining	Apr 27, 2010 1:35 PM

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Ho do you perceive the North Dakota economy?			Response Percent
Strengthening			40.0%
Stable			51.8%
Weakening			8.2%
Other (please specify)			



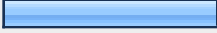
Other (please specify)		
1	st	Apr 22, 2010 5:47 PM
2	Except Western North Dakota is Strong	Apr 22, 2010 6:13 PM
3	With the NEPA ruling for oil and gas leases and proposed federal climate change legislation, our energy industry is under attack.	Apr 22, 2010 6:26 PM
4	Underpinning federal funds transfer big economic support for state.	Apr 22, 2010 6:45 PM
5	Highly variable, depending on region, rural/urban. HIGHLY susceptible to what happens nationally	Apr 22, 2010 6:59 PM
6	New construction like the hospital on I 94.	Apr 26, 2010 3:53 PM
7	Very Strong and stable.	Apr 27, 2010 1:05 PM

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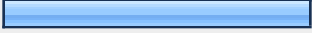
Over the next six months, what factors do you think will most impact your business and at what level of government?										
	Energy	Healthcare	Workforce	Increase in Raw Material Costs	Infrastructure	Higher Education	Economic Development	Availability of Credit	Taxation	
Federal	50.0% (54)	77.8% (84)	22.2% (24)	22.2% (24)	14.8% (16)	1.9% (2)	16.7% (18)	38.0% (41)	71.3% (77)	
State	41.8% (38)	24.2% (22)	46.2% (42)	15.4% (14)	27.5% (25)	27.5% (25)	45.1% (41)	16.5% (15)	25.3% (23)	
Other (please specify)										

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1	New federal legislation is all negative for business and consumers.	Apr 22, 2010 6:16 PM
2	Federal Bank Regulation	Apr 22, 2010 6:35 PM
3	Health of Manufacturing Industry	Apr 22, 2010 6:45 PM
4	Rapid pace at which federal government is changing laws, failure for government to pay for services/mandates	Apr 22, 2010 6:59 PM
5	EMPLOYER MANDATES IN HEALTHCARE-BIG DEAL, REALLY BIG DEAL, DON'T BE FOOLED	Apr 22, 2010 7:39 PM
6	Interest Rates	Apr 22, 2010 8:23 PM
7	Regulations	Apr 22, 2010 9:29 PM
8	The Federal checks are all negative the state checks are positive	Apr 23, 2010 1:22 AM
9	Workforce training.	Apr 27, 2010 1:05 PM



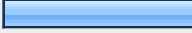
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In the next year, how do you expect your business's sales to change?		
		Response Percent
Increase		56.4%
Decrease		10.9%
About the same		32.7%

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In the next year, how do you expect your business's capital spending to change?		
		Response Percent
Increase		31.8%
Decrease		20.9%
About the same		47.3%

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Has credit been readily available to your business within the past year?			Response Percent	
Yes			62.7%	
No			8.2%	
Not Applicable			29.1%	

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Over the next six months, what are your expectations for jobs in your business?			
		Response Percent	
Remain at the same number of employees		53.6%	
Decrease the number of employees		7.3%	
Increase the number of employees		39.1%	

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What other issues are affecting your business at this time?		

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1	agriculture environment and overconsolidation	Apr 20, 2010 7:48 PM
2	Sates in financial troble (bankrupt)	Apr 21, 2010 1:59 PM
3	Uncertainty as to how imposed health care will affect our company	Apr 22, 2010 5:47 PM
4	None at this time	Apr 22, 2010 5:49 PM
5	Federal tax credits on energy efficient windows is helping	Apr 22, 2010 5:49 PM
6	Oil field wage competition	Apr 22, 2010 6:13 PM
7	federal government inaction	Apr 22, 2010 6:14 PM
8	Federal Legislative agenda is holding back business and capital spending.	Apr 22, 2010 6:16 PM
9	Uncertainty in the Global marketplace	Apr 22, 2010 6:20 PM
10	The completion of a number of large jobs at the mines and power plants	Apr 22, 2010 6:26 PM
11	road construction	Apr 22, 2010 6:27 PM
12	Availability of experienced bankers	Apr 22, 2010 6:35 PM
13	adverse effect due to EPA CO2 regulations	Apr 22, 2010 6:38 PM
14	Government Regulation!!!	Apr 22, 2010 6:39 PM
15	Out of Controll Federal Government Spending and the resulting inflation and high interest rates that we will experiance in 2011	Apr 22, 2010 6:40 PM
16	banks lending policies to homeowners trying to purchase or improve home	Apr 22, 2010 6:50 PM
17	Quality of Leadership	Apr 22, 2010 7:00 PM
18	Uncertainty and fear of increased intrusion and regulation	Apr 22, 2010 7:10 PM
19	High fuel prices, low pool to choose employees from	Apr 22, 2010 7:29 PM
20	POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURE DUE DO HEALTH CARE- MAY NEED TO GET STAFFING UNDER THE 50 EMPLOYEE LEVEL	Apr 22, 2010 7:39 PM
21	Finding housing for the new workeres in the community	Apr 22, 2010 8:25 PM
22	Fear of the unknown taxes and government costs on small business.	Apr 22, 2010 8:29 PM
23	Inflation in Western ND	Apr 22, 2010 9:29 PM
24	The negative federal healthcare changes and cap and trade if this bill is passed	Apr 23, 2010 1:22 AM
25	CO-OPs are moving into non-COOP areas	Apr 23, 2010 1:51 PM
26	Market is soft due to the weak economy	Apr 23, 2010 3:01 PM
27	flooding	Apr 24, 2010 10:50 AM
28	Lack of housing for employees	Apr 24, 2010 9:38 PM
29	Employee benefits	Apr 24, 2010 9:47 PM
30	The fall eletions should stabilize the politics.	Apr 25, 2010 12:17 AM

Response Text		
31	Uncertainty caused by Obama Administration	Apr 25, 2010 3:11 AM
32	External pressures of businesses not based in ND using outside leverage from other states we currently do not have	Apr 26, 2010 12:23 PM
33	uncertainty	Apr 26, 2010 8:05 PM
34	Workforce shortage in oil country and need for training.	Apr 27, 2010 1:05 PM
35	General cautionary attitude of the public.	Apr 27, 2010 1:35 PM