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# Survey: Hospital Consolidation Contributes to High Healthcare Costs for NC Small Business

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# North Carolina Small Businesses Want Action

## North Carolina findings from the survey include:

- **58%** of those surveyed say they have seen hospital consolidation in their region, with the number of hospitals shrinking
- The biggest outcomes of those who have seen hospital consolidation are:
  - **59%** have fewer choices about where to receive care
  - **57%** see a loss of competition
  - **47%** see longer waits
- **77%** say that the consolidation of hospitals in their areas have made the overall availability and quality of healthcare services in their communities worse
- **67%** say the availability and cost of health insurance has been negatively impacted by hospital consolidation
- **53%** of small business owners say that hospital consolidation leads to a lack of competition making hospital services more expensive for employees, eating into their pay.
- **86%** say it's important that federal and state governments intervene in the consolidation of the health systems
- **94%** say that hospitals are unfairly charging high prices leading to high healthcare costs and it's time for price regulation



# About Small Business for America's Future

- Small Business for America's Future is a national coalition of business owners and leaders working to provide small businesses a voice at every level of government.
- We're committed to ensuring policymakers prioritize Main Street by advancing a just and equitable economic framework that works for small business owners, their employees and their communities.

