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

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Texas Small Businesses Want Action

Texas findings from the survey include:

- **Nearly half (45%)** 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:
 - **64%** have fewer choices about where to receive care
 - **47%** see a loss of competition
 - **45%** see longer waits
- **85%** say that the consolidation of hospitals in their areas have made the overall availability and quality of healthcare services in their communities worse
- **75%** say the availability and cost of health insurance has been negatively impacted by hospital consolidation
- **82%** 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
- **90%** 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.

