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Taxed Out: Main Street on the Two-Tier Tax Code

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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.





Key Findings

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Small Business for America's Future conducted a survey of 602 small business owners in its network to gauge their sentiment on corporate tax fairness and loopholes. The survey comes as small businesses file taxes for the first time under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which permanently enshrined tax provisions that overwhelmingly benefit large corporations while offering little meaningful relief to Main Street. The findings reveal that small business owners overwhelmingly believe the tax code favors large corporations and they want Congress to take action to level the playing field.

An Uneven Playing Field

- 74% say large corporations hold significant tax advantages over small businesses
- Just 6% say the tax code treats small businesses and large corporations equally
- 83% say corporate tax loopholes give large companies an unfair advantage over small businesses

The Cost to Small Businesses and Communities

- Two-thirds (66%) said corporate tax avoidance puts small businesses that pay their full tax burden at a competitive disadvantage
- 62% said it shifts a heavier tax burden onto small businesses and individuals
- Nearly half (47%) pointed to reduced public investment in local infrastructure like roads and broadband
- 45% cited less funding for education and workforce development



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Strong Support for Closing the Round-Tripping Loophole

- 79% support closing the round-tripping loophole, which allows large U.S. companies to offshore production to tax-haven subsidiaries and sell products back into the U.S. at reduced tax rates
- 72% support the Close the Round-Tripping Loophole Act, legislation targeting large multinational corporations with over \$100 million in revenue that shift profits from U.S. sales to foreign tax havens, reducing their tax rate to 10.5% instead of the 21% rate domestic businesses pay

The One Big Beautiful Bill Got It Backward

Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill, a \$3.4 trillion package that made permanent tax cuts primarily benefiting large corporations and wealthy taxpayers. Instead of closing the loopholes that put small businesses at a disadvantage, lawmakers added trillions to the national debt.

- 75% support using the estimated \$69 billion in savings to help reduce the federal deficit

Congress Should Act

- 54% say Congress should prioritize closing loopholes that benefit large corporations over small businesses
- Just 2% want to keep the current system as is

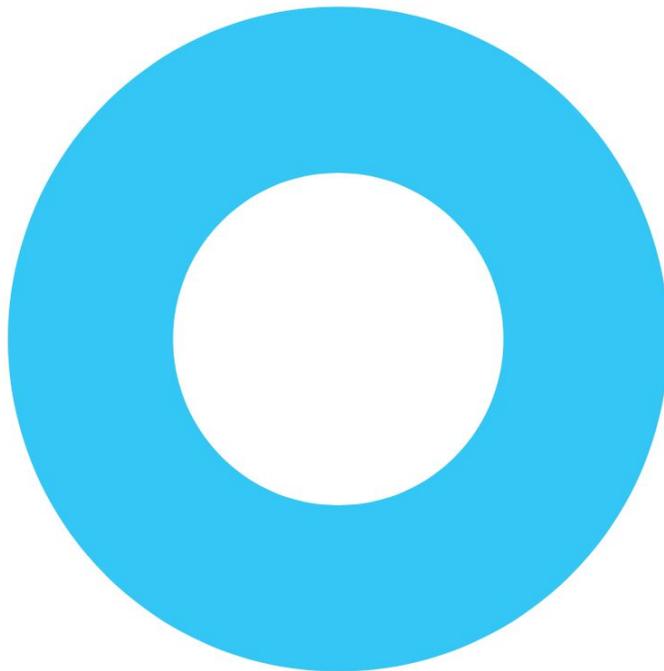


An overhead, top-down view of a wooden office desk. Several people are working at the desk. On the left, a person's hands are on a white keyboard. In the center, a person is using a laptop. On the right, a person is using a mouse. The desk is cluttered with various items: a white mouse, a black calculator, a small potted plant, a pen holder with pens, a coffee cup, a smartphone, a spiral notebook, a pen, a small box, and a water bottle. The text "Survey Results" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

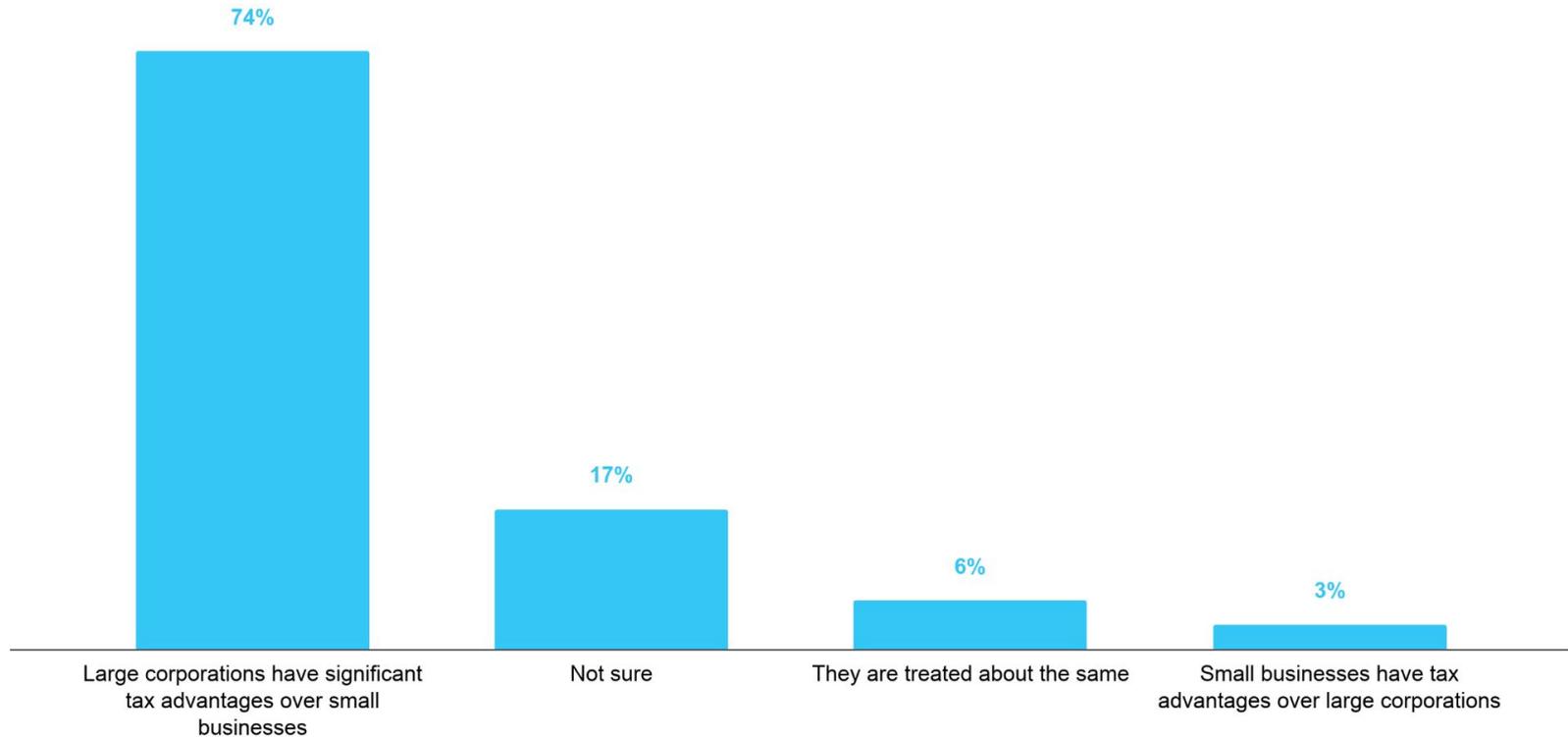
Survey Results

Q1: Are you a small business owner?

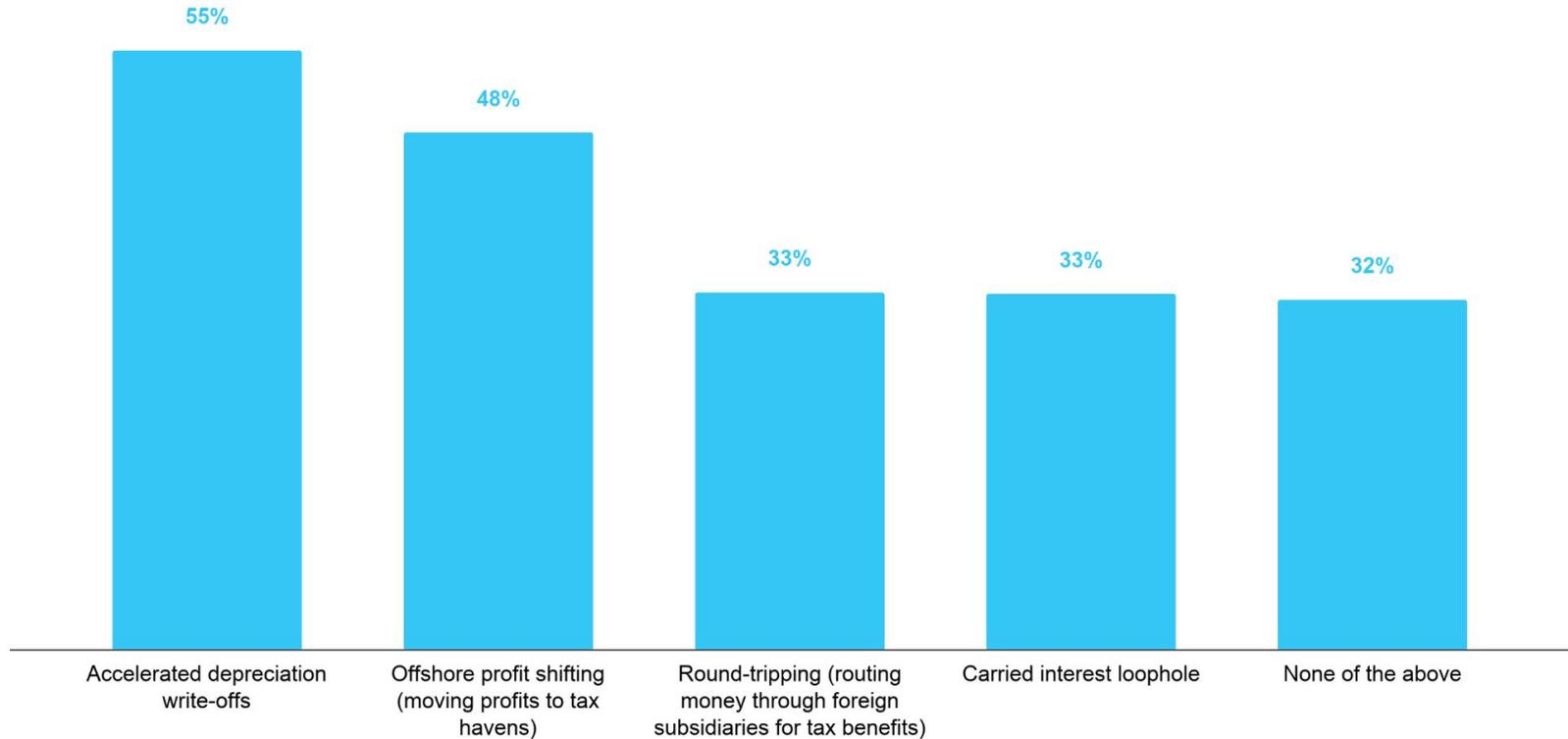
● Yes



Q2: When it comes to the tax system, do you believe small businesses and large corporations are treated equally?

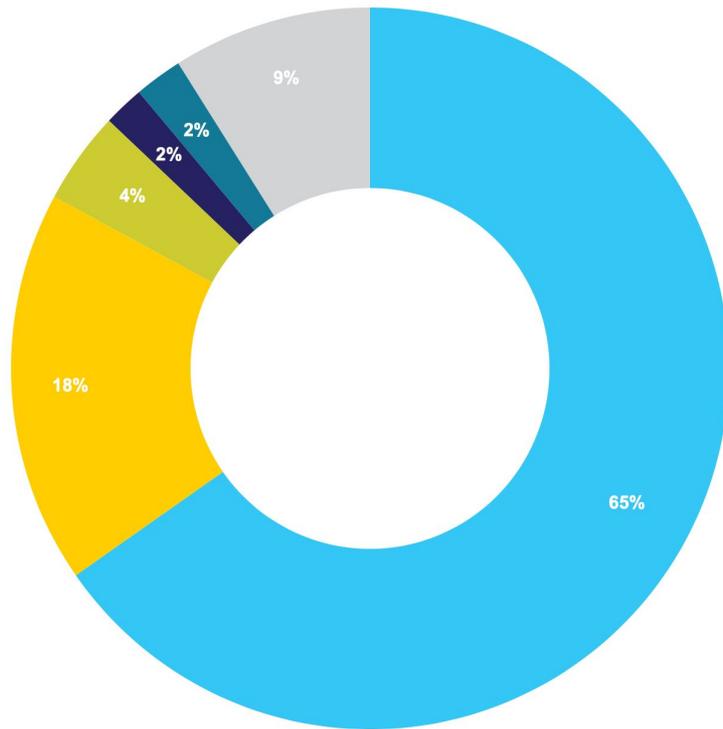


Q3: Large corporations use accountants and lawyers to reduce their taxes in ways most small businesses can't. Have you heard of any of these loopholes which are commonly used to avoid taxes? (Select all that apply)



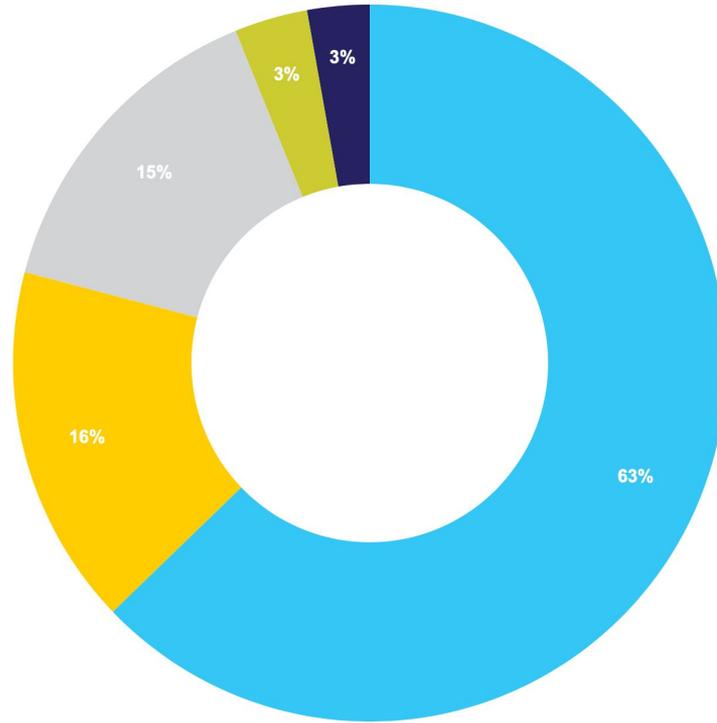
Q4: Do you think this gives large corporations an unfair advantage over small businesses?

Very unfair advantage Somewhat unfair advantage No advantage either way Somewhat fair advantage Very fair advantage Not sure



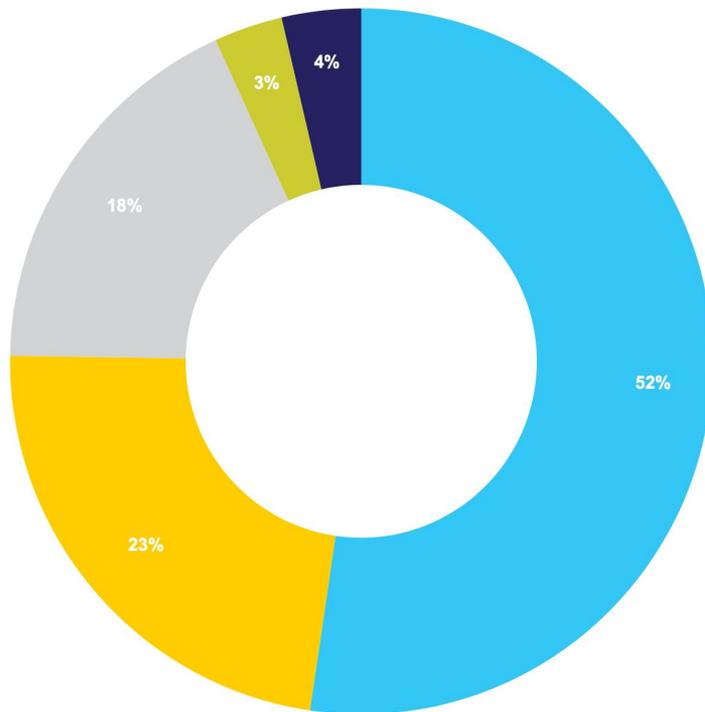
Q5: Would you support or oppose Congress closing the round-tripping loophole, which by one estimate would save \$69 billion over 10 years, to ensure large corporations pay taxes similar to what small businesses pay?

● Strongly support ● Somewhat support ● Neither support nor oppose ● Somewhat oppose ● Strongly oppose

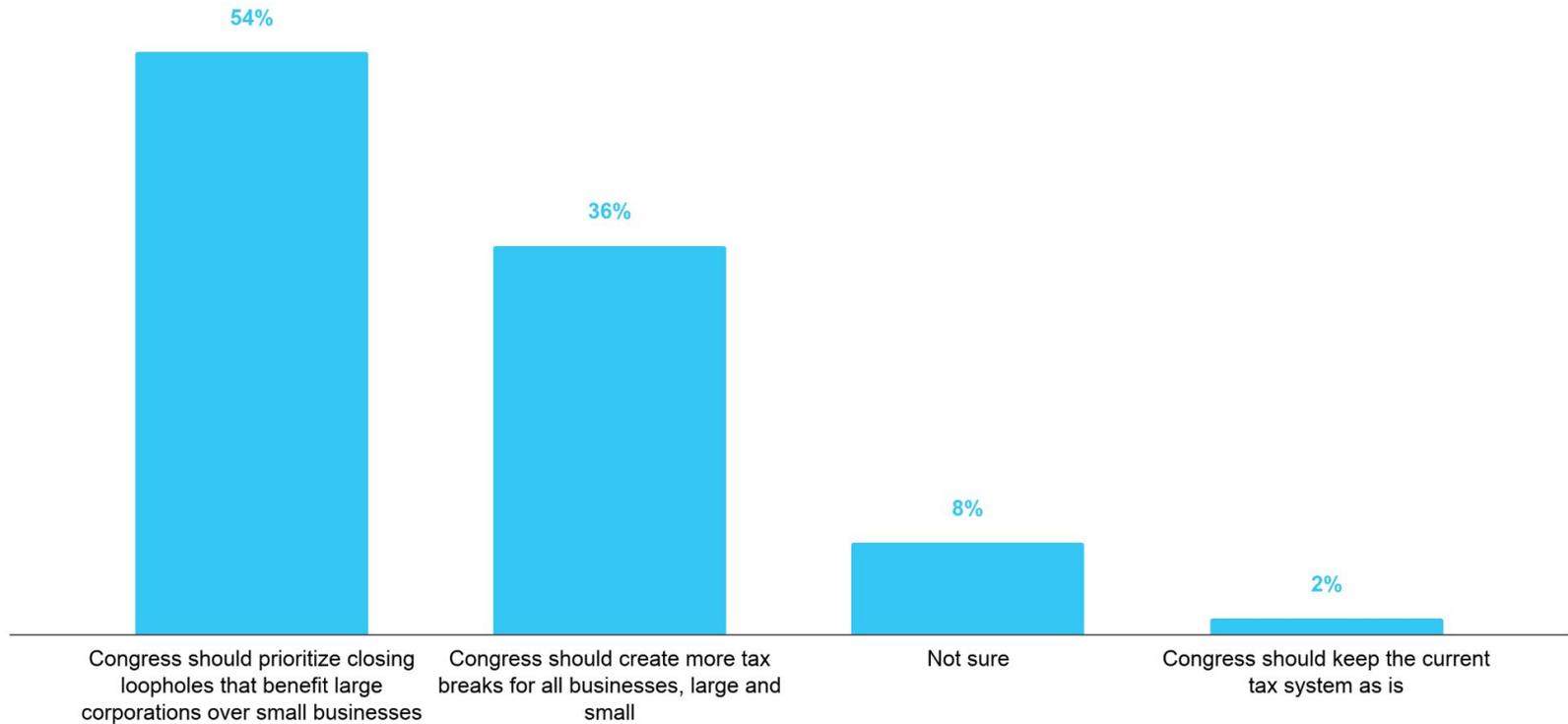


Q6: Would you support or oppose Congress using the estimated \$69 billion in savings from closing the round-tripping loophole to help reduce the federal deficit?

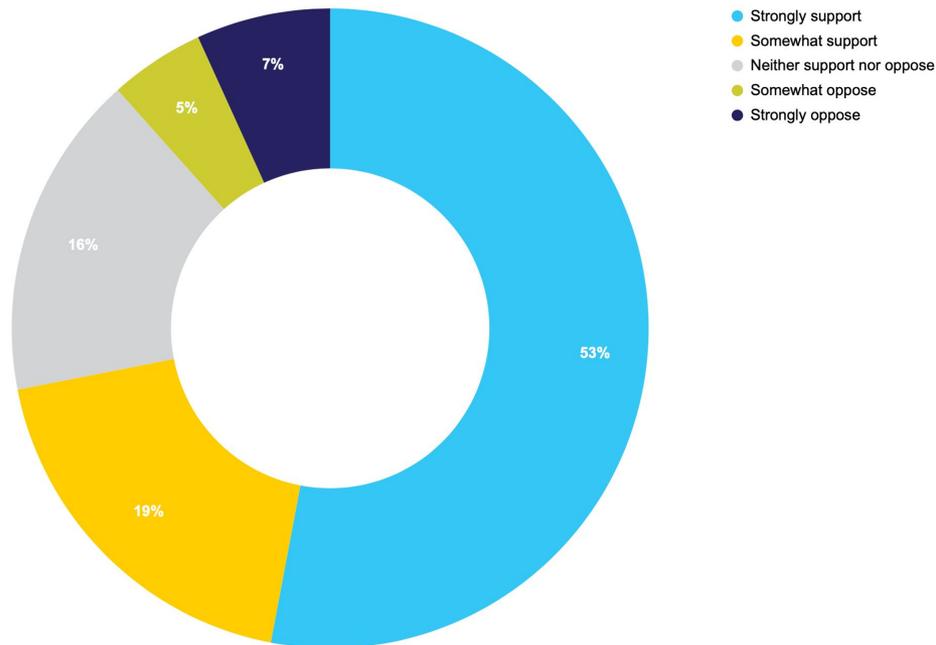
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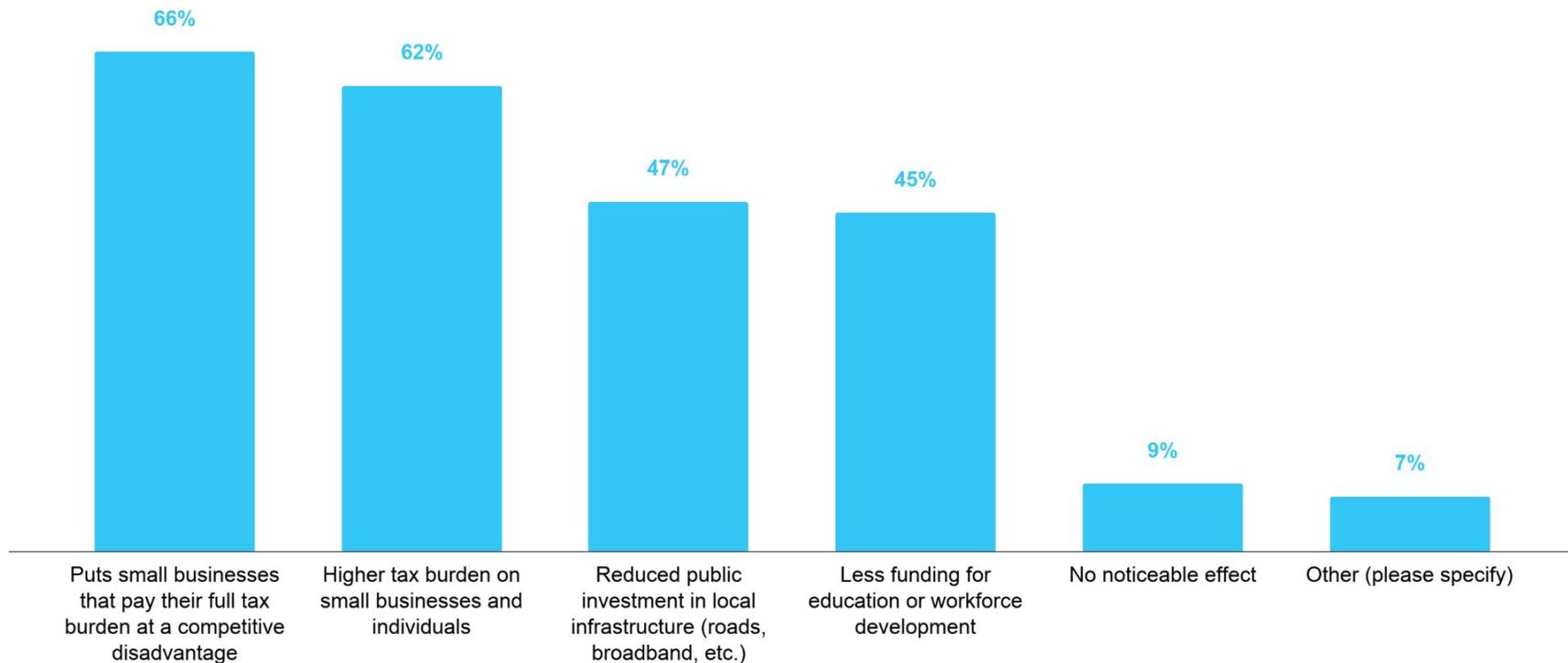
Q7: When you hear that Congress is considering tax legislation, which statement best reflects your view?



Q8: Senators have introduced legislation to close a tax loophole that allows large multinational corporations to shift profits from their U.S. sales to foreign tax havens, reducing their tax rate to 10.5% instead of the 21% rate that domestic businesses pay. The Close the Round-Tripping Loophole Act would only apply to corporations with over \$100 million in revenue and would not affect small businesses. Do you support or oppose this legislation?



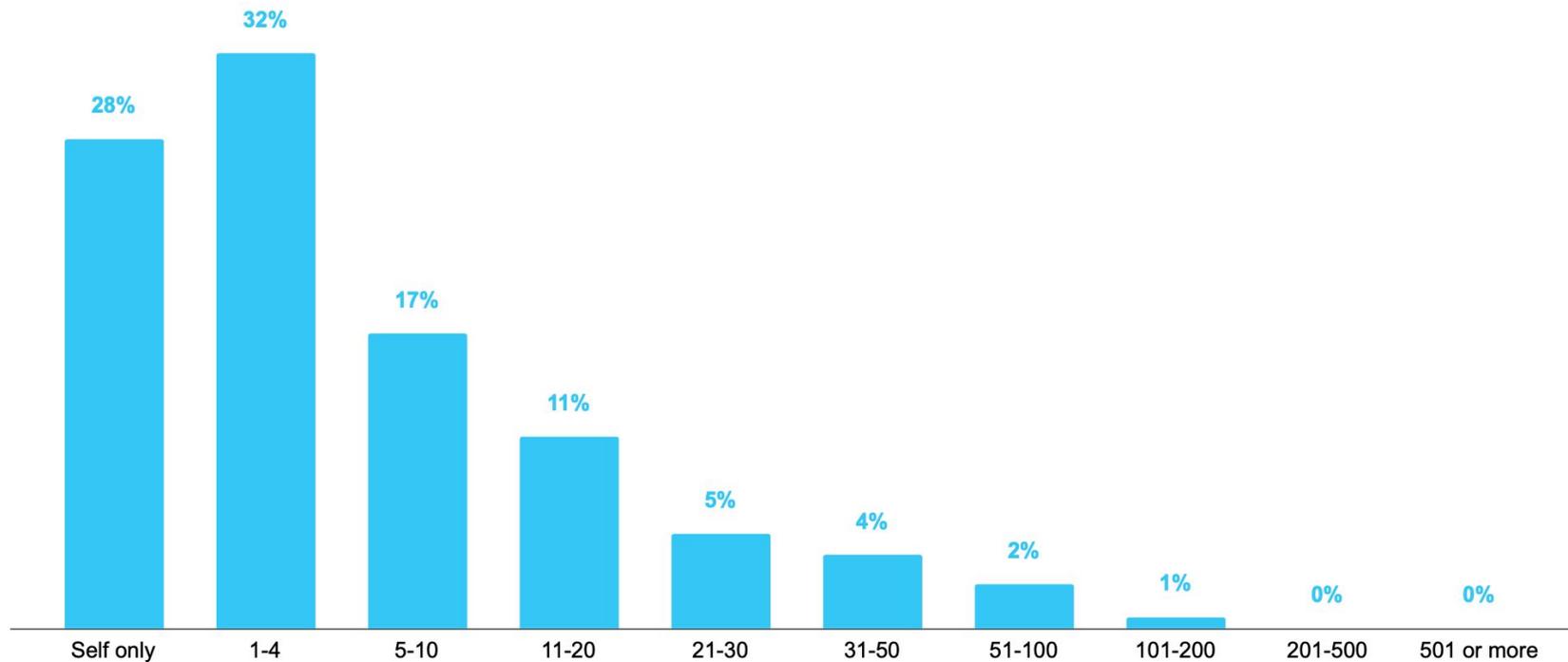
Q9: In your view, how does corporate tax avoidance affect your business or community? (Select all that apply)



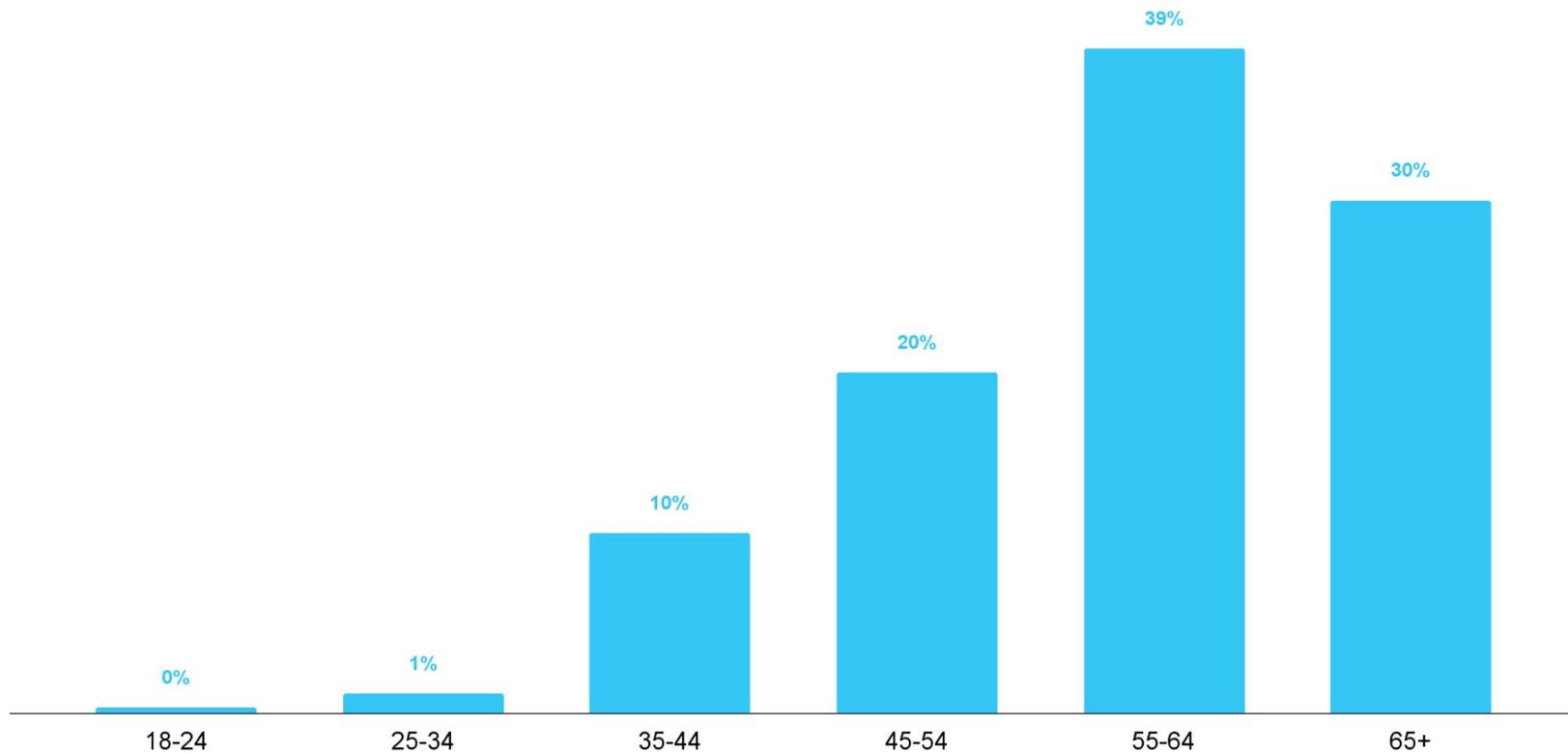
An aerial, top-down view of a busy pedestrian walkway, likely in a public space like a transit station or a large building lobby. The floor is composed of light-colored, rectangular tiles. A group of about seven people is walking along a set of stairs on the left side of the frame. Other individuals are scattered across the walkway, some walking alone and others in small groups. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "Demographic Data" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Demographic Data

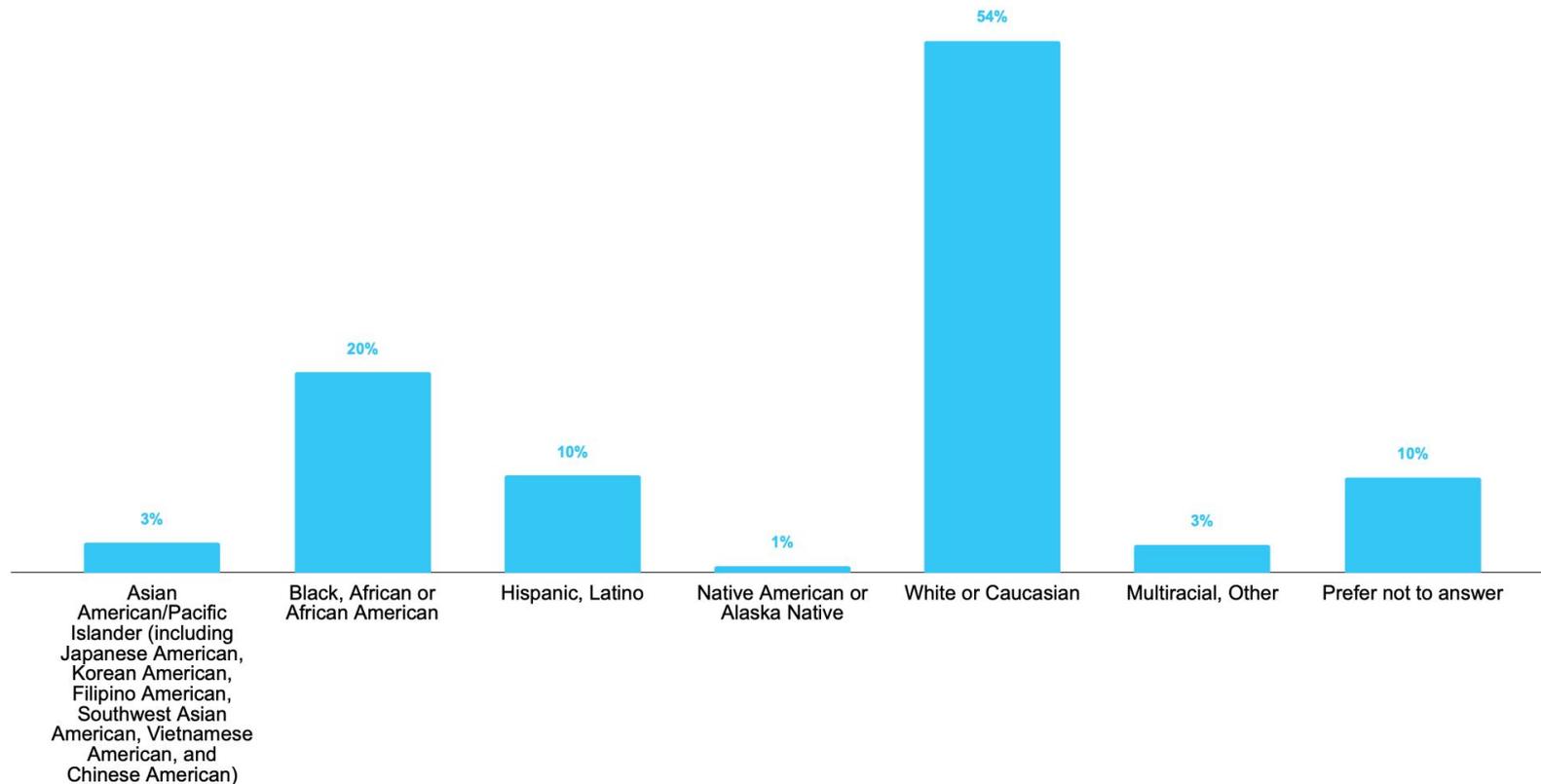
Q: Not including yourself, how many employees do you have?



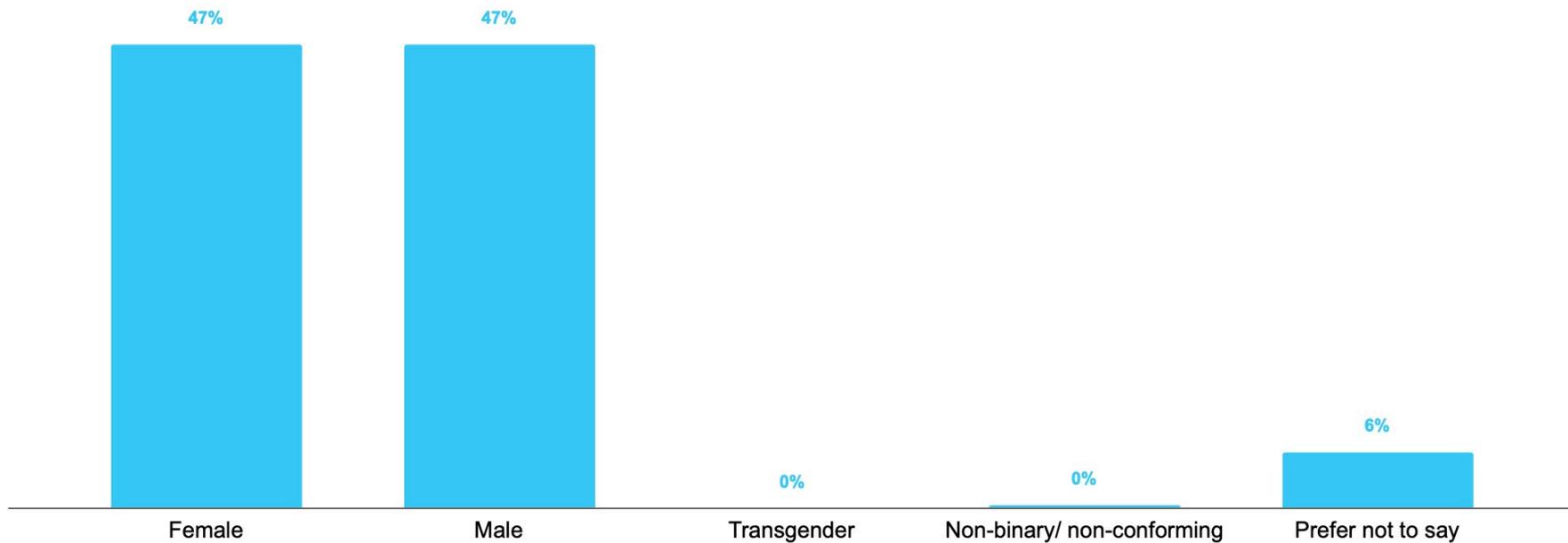
Q: What is your age?



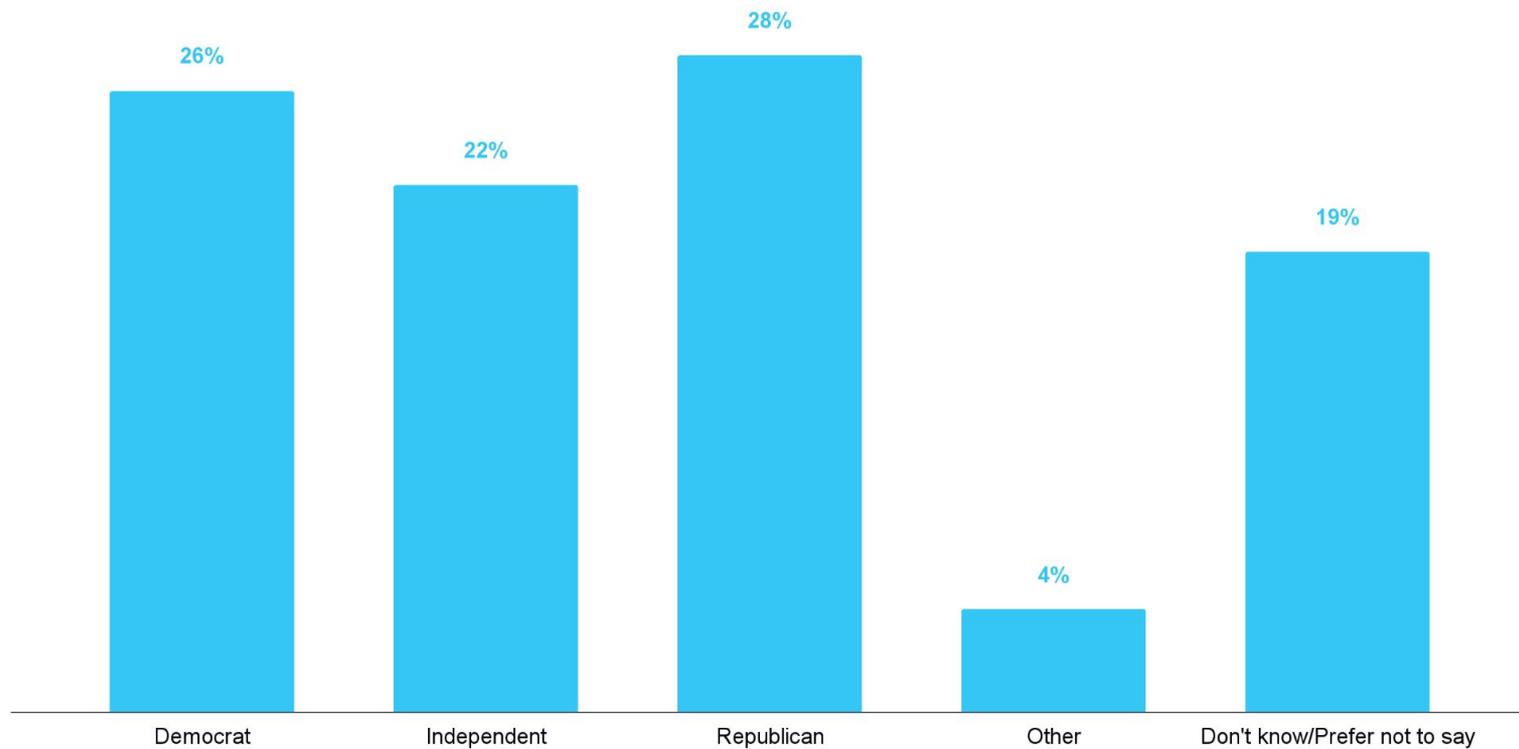
Q: How do you identify yourself?

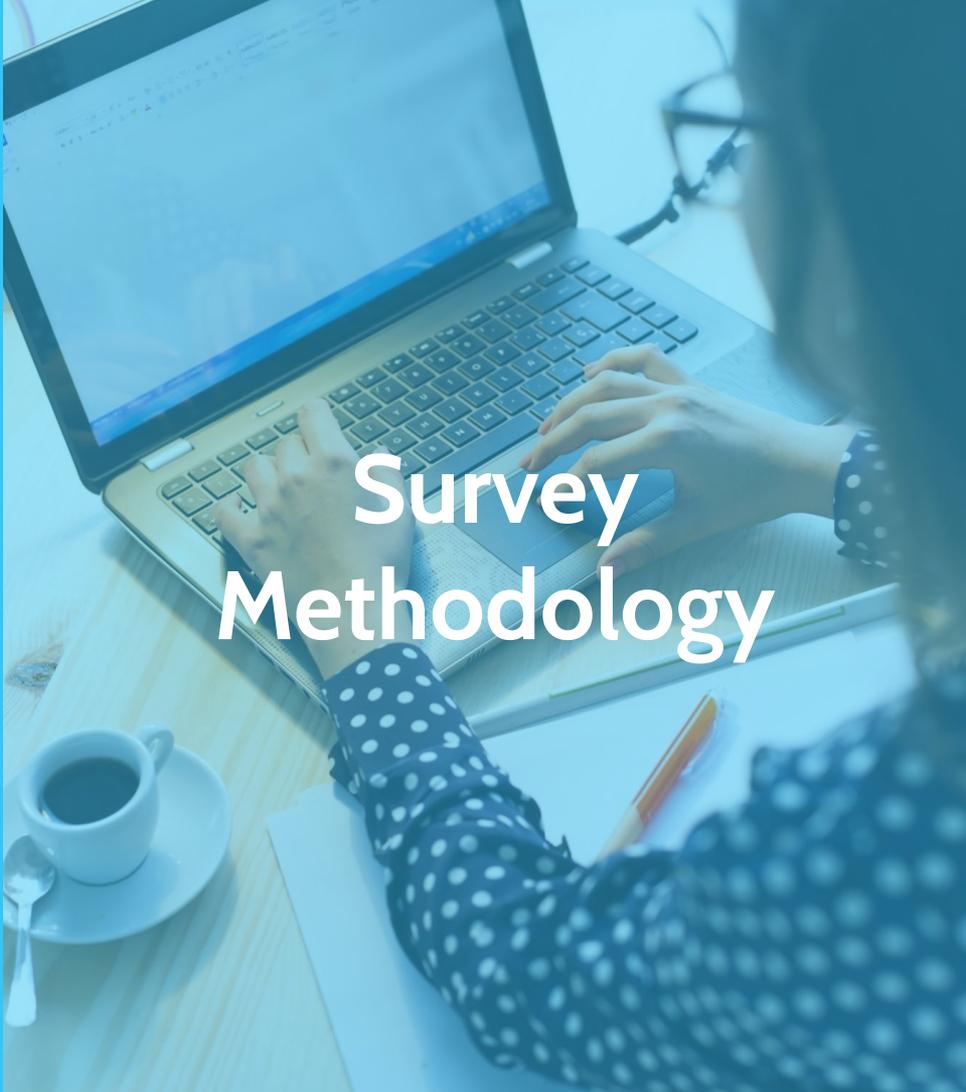


Q: What is your gender identity?



Q: Which best represents how you typically vote in elections?





Survey Methodology

602 Total Responses

Methodology:

Survey Monkey survey of Small Business for
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