

## NATIONAL BUSINESS OWNERS

# UI Bonus Poll

**1. How difficult has it been for your business to hire new workers over the last several months?**

Very	59%
Somewhat	14%
Not at All	10%
Not Attempted	17%

**2. In the last several months, has your business had to turn away customers or contracts, or missed growth opportunities due to not being able to hire enough employees?**

Yes	54%
No	46%

**3. Are your current employees experiencing low morale due to heavier-than-normal workloads resulting from not having enough help?**

Yes	51%
No	49%

**4. At any point over the last thirteen months, have you had to lay employees off due to COVID-19 restrictions on your businesses?**

Yes	38%
No	62%

**5. Have you experienced a significant increase in the amount of money and resources you have to spend to recruit and retain new employees?**

Yes	56%
No	44%

**6. Have you experienced a problem with hiring new employees only to have them not show up for work or quit?**

Yes	50%
No	50%

**7. Are you considering or have you already implemented a plan to automate, outsource, or eliminate positions within your company that have become difficult to fill?**

Yes	35%
No	65%

**8. Is there more than a 50 percent chance your business will have to close within the next year as a result of not being able to hire enough employees?**

Yes	30%
No	70%

**9. Have any of your employees quit their job and collected unemployment due to COVID-19 safety concerns?**

Yes	39%
No	61%

**10. Do you think the \$300 weekly unemployment bonus is making it more difficult for you to hire new employees this year?**

Yes	65%
No	28%
No Attempt	7%

**11. Earlier this year, President Biden signed a law giving those on unemployment a \$300 weekly bonus payment on top of regular unemployment benefits. The bonus is currently set to expire in September. Do you support or oppose allowing the unemployment bonus to expire in September, as scheduled?**

Support	65%
Oppose	22%
Unsure	14%

**12. Currently, independent contractors and those who are self-employed do not pay taxes towards unemployment and are also not eligible for the program. Would you support or oppose requiring states to create a permanent \$250 weekly unemployment benefit for those not typically covered by unemployment insurance, such as the self-employed and independent contractors?**

Support	39%
Oppose	47%
Unsure	14%

**13. Would you support or oppose creating a new tax on the wages of independent contractors and the self-employed in order to establish unemployment benefits for those populations?**

Support	25%
Oppose	62%
Unsure	13%

**14. Would you support or oppose raising taxes on all businesses in order to provide unemployment benefits to independent contractors and the self-employed?**

Support	19%
Oppose	66%
Unsure	14%

Results for this poll are based on telephone interviews conducted among a nationwide sample of 503 business owners. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Services, Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted April 29-May 9, 2021. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.37 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons, Statistics of U.S. Businesses, Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs, Current Population Survey, and state election authorities.

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