# ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR

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# REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS (REC) WEBINAR SERIES

- Accelerated survey work due to the pandemic; complements existing work
  - Quarterly: General business, construction, hospitality & tourism, & ag credit
  - Annual: Manufacturing, professional services
- Minneapolis Fed connecting with more businesses across the Ninth District
- Webinars help disseminate and discuss what businesses are telling us about current conditions







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- Survey results
  - Conditions down but varied greatly
  - Outlook optimistic
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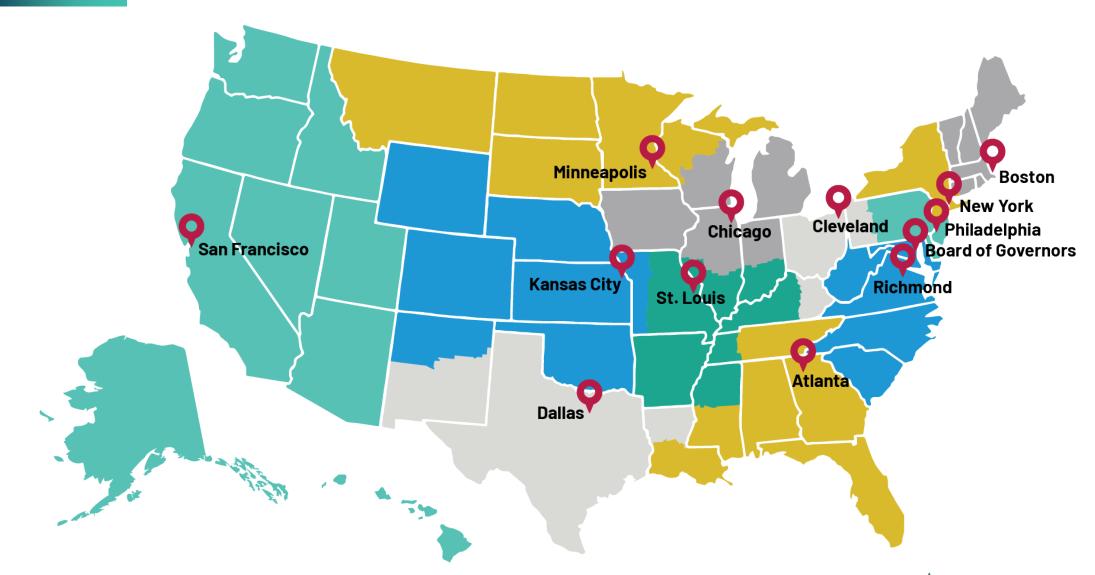




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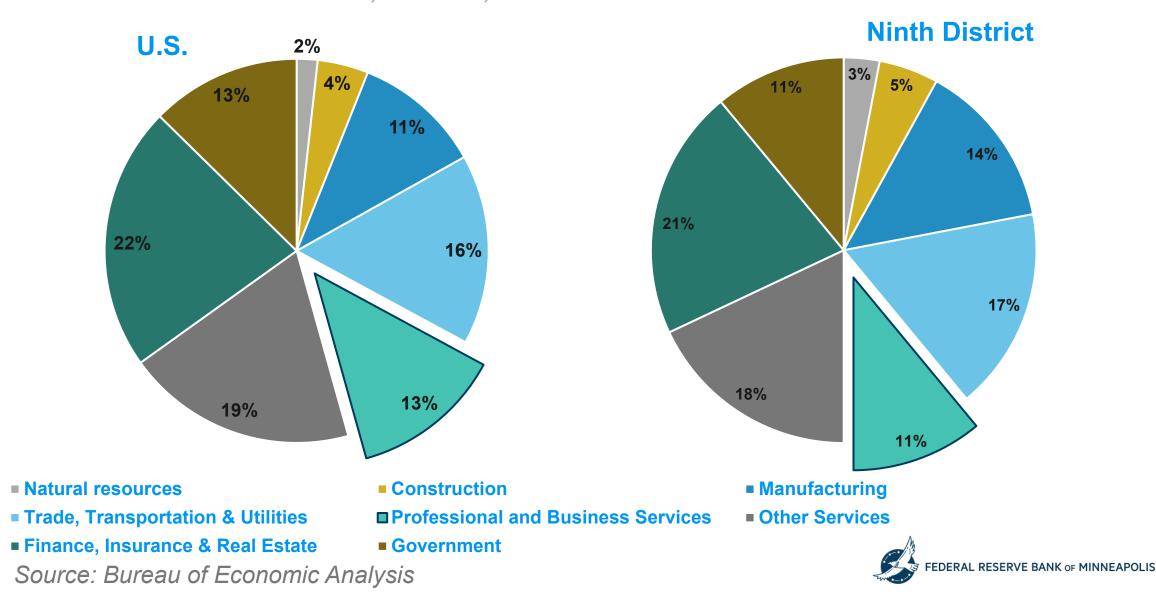
#### **SECTORS WE SURVEYED**

- Professional, scientific, and technical services (NAICS code 541)
  - Design, engineering, architecture
  - Marketing and advertising
  - Research and development
  - Legal services
  - Accounting, tax prep

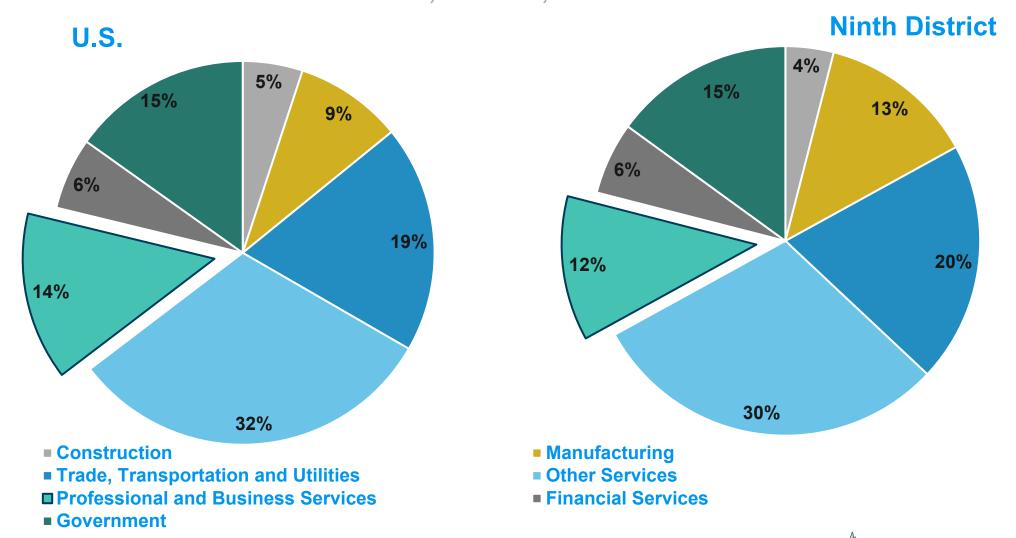
- Administrative and support services (NAICS code 561)
  - Employment services
  - Business support
  - Clerical and administrative
  - Investigation and security
  - Facilities support and cleaning



# OUTPUT BY INDUSTRY, 2020, U.S. & NINTH DISTRICT



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#### SERVICES SECTOR IN CONTRACTION

- Ninth District survey
  - Conducted in May and June, looking backward and forward one year (four quarters)
  - Random sample of services firms, polled online
  - Stratified by state and firm size
  - All states, 311 respondents
- Conducted in partnership with Minnesota DEED



### **ACTIVITY WAS DOWN, EVEN WITH REOPENING**

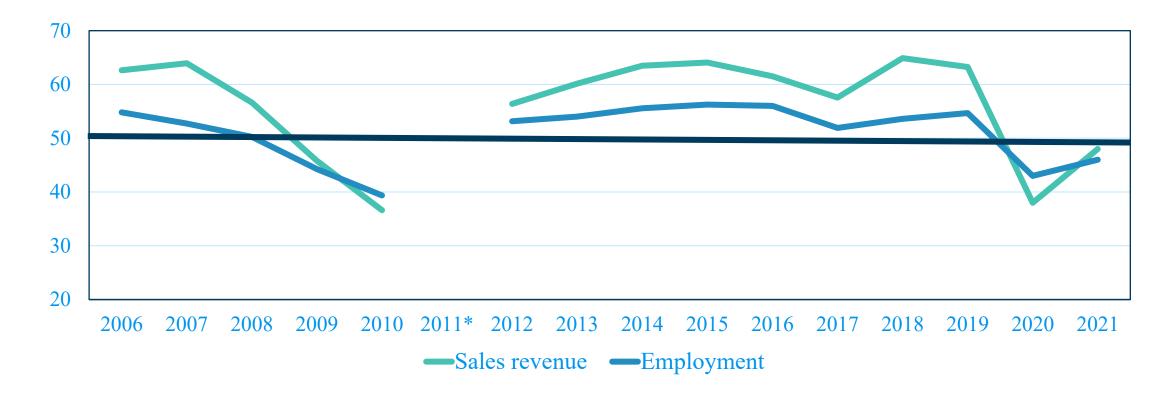


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#### BUT REBOUNDED RELATIVE TO LAST YEAR



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#### **OUTLOOK FOR NEXT YEAR IS OPTIMISTIC**

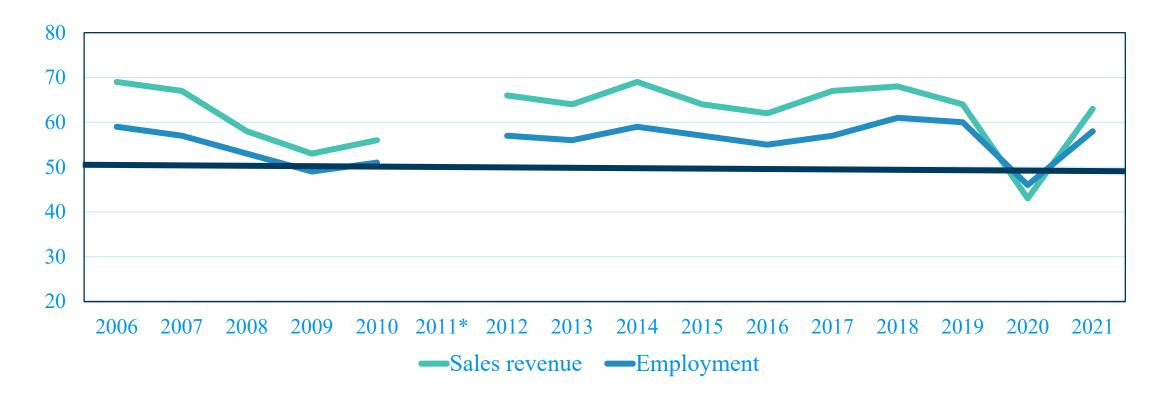


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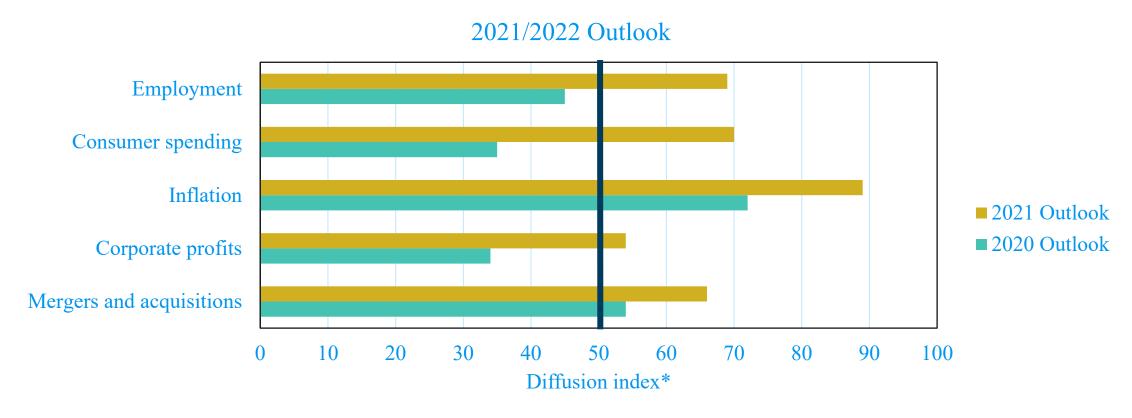
#### BUSINESS OPTIMISM BACK UP TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVEL



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#### STATE ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS MUCH MORE OPTIMISTIC



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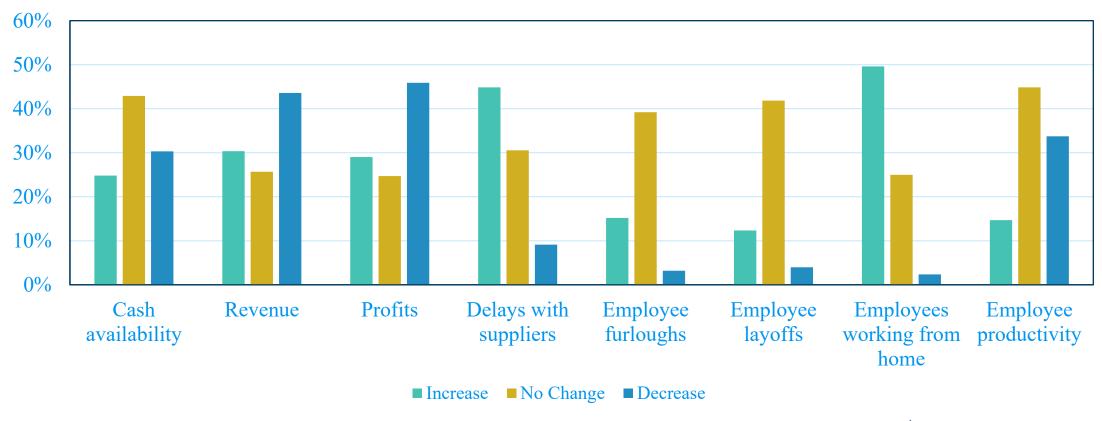


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# PANDEMIC IMPACTS

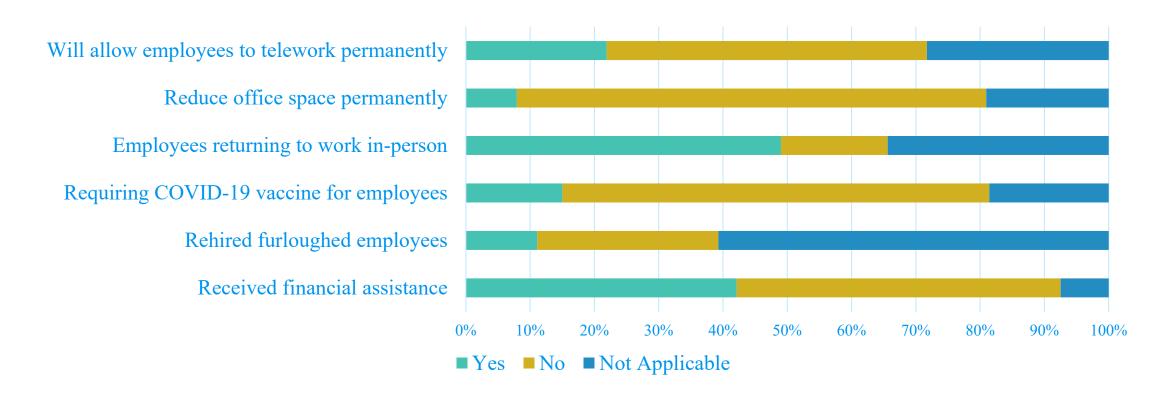
# IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON YOUR BUSINESS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS





# PANDEMIC IMPACTS

### **CHANGES IN YOUR BUSINESS SINCE JANUARY 2021**





# PANDEMIC IMPACTS

# IN YOUR OPINION, HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE YOUR BUSINESS GOES BACK TO NORMAL OPERATIONS?





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