# ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR

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# **REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

# **REC: A new webinar series from the Minneapolis Fed**

- Extension of annual Regional Economic Conditions Conference connecting people & research related to Ninth District economy
- More surveys and more real-time data being gathered
- Webinars help Bank connect w/ business and community leaders about real-time conditions in the Ninth District
- Enhanced data sharing: Greater value for survey partners and survey participants





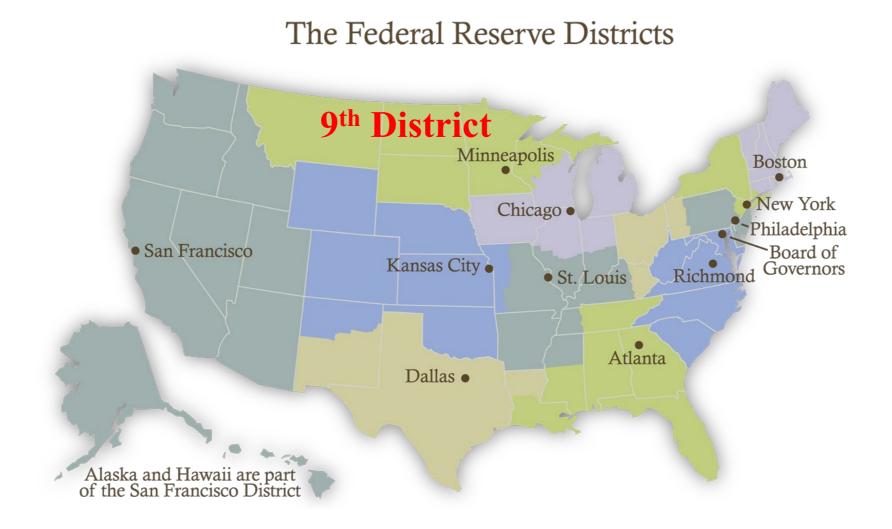
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# THE SERVICES SECTOR

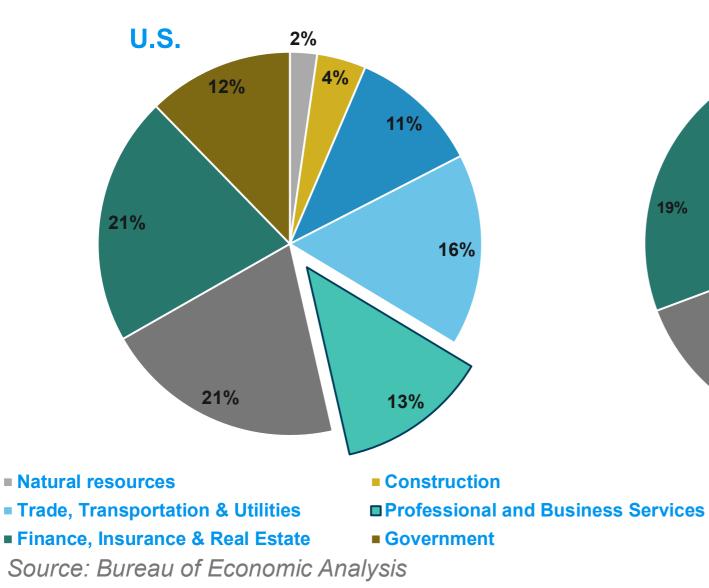
## SECTORS WE SURVEYED

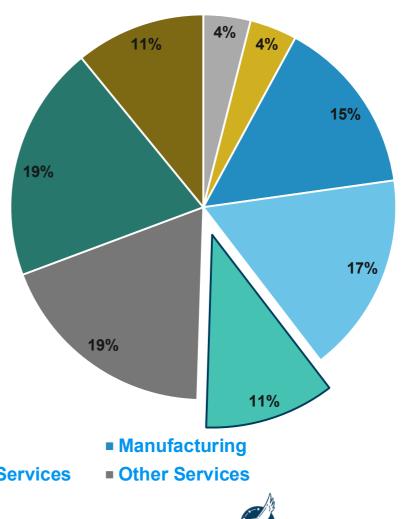
- Professional, scientific, and technical services (NAICS code 541)
  - Design, engineering, architecture
  - Marketing and advertising
  - Research and development
  - Legal services
  - Accounting, tax prep

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



# OUTPUT BY INDUSTRY, 2019, U.S. & NINTH DISTRICT





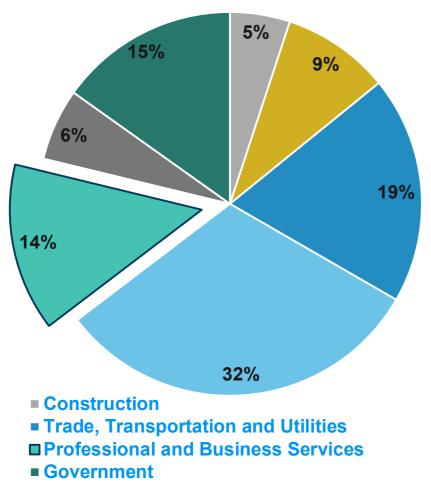
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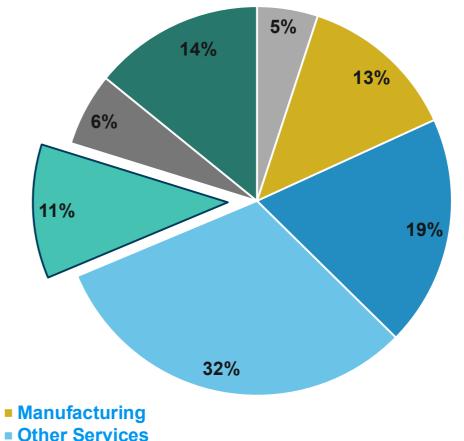
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## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2019, U.S. & DISTRICT

U.S.

**Ninth District** 





Financial Services



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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## SERVICES SECTOR IN CONTRACTION

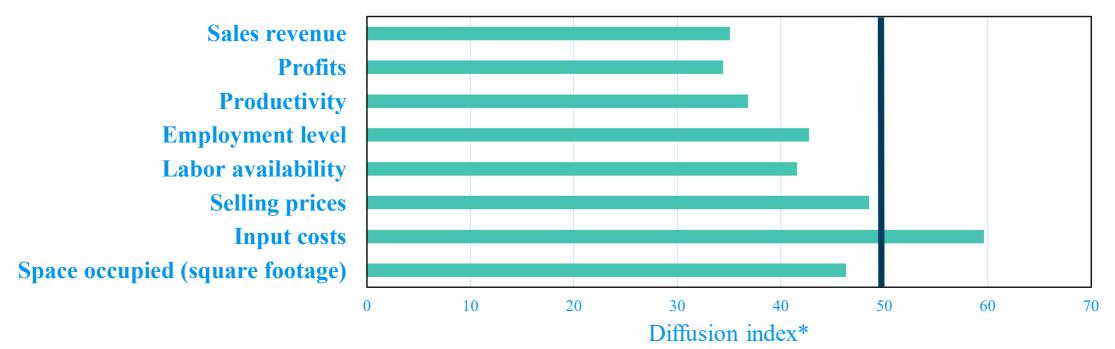
- Ninth District survey
  - Conducted July and August, looking backward and forward one year (four quarters)
  - Random sample of services firms, polled online
  - Stratified by state and firm size
  - All states, 236 respondents
- Conducted in partnership with Minnesota DEED





#### LAST YEAR HAS BEEN DIFFICULT, EVEN WITH GROWTH IN LATE 2019/EARLY 2020

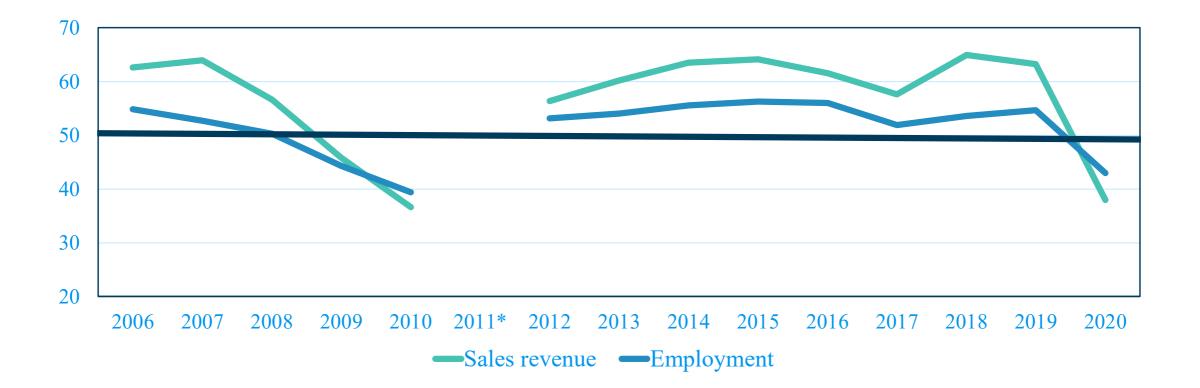
#### 2019/2020 Performance







#### COMING ON THE HEELS OF MANY YEARS OF GROWTH







#### **OUTLOOK FOR NEXT YEAR REMAINS PESSIMISTIC**

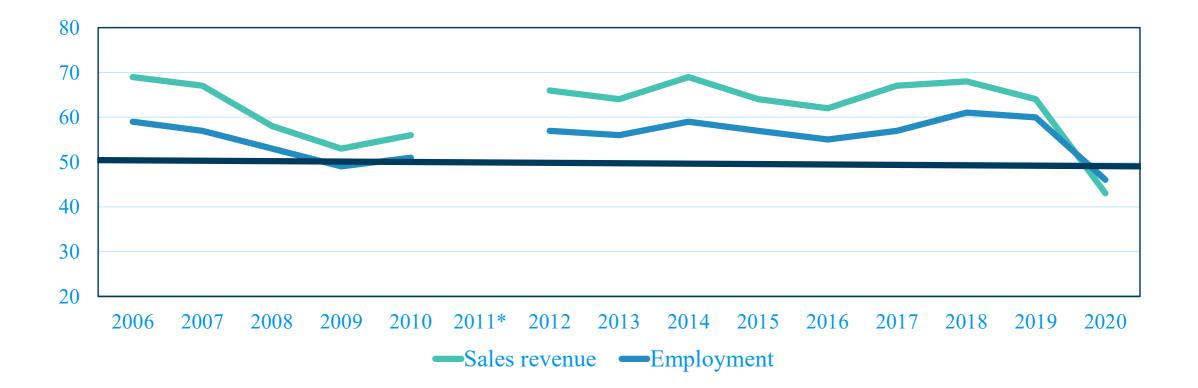


#### 2020/2021 Outlook





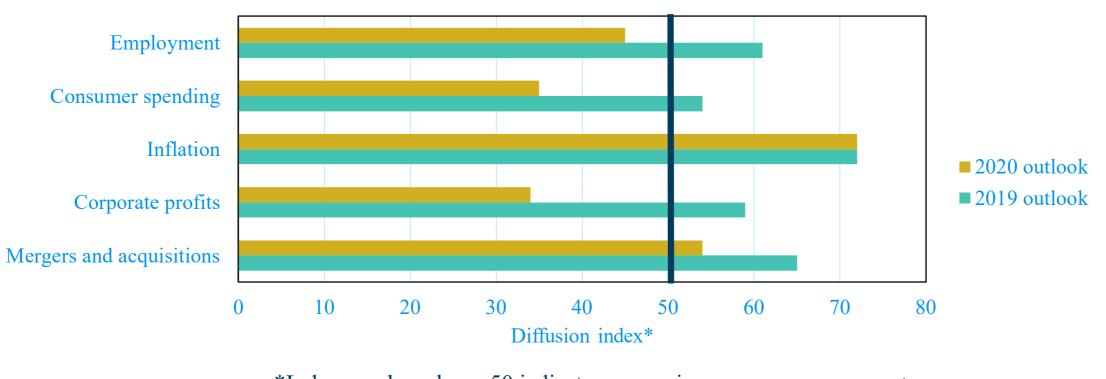
#### **OPTIMISM AT ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN HISTORY OF SURVEY**







#### STATE ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS PESSIMISTIC TOO



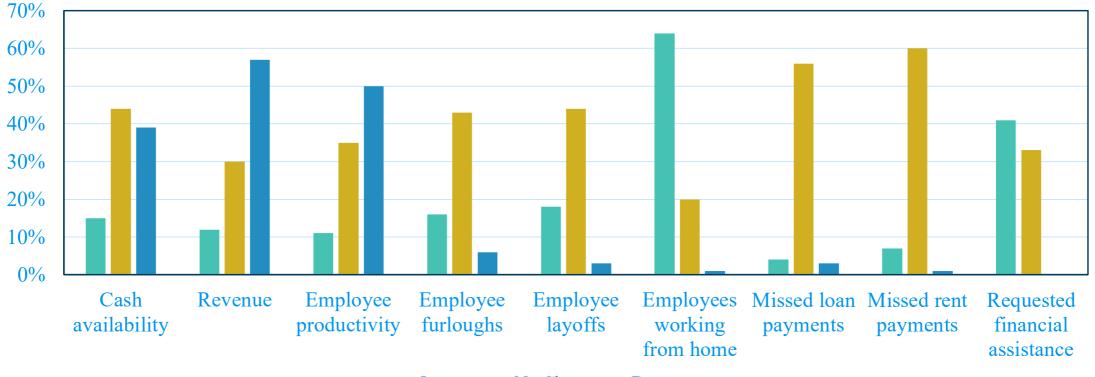
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#### **IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON YOUR BUSINESS**

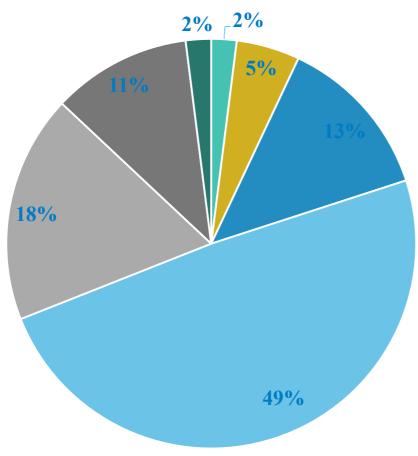


■ Increase ■ No Change ■ Decrease



## PANDEMIC IMPACTS

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



- 1 month or less
- **2-3** months
- **4-6** months
- More than 6 months
- I don't believe my business will go back to normal
- There has been little or no effect on my business
- Going out of business



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