

Economy

Q2 2015 improvement

46%

46% of CEOs reported that the economy had improved, down from 61% in the 1st quarter and 50% in Q2 2014.

35% of CEOs anticipate an improving economy in the year ahead, down from 45% in the 1st quarter and 38% this time last year.

Q2 2014 improvement

35%

Q1 2015

45%

Revenues

71%

of CEOs anticipated revenue gains, and increases in profits were anticipated by 56% of CEOs in the 2nd quarter.

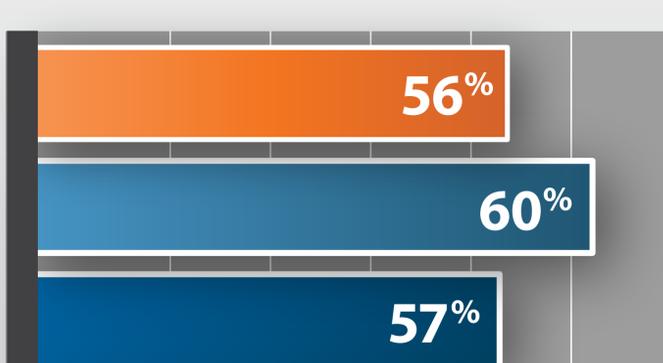


Hiring

56%

of CEOs planned to expand their workforce, a slight decline from 60% in the 1st quarter and 57% in last year's 2nd quarter.

Locating, hiring, training, and retaining staff was cited by 35% of all CEOs as their most important task, unchanged from the 1st quarter, and cited twice as frequently as any other issue.



Investments

46%

of CEOs plan to increase investments in new plant and equipment, barely below last quarter's 48% and equal to last year's figure.

"Investment plans were on average more favorable during the past six quarters than any other time since the peak years of 2004-05."

– Dr. Richard Curtin, University of Michigan

Flex work

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Two-in-three CEOs reported offering one or more flexible work options to their employees.

Of those CEOs who offer flexible work options:

Offer a flexible work schedule

67%

Offer work-from-home options

45%

Offer work to contractors

19%

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Three-in-ten CEOs reported cost savings due to these flexible options.

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