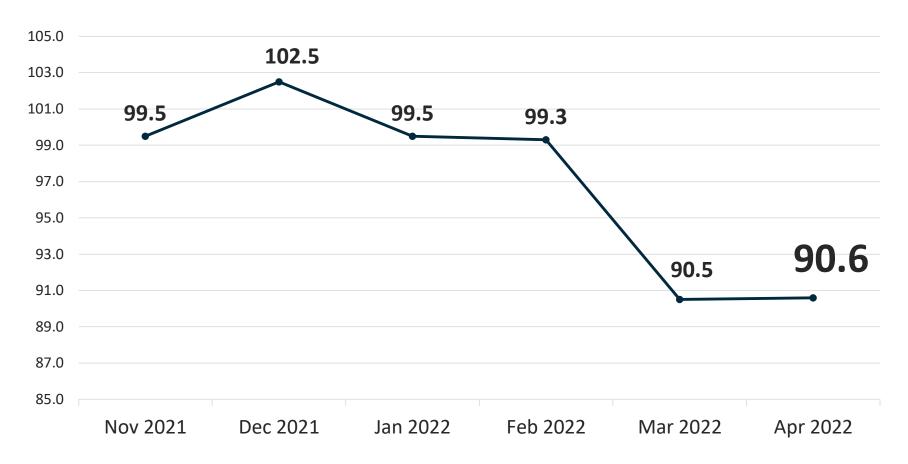
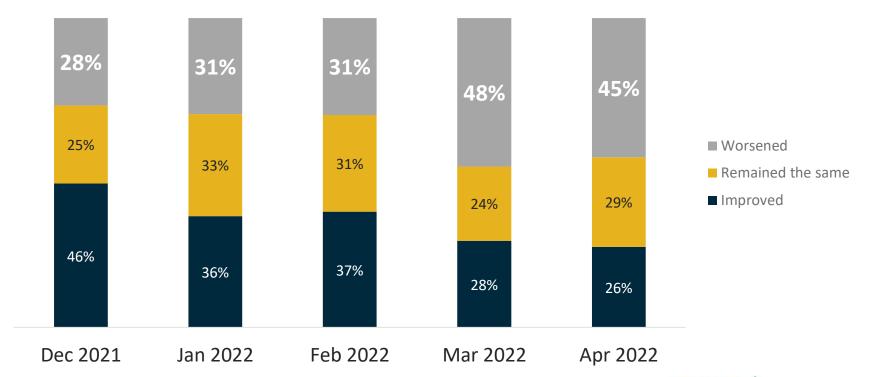
Uncertainty caused by inflation, supply chain and the Russia-Ukraine war tempers small business confidence





Economic sentiment among small businesses continues to decline, falling 20 percentage points since December

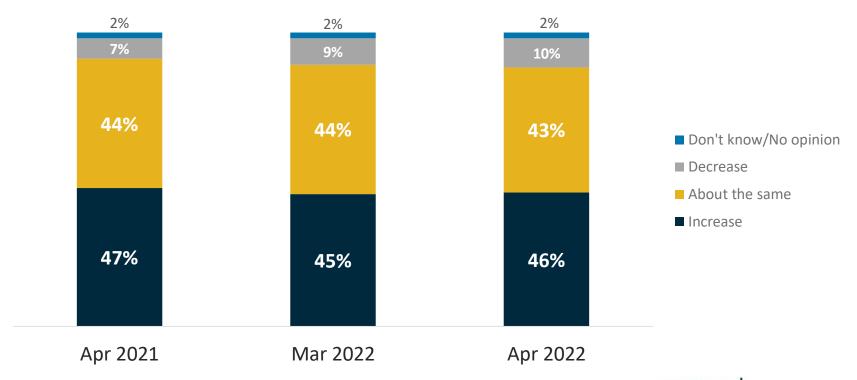
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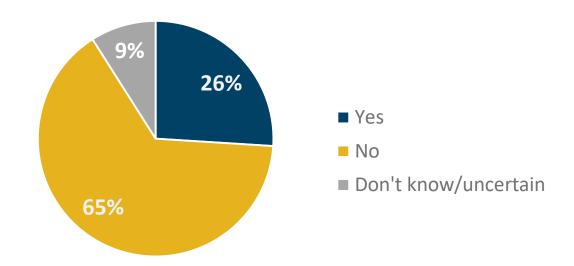
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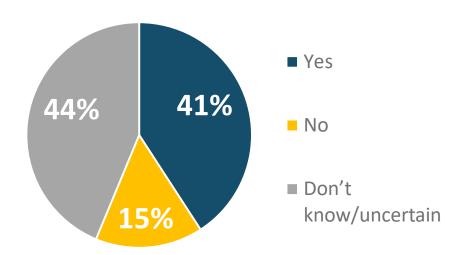
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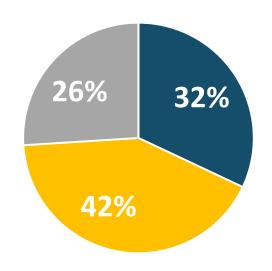


Last month 41% of small businesses anticipated impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war; in April just 32% reported impacts

Will Russia's invasion of Ukraine have any impact on your business?



Is the war in Ukraine impacting your business?

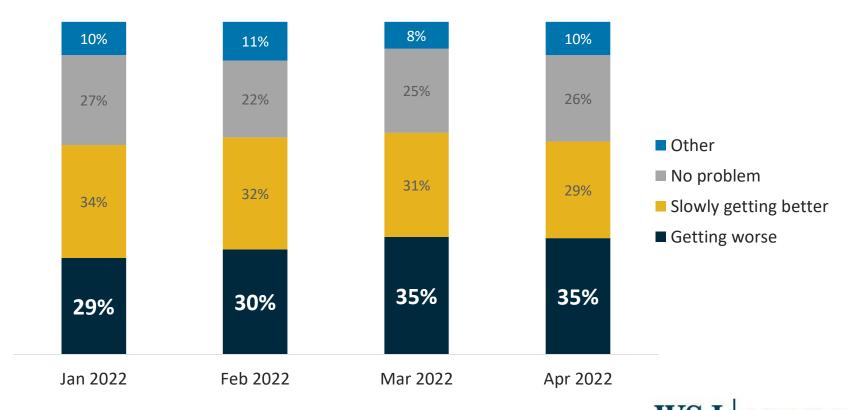


Source: March 2022 WSJ/Vistage Small Business CEO Confidence Index n = 793 Source: April 2022 WSJ/Vistage Small Business CEO Confidence Index n = 576



More than one-third of small businesses reported their supply chain is worsening in April

Which best describes your supply chain?





Tug-of-war for talent: 44% of small businesses recruited and 11% re-hired former employees from larger companies

How well are you able to compete with larger companies for talent in the current job market?

We have been able to recruit employees from larger companies

We have lost qualified candidates to offers from larger companies

We are losing employees to larger companies

We have re-hired employees that left to go to larger companies

