

# CEO confidence holds steady.

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The WSJ/Vistage Small Business CEO Confidence Index was 111.9 in the February 2017 survey, just below 113.5 in January and 112.0 in December, but well above last February's 94.3.

Economy expected to improve.

54% of CEOs say the national economy will improve in the year ahead, slightly below last month's 60%, but significantly higher than last year's 19%.



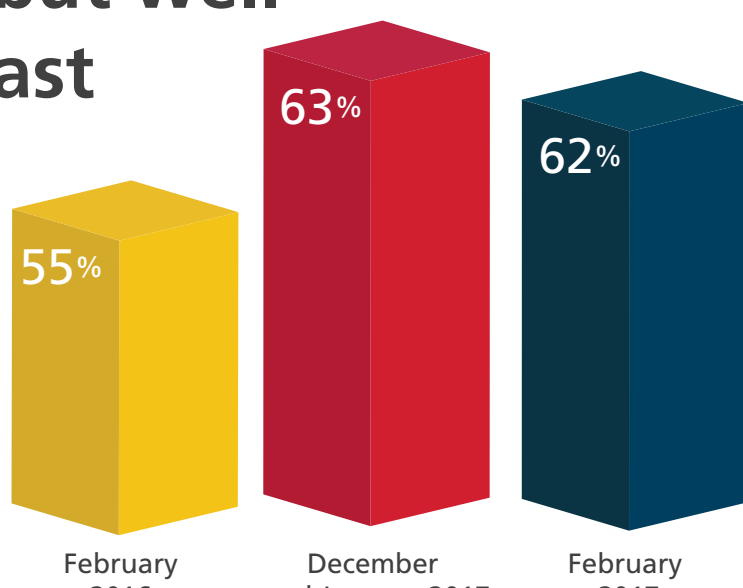
Anticipated revenue gains.

77% of CEOs expect higher revenues in the year ahead, the highest proportion since the start of 2015.



Favorable profit expectations.

62% of CEOs anticipate higher profits in the year ahead, barely below the 63% recorded in the prior two months, but well above the 55% in last February's survey.



Strong hiring plans.

62% of CEOs plan to increase hiring in the year ahead, slightly higher than the past two months.



Investment plans.

48% of CEOs plan on increasing spending on fixed investments in the year ahead, the highest proportion recorded in nearly two years.

