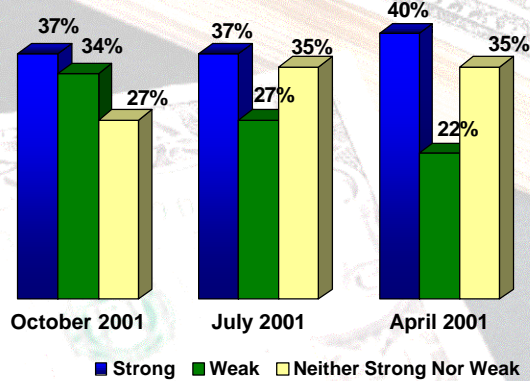


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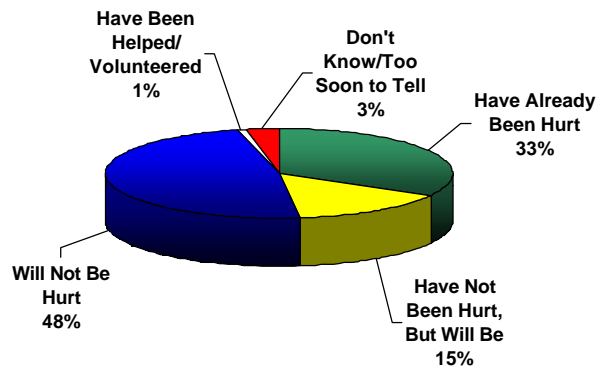
Views of U.S. Economy's Current Financial Condition



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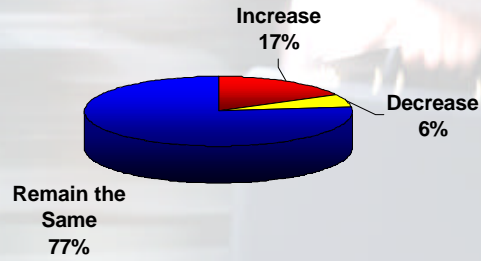


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## Small Business Hiring Plans Remain Steady...

### Predicted Change in Number of Employees (Next 6 Months)



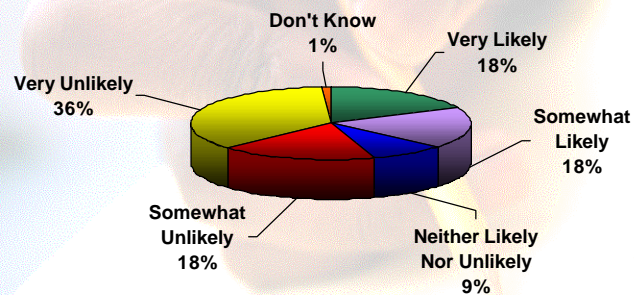
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## ...As Do Their Capital Spending Plans

### Capital Expenditure Plans (Next 6 Months)



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