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Problems Facing Small Businesses

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Figure 1.

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE
(percent, 6-ma)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: National Federation of Independent Business.

Figure 2.

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE:
GOVERNMENT REGULATION
(percent)

Source: National Federation of Independent Business.
Figure 3.

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE: TAXES (percent)

Source: National Federation of Independent Business.

Figure 4.

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE: TAXES (percent)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. Source: National Federation of Independent Business.
Figure 5.

**MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE:**
POOR SALES (percent)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
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Figure 6.

**MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE:**
POOR SALES (percent)

Source: National Federation of Independent Business.
MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE: FINANCIAL & INTEREST RATES (percent)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
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Figure 8.

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS SMALL BUSINESSES FACE: FINANCIAL & INTEREST RATES (percent)

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