



# The Corporate Transparency Act: *What it Means for Small Business*

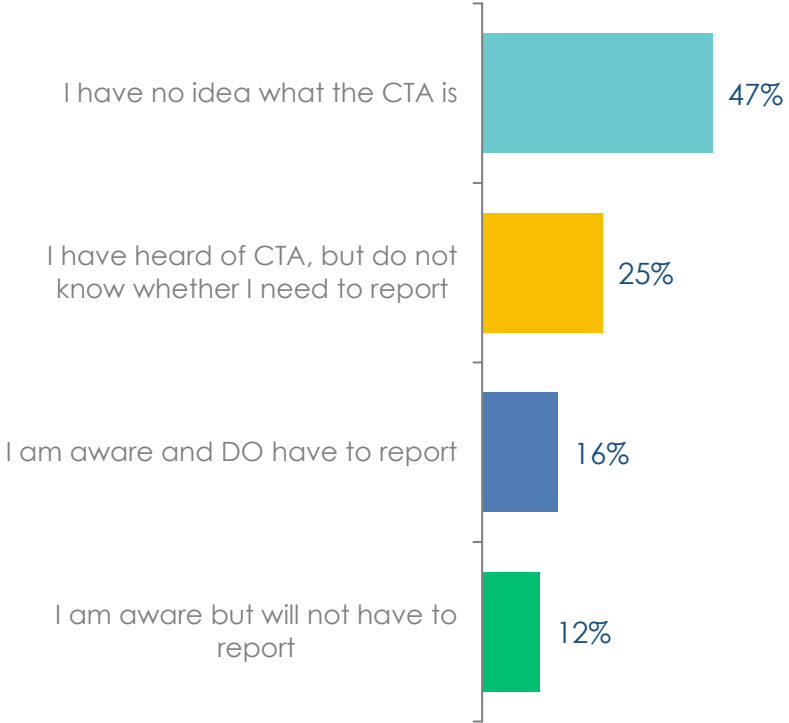


*A Member Survey from the National Small Business Association*

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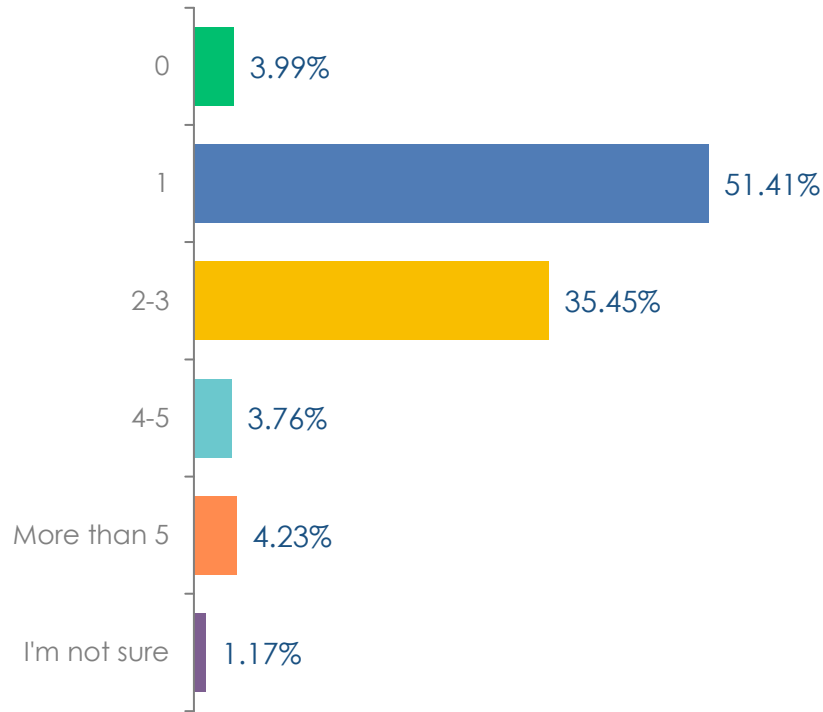


# Are you aware of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)?





The overwhelming majority of small businesses either have no idea what the CTA is or have no idea if they will be required to report. This massive lack of understanding is a huge red flag.

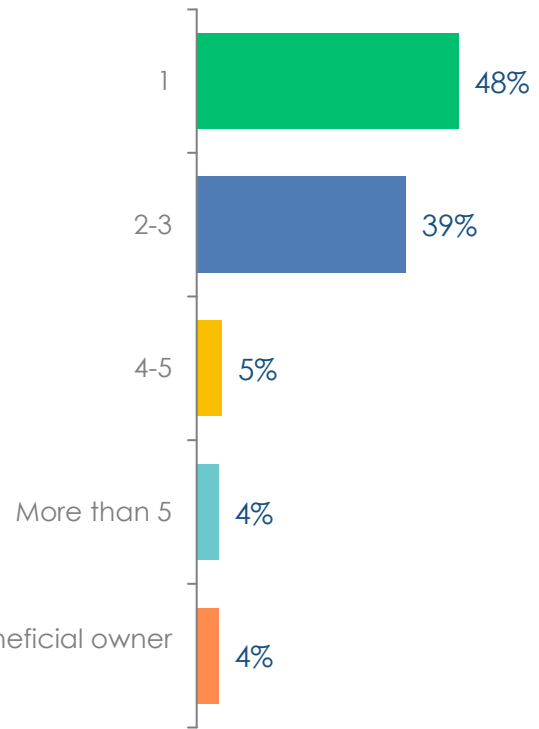


How many  
TOTAL separate  
business entities  
do you have a  
beneficial  
ownership in?

\* It is important to note that the traditional notion of ownership is equity, not the way Treasury has defined “beneficial owner” in its CTA regulations. Therefore, small businesses may have more beneficial owners than they realize.



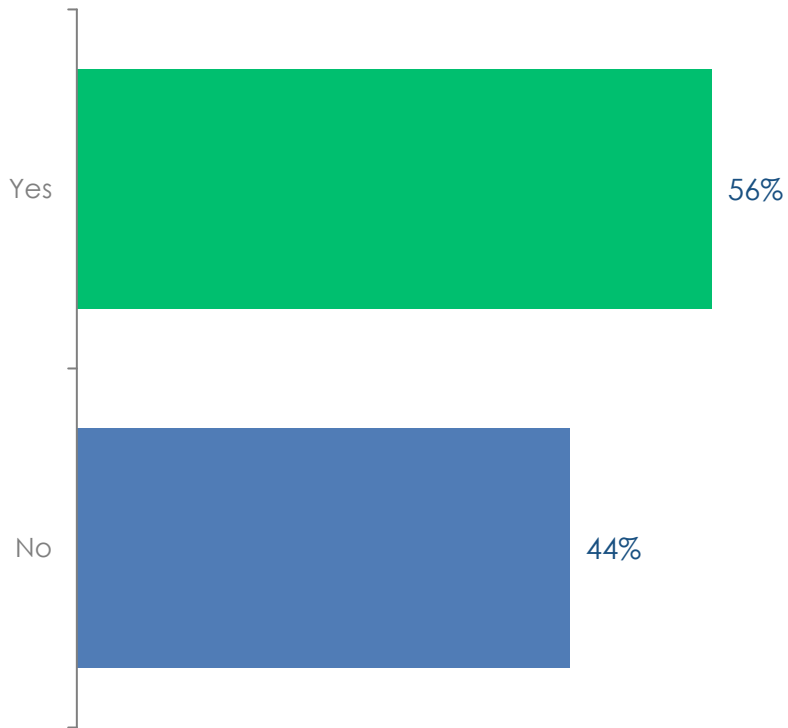
How many beneficial owners do you have for your business(es)?



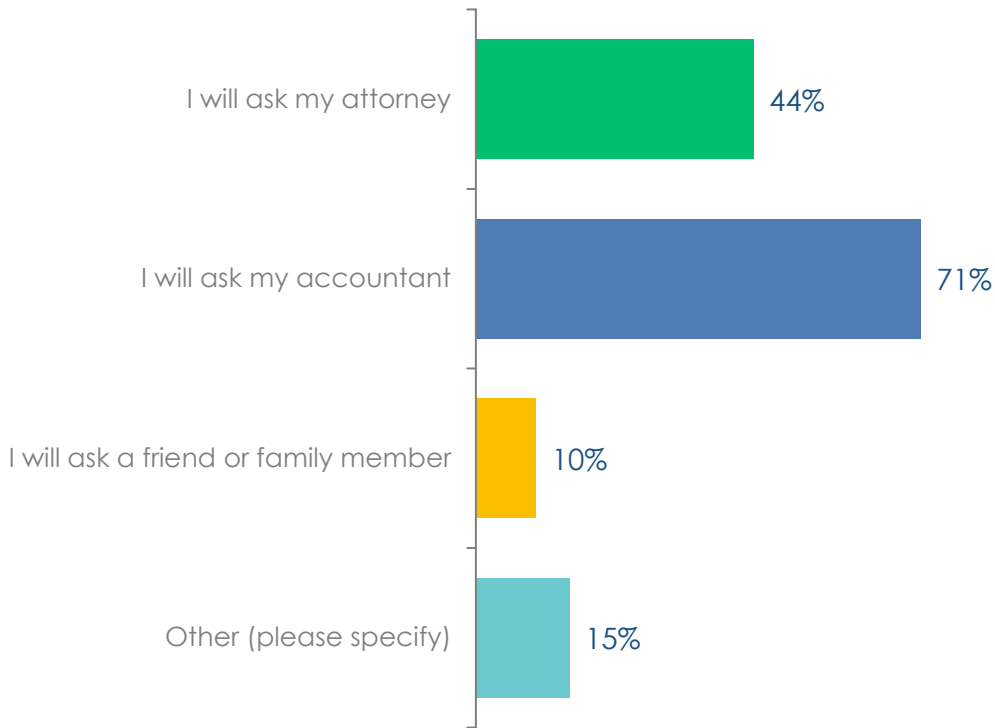
I have no idea what a beneficial owner is



In addition to filing the CTA reports on their own business, nearly half of all small-business owners will be reported on as a beneficial owner for another business - a tremendous amount of personal, identifying information that will be shared ONLY about America's smallest businesses.



Do you plan to understand and comply with the CTA on your own, without outside advice?



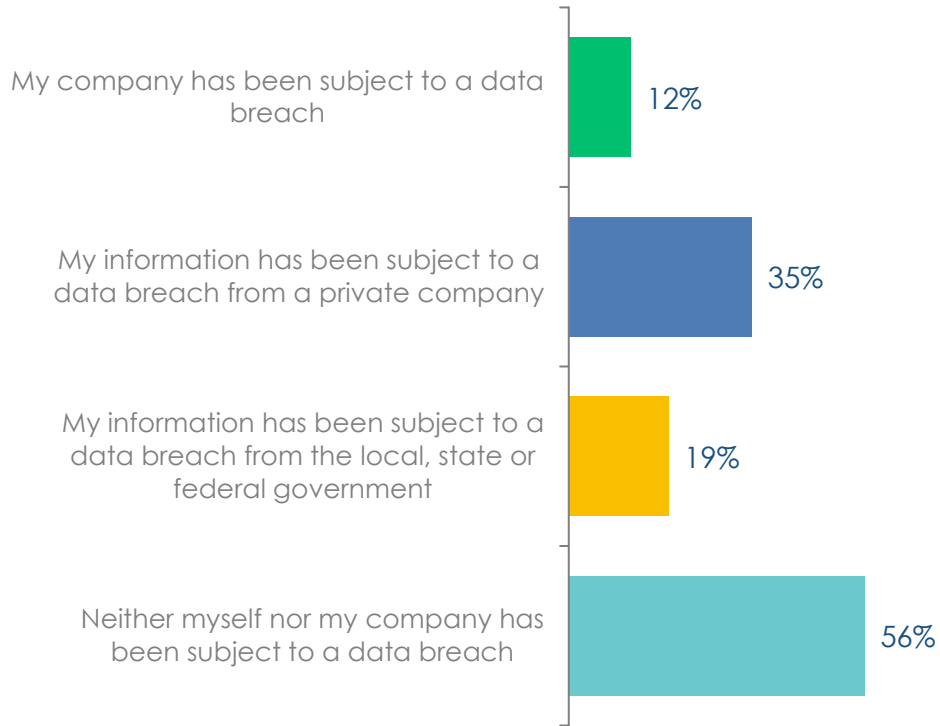
Among small businesses that plan to seek external advice:

Who do you plan to ask for assistance in complying with the CTA? (select all that apply)





The majority of small-business owners plan to understand and comply with the CTA on their own, absent outside advice. Unfortunately, the regulations are so vague, confusing and ambiguous, the likelihood that these businesses will inadvertently run afoul could spell disaster for millions of small businesses.



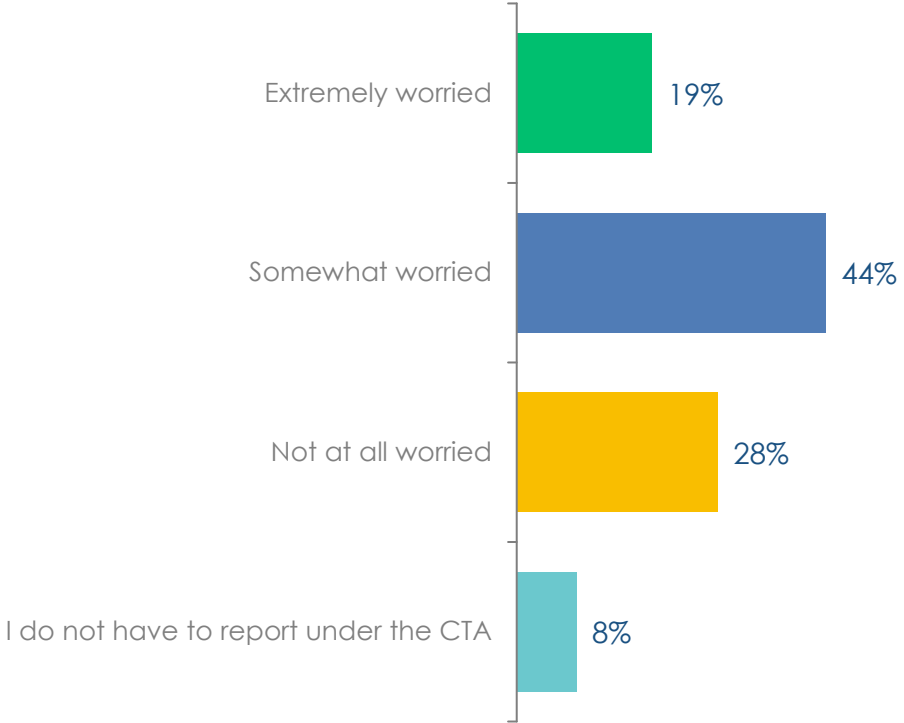
Please indicate which of the following is true where data breaches are involved. (Please check all that apply)



The average cost to remedy a data breach is \$15,297 among small-business owners, including recovering stolen funds, software upgrades, staff and external advisor fees.



Please indicate how worried you are about the CTA?





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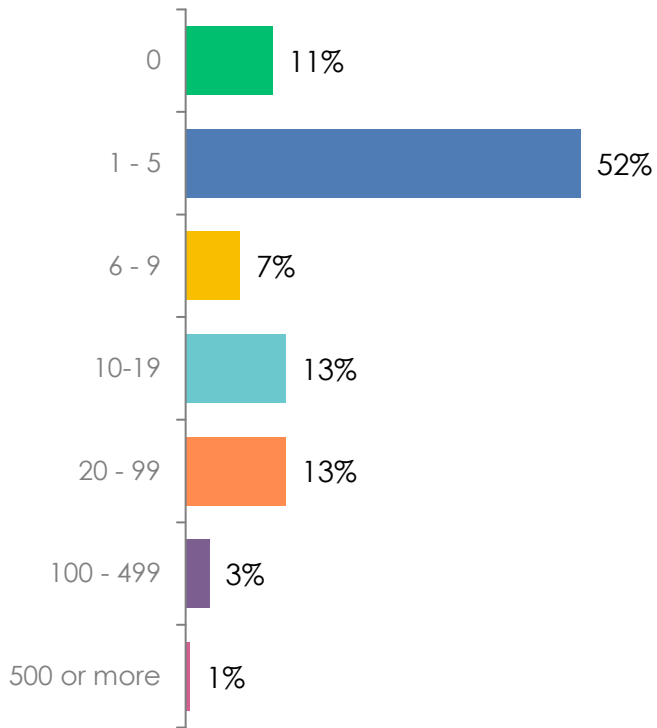
The average small-business owner is looking at compliance costs for CTA of nearly \$8,000 in the first year alone.



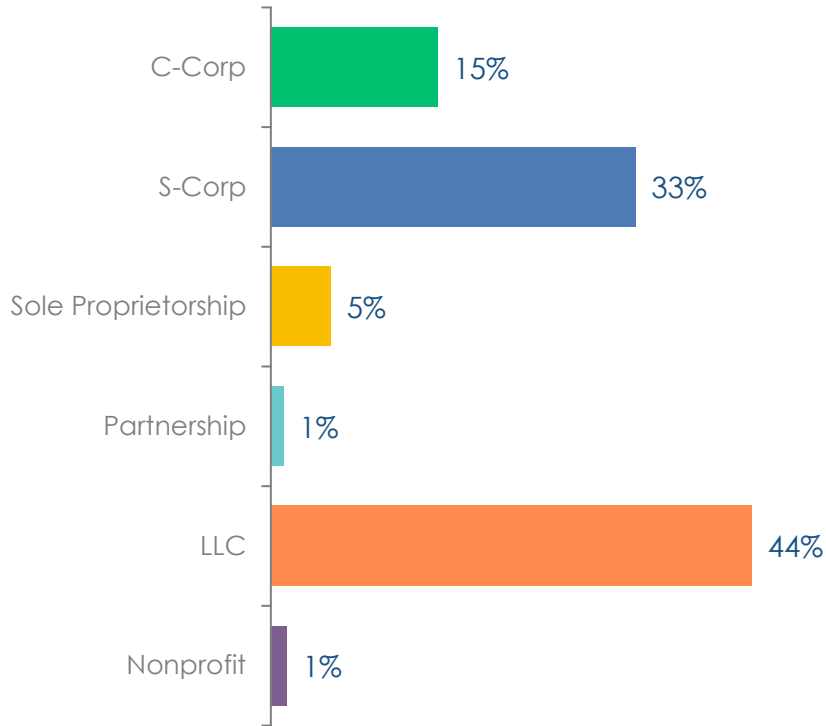
# Demographics

Methodology: This survey was conducted online among 460 small-business owners from across the country Nov. 1 - Nov. 9, 2023.



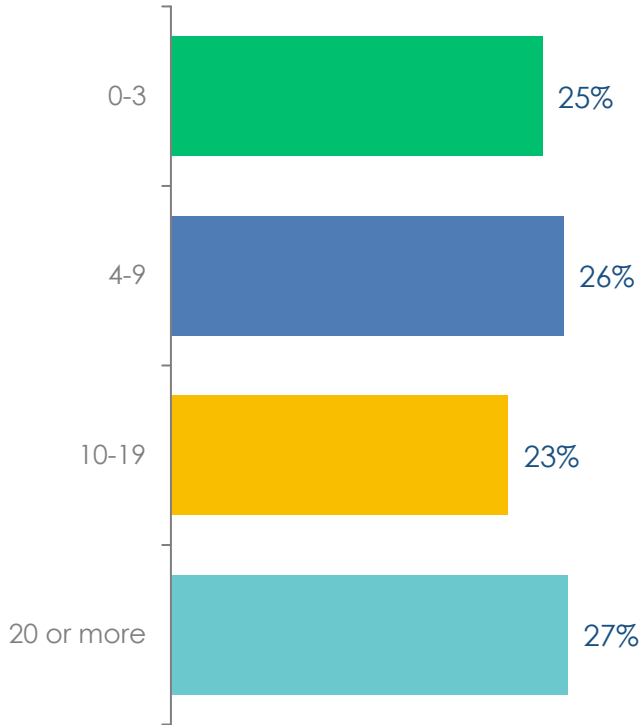


How many total full-time personnel are currently employed by your business?

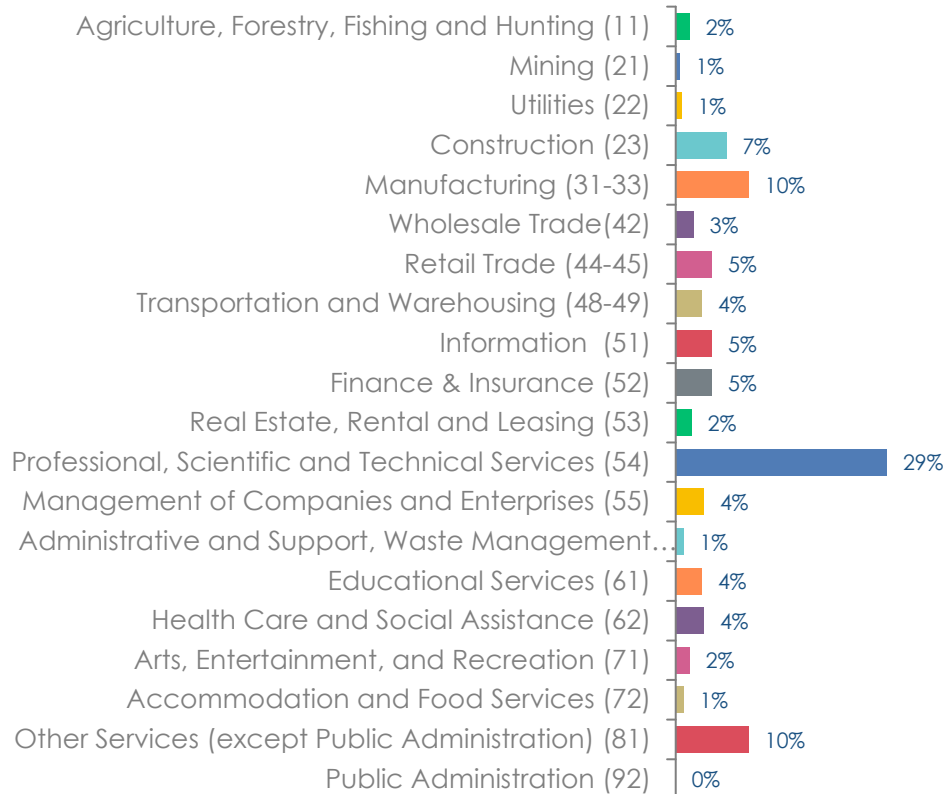


Which of the following best describes the structure of your business?





How many years has your business been in operation?



Q17: Which of the following best describes the industry or sector in which your business operates?



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