

NEW SURVEY SAYS U.S. COMPANIES WILL ADD MORE JOBS IN 2010



In a quarterly survey of the nation's businesses the [National Association for Business Economics](#) reported that the percentage of businesses expecting to hire in the next six months exceeded projected job cuts by 6 points. Expectations for capital spending improved for a fifth straight quarter. 63% of respondent's states that concerns over health care and environmental or tax legislation had little to no effect on hiring plans. 69% said that President Obama's \$787 billion stimulus plan passed in February "has had little impact on employment to date". 29% of respondents said they will increase hiring in the next 6 months, compared with 24% in October. 44% said they expected to increase spending in the next year, while in October only 39% expected to increase spending. All respondents anticipated that the economy will grow in 2010, with 62% saying the economy would grow by more than 2%, while 45% said the same in October.

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