

About This Study

This study was conducted by Economic Impact Catalyst (EIC) on behalf of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

The small and micro businesses in Michigan were surveyed to assess **needs**, **gaps and health and business sentiment**.

The 44 question survey was conducted between **Nov 1 2021 and Jan 31 2022**.

1,011 Michigan business owners responded to the survey and results were validated against Census and SBA data for proportionate population samples



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Small Businesses in this survey, having survived the pandemic, are cautiously optimistic about their future. The main challenges they face are with hiring and retaining talent, accessing capital, generating demand through sales and marketing to make up lost revenue from the past 2 years, and addressing supply chain disruptions from the global impact of the pandemic. Needs vary by size of business; capital is #1 for micro businesses and talent is #1 for the larger small businesses.

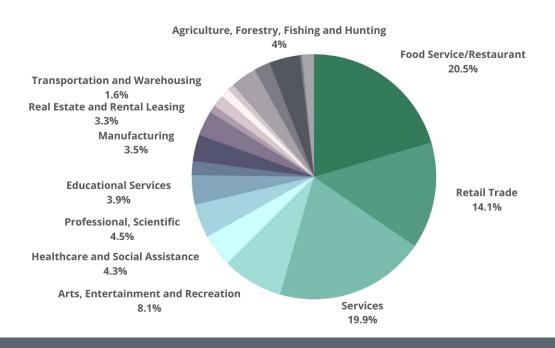


MEDC Small Business Survey 2022

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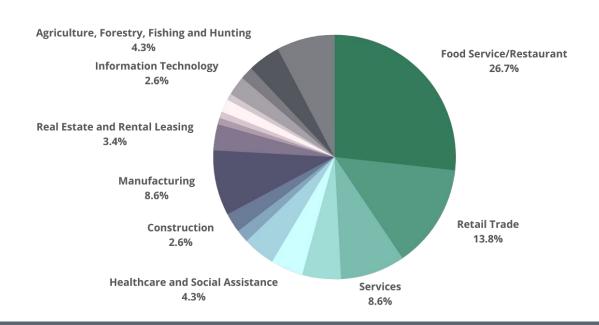


MICROBUSINESSES



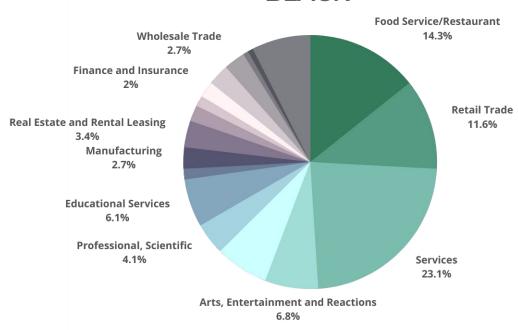


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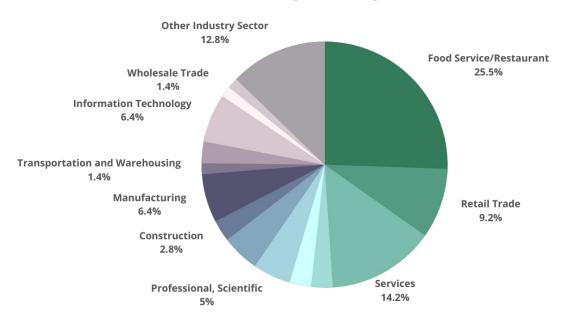


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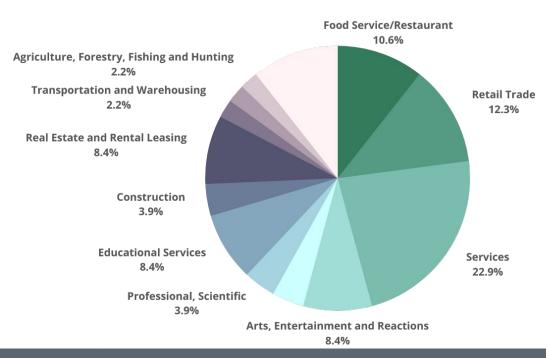


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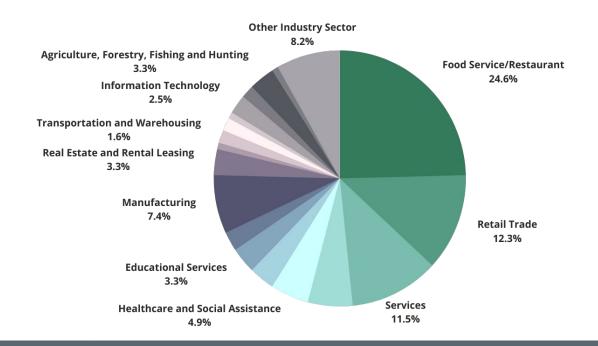


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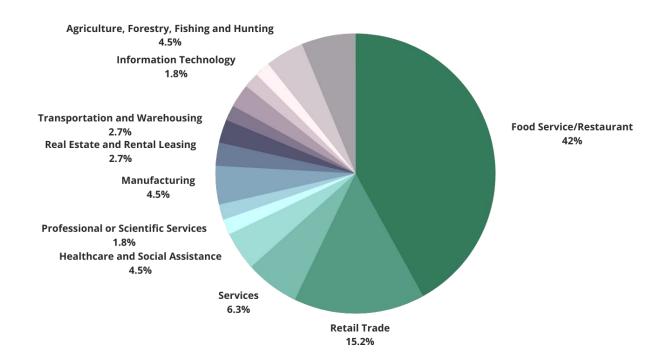
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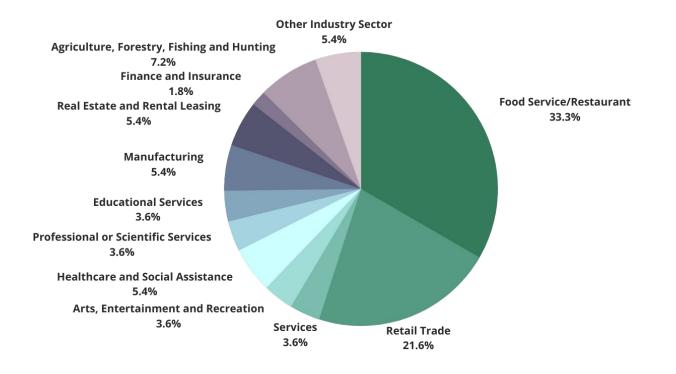






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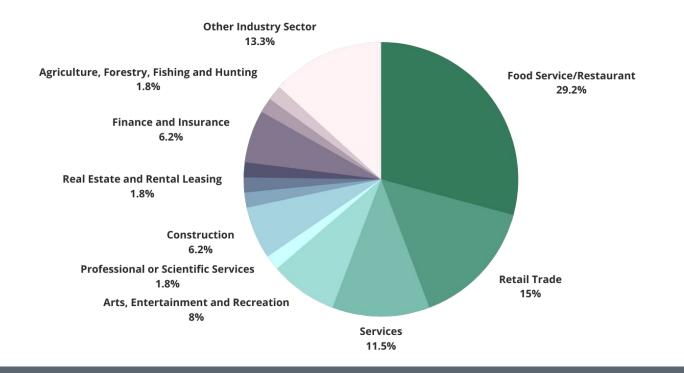






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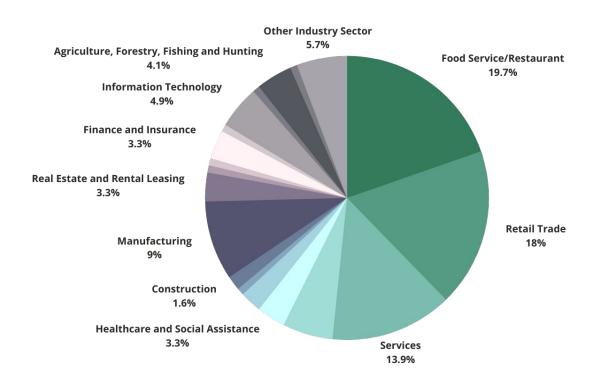






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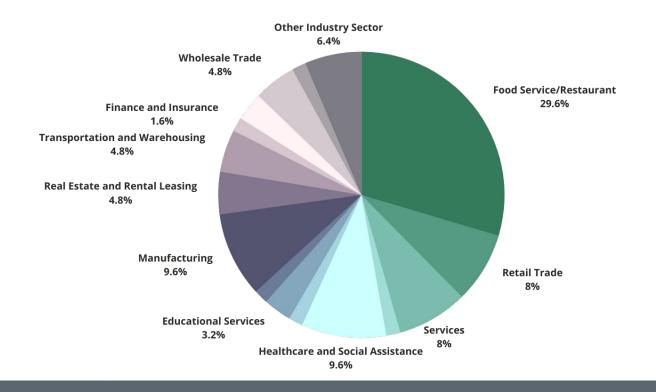






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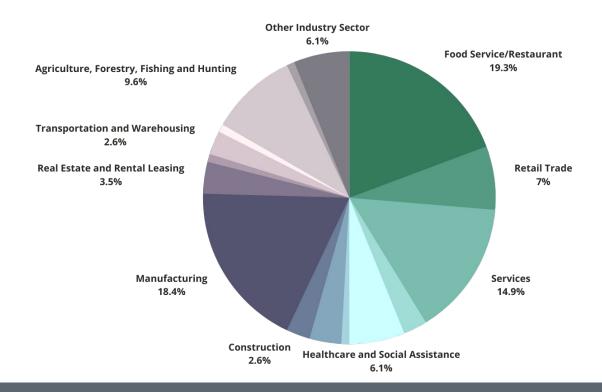






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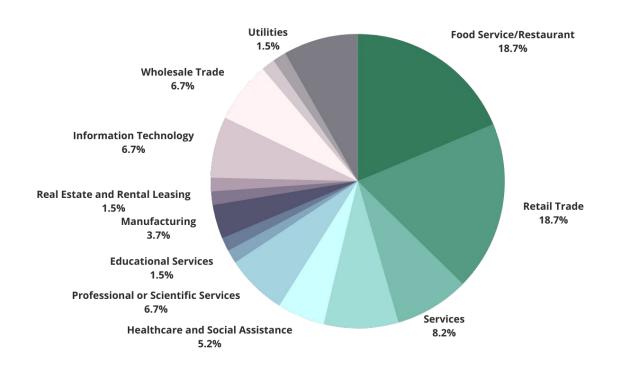






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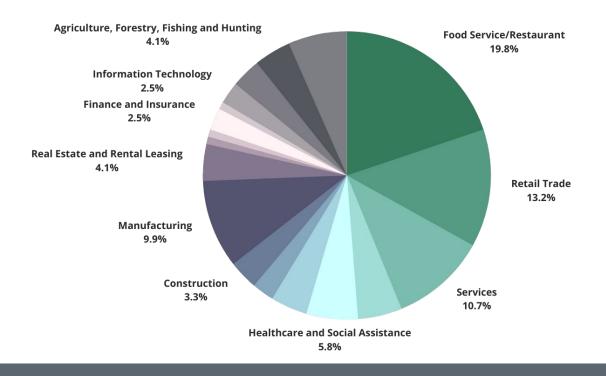






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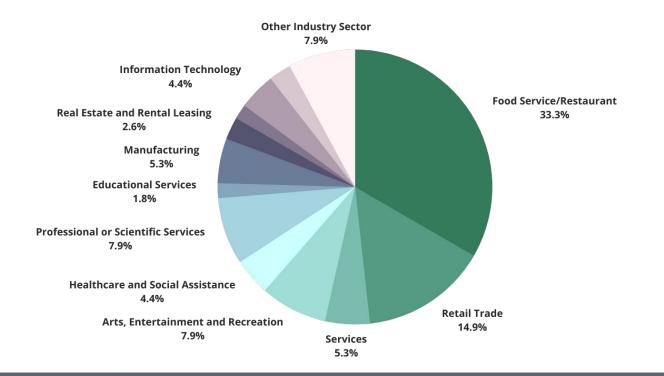






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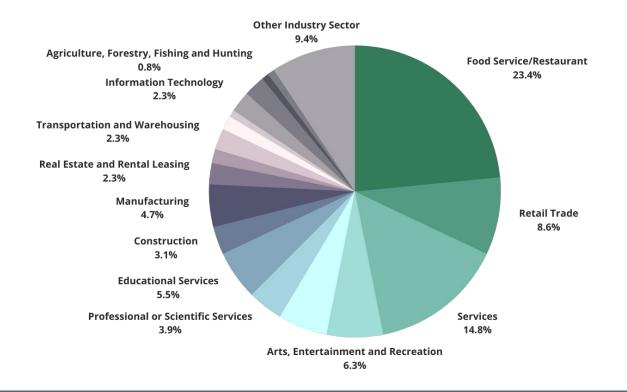






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SUMMARY



- 1. Needs of **micro businesses** different than other small business segments
- 2. Majority of the businesses were **optimistic** about the recovery and needed help to bounce back to pre pandemic levels
- 3. Top overall needs are hiring talent, growing revenue, addressing supply chain disruptions, improving access to capital and surviving the pandemic
- 4. Next steps are to engage regional stakeholders and support organizations to share these findings to address local needs

