The Impact of COVID-19 on Austin Businesses

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The Survey

- Administered between June 10 & June 24
- Online
 - English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean
- 7 to 8 Minutes in Length
- 1,050 Completions

Distribution of Respondents by Industry

Industry	Percentage of Businesses (13% Other)
Hospitality	18%
Professional Services	15%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (NCH)	11%
Construction	8%
Health Care	7%
Retail	7%
Technology	5%
Education	4%
Financial Services	4%
Real Estate	4%
Child Care	2%
Manufacturing	1%
Social Assistance	1%

Hospitality Industry: Sub-Groups

Sub-Group	Percentage
Restaurants, Bars & Food Trucks*	10%
Live Music Venues*	5%
Hospitality Services	3%
Lodging *	2%

^{*} Non mutually exclusive

Business Size

Number of Employees	Percentage
Sole Proprietorship	19%
2 to 9 Employees	32%
10 to 24 Employees	18%
25 to 49 Employees	10%
50 to 100 Employees	8%
101 to 500 Employees	7%
More than 500 Employees	6%

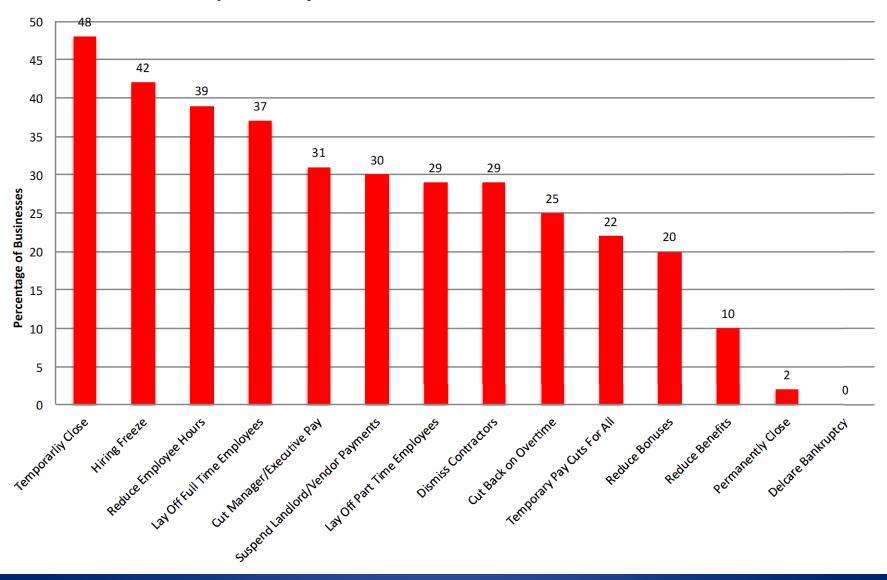
Employee Demographics: The Average Business

Demographic Group	Average % of FT Employees: All & (25+)
Anglo/White	66% (58%)
Latino/Hispanic	20% (25%)
African American/Black	7% (9%)
Asian American/Pacific Islander	4% (4%)
Other	3% (4%)
Women	47% (51%)
LGBTQ*	12% (12%)

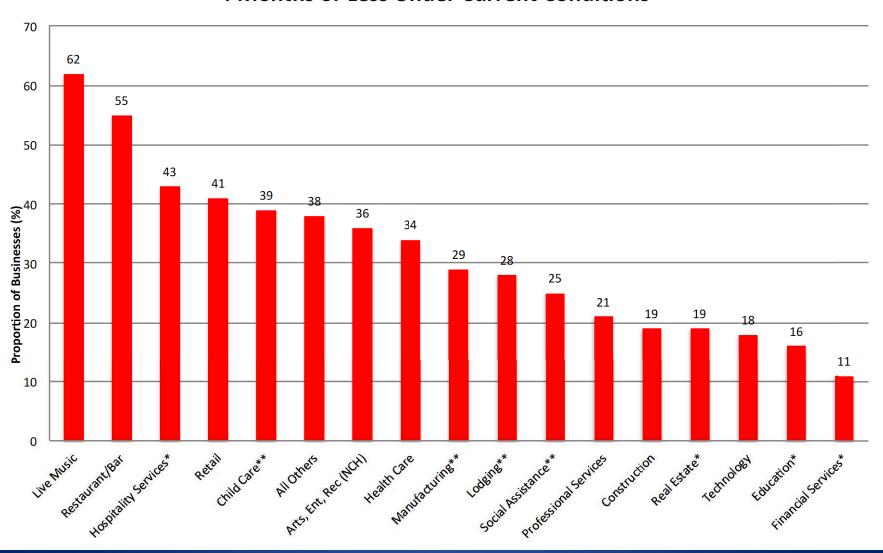
Business Age

Number of Years in Operation	Percentage
Less than a Year	4%
1 to 5 Years	22%
6 to 10 Years	19%
11 to 15 Years	12%
16 to 20 Years	9%
More than 20 Years	35%

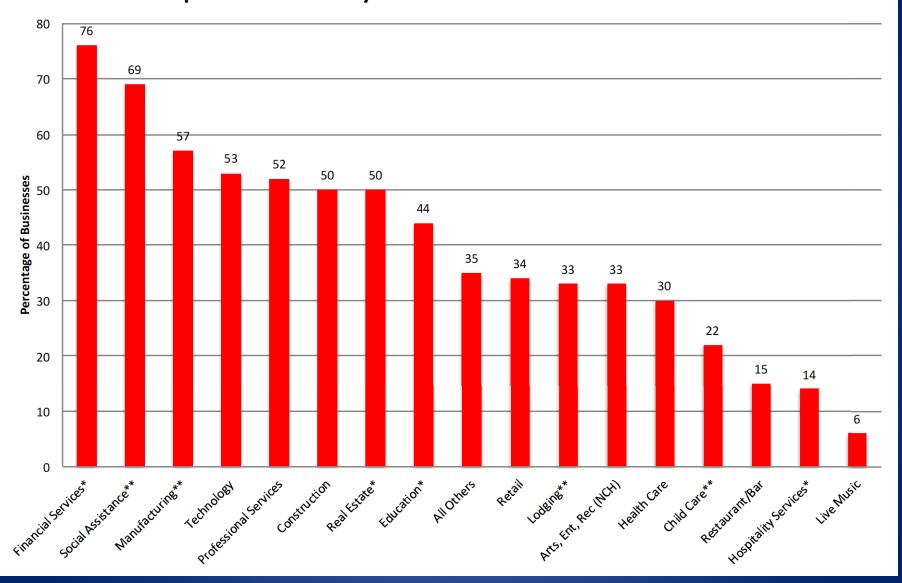
Responses by Businesses to the COVID-19 Pandemic



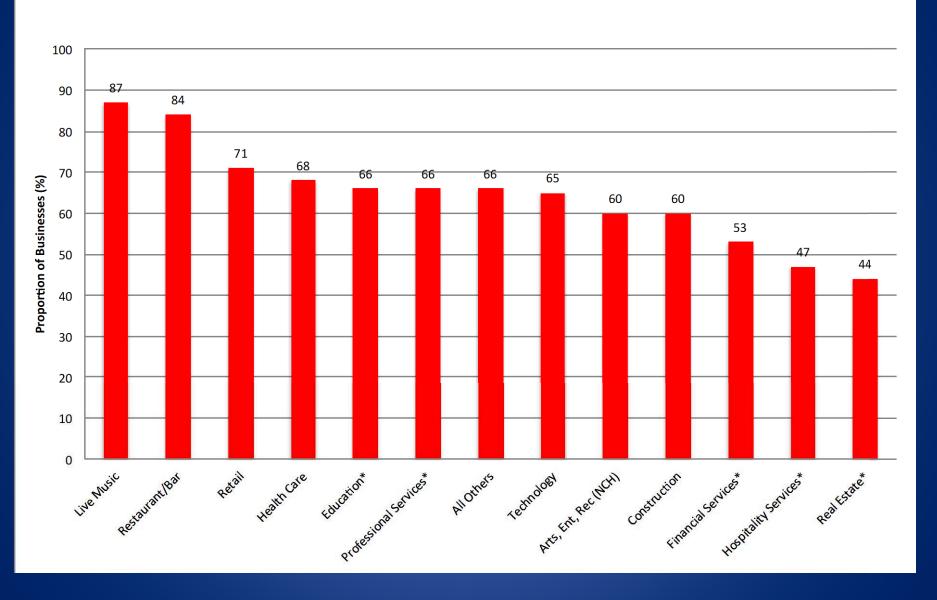
Proportion of Industry Businesses That Can Endure for 4 Months or Less Under Current Conditions



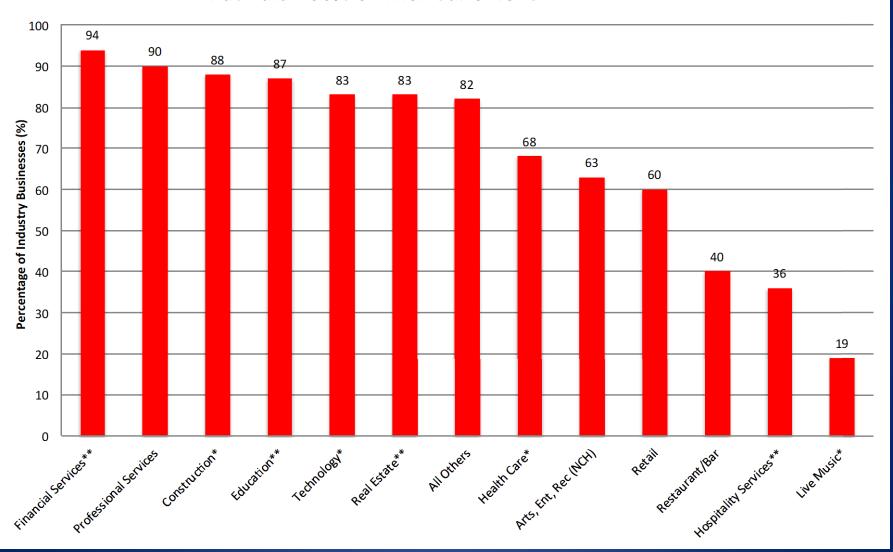
Proportion of Industry Businesses that Can Scale As Needed



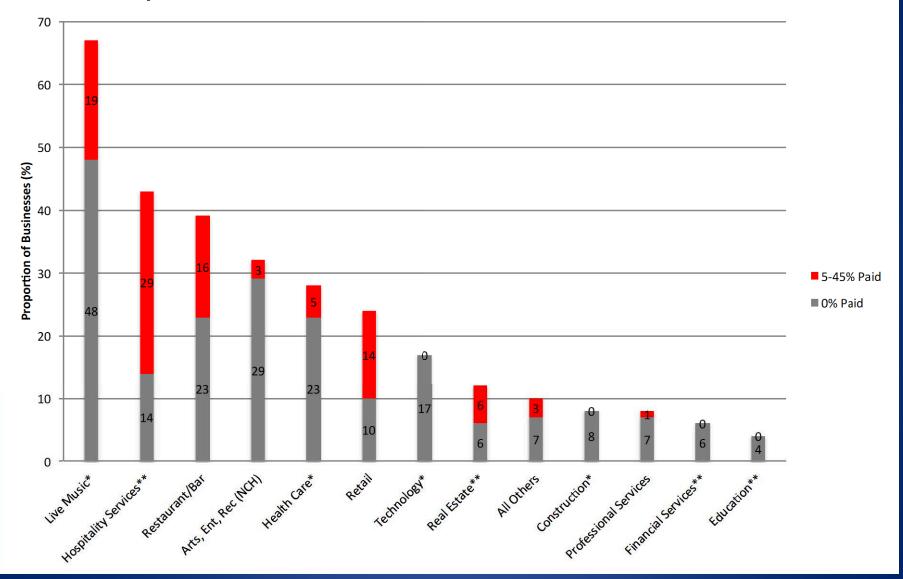
Proportion of Businesses by Industry that Rent Their Business Property

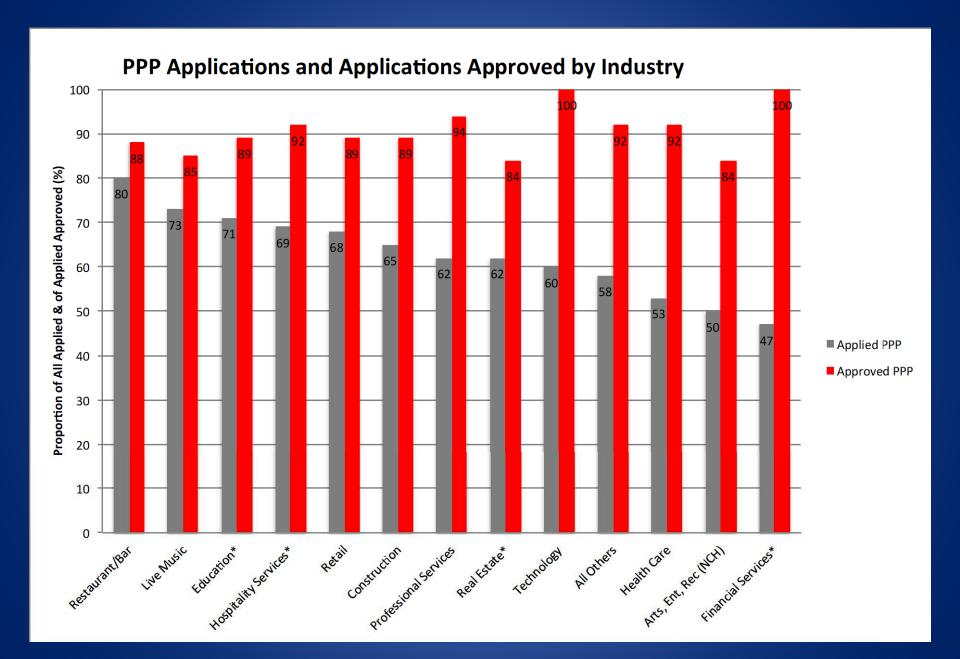


Percentage of Businesses by Industry That Rent and That Paid 100% of Their June Rent

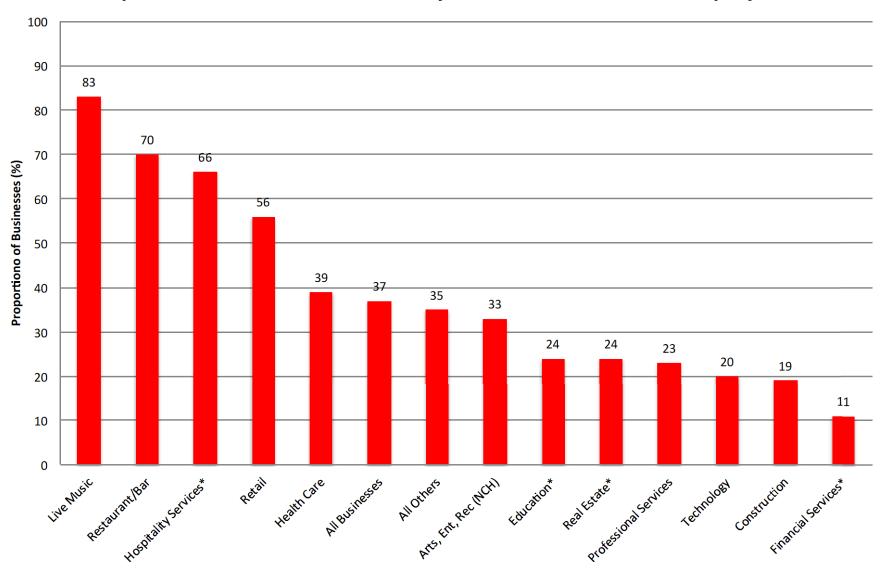


Proportion of Businesses That Paid Less than 50% of Their June Rent

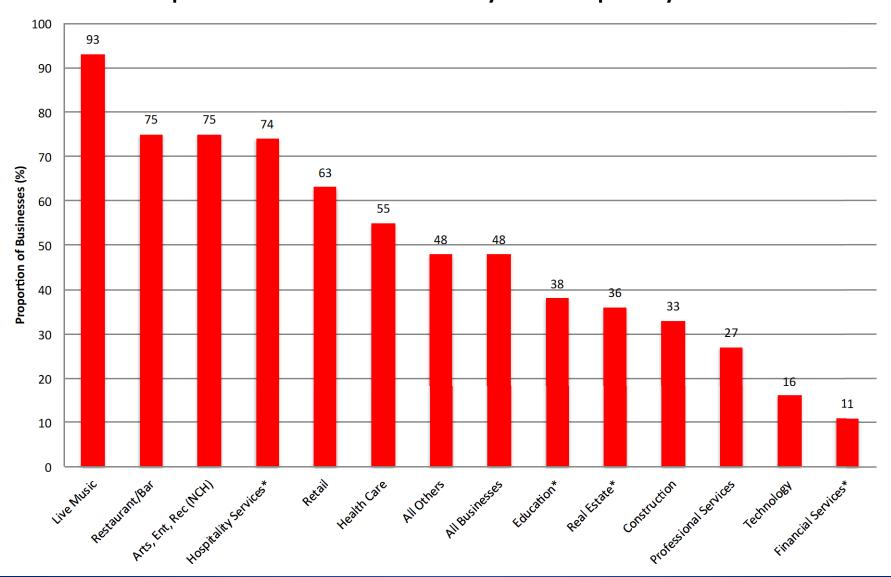




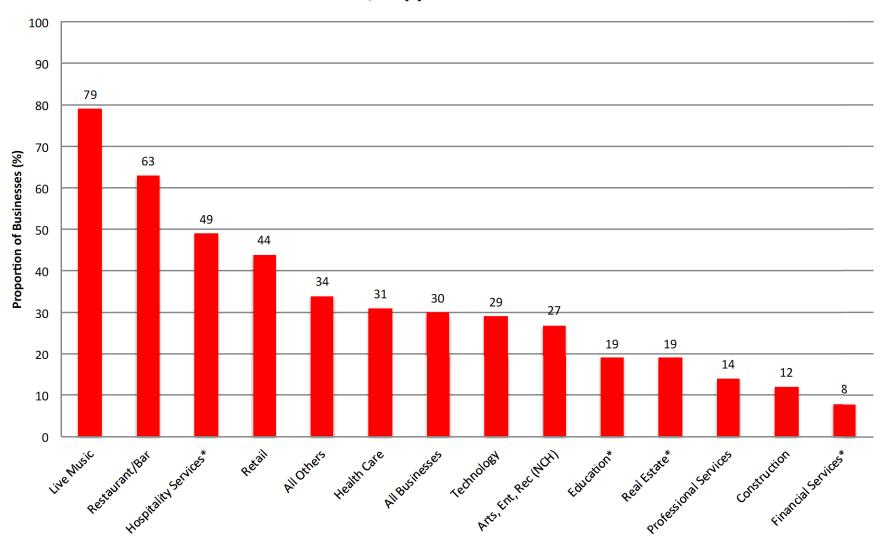
Proportion of Businesses in Industry That Laid Off Full Time Employees



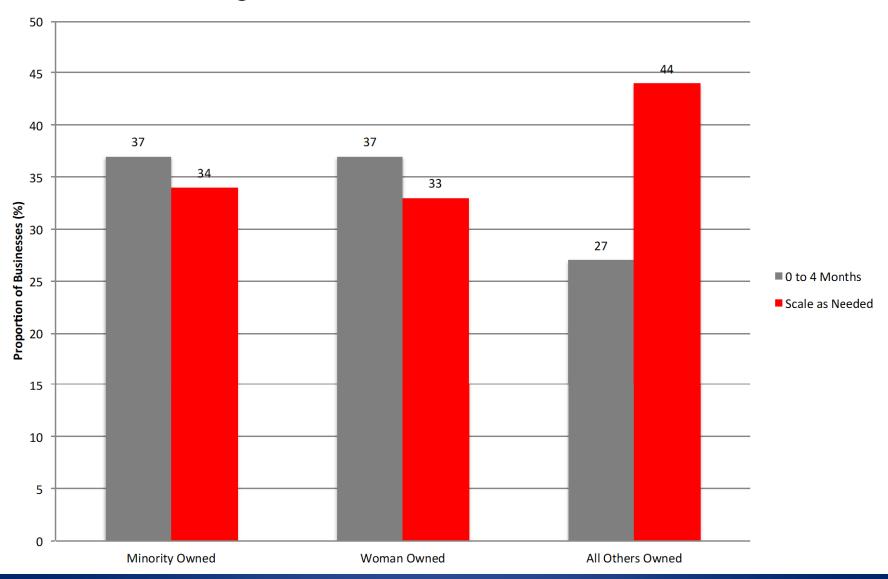
Proportion of Businesses in Industry That Temporarily Closed



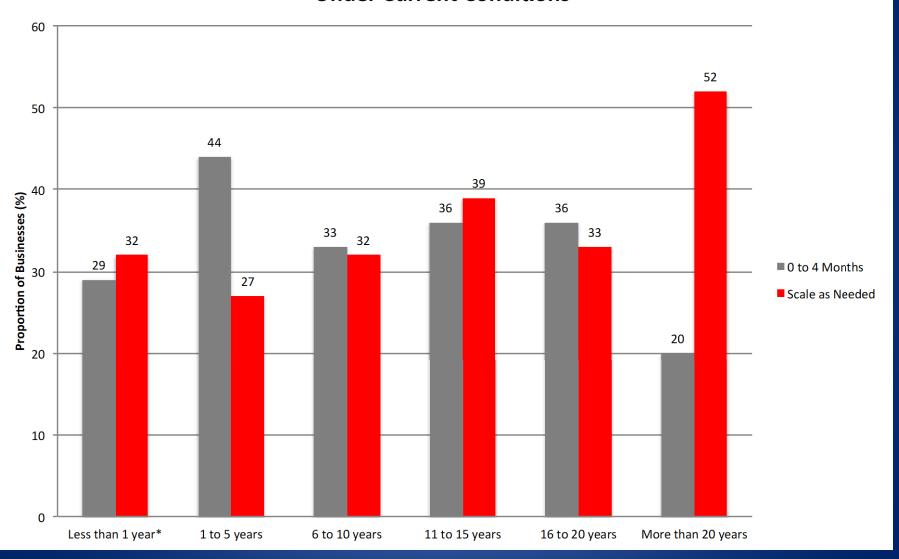
Proportion of Businesses in Industry that Suspended Payments to Vendors, Suppliers and Landlords



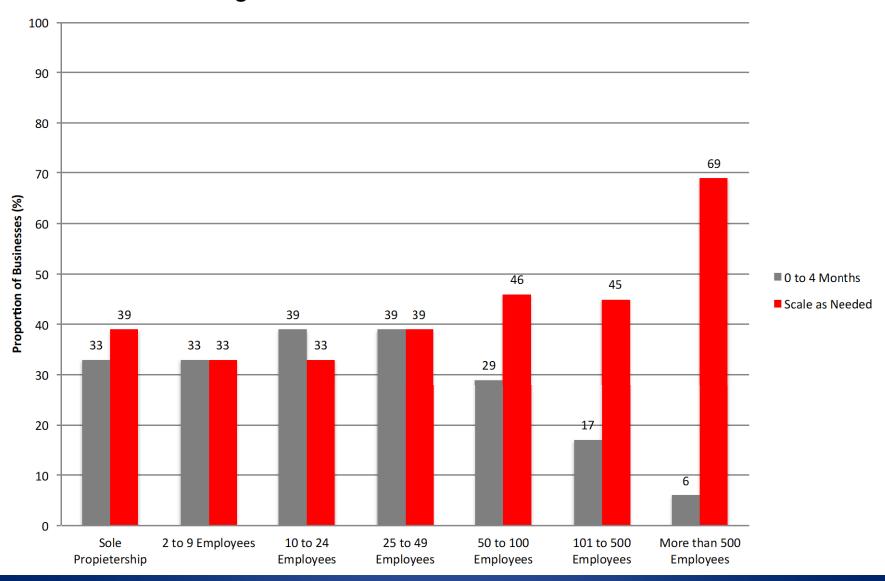
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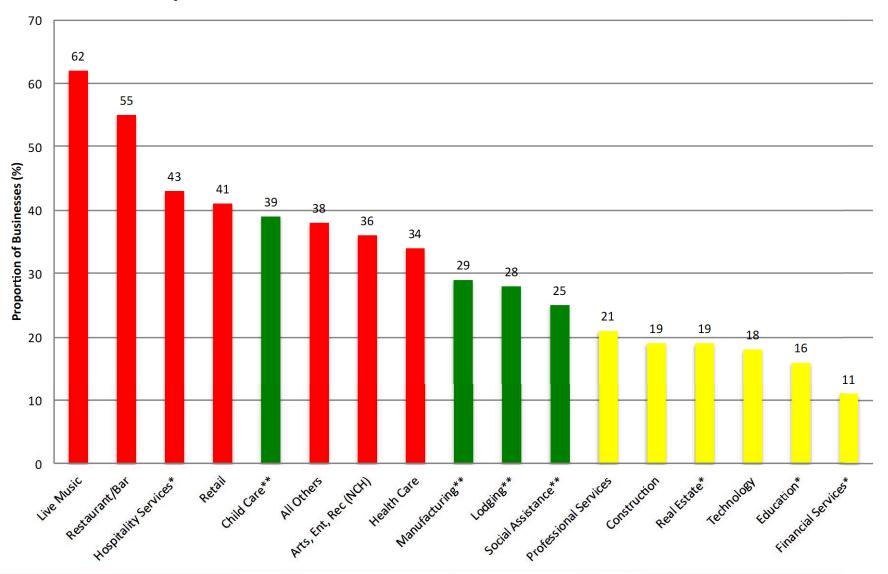
Business Age & How Long Can the Business Endure Under Current Conditions



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Proportion of Businesses Than Can Endure 4 Months or Less:



Threatened Business Size Proportions (# of Employees)

Industry	Sole Prop.	2-24	25-100	100+
Health Care	30	40	12	18
Hospitality Services	3	49	49 29	
Retail	10	66	16	9
All Others	18	56	15	11
Arts, Ent. & Rec	41	47	7	5
All Businesses	19	51	17	13
Restaurant/Bar	6	48	31	15
Live Music	4	47	36	13

Threatened Business Age Proportions (Years in Business)

Threatened Industry	Less than 1	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 tp 20	More than 20
Health Care	3	30	19	11	12	25
Hospitality Services	3	26	29	14	11	17
Retail	6	21	16	11	3	43
All Others	3	29	20	7	8	33
Arts, Ent, Rec (NCH)	4	24	23	13	10	27
All Businesses	3	22	19	12	9	35
Restaurant/Bar	7	22	32	9	7	23
Live Music	2	21	21	19	13	24

Average Percentage of African American & Latino Employees in Threatened Industries

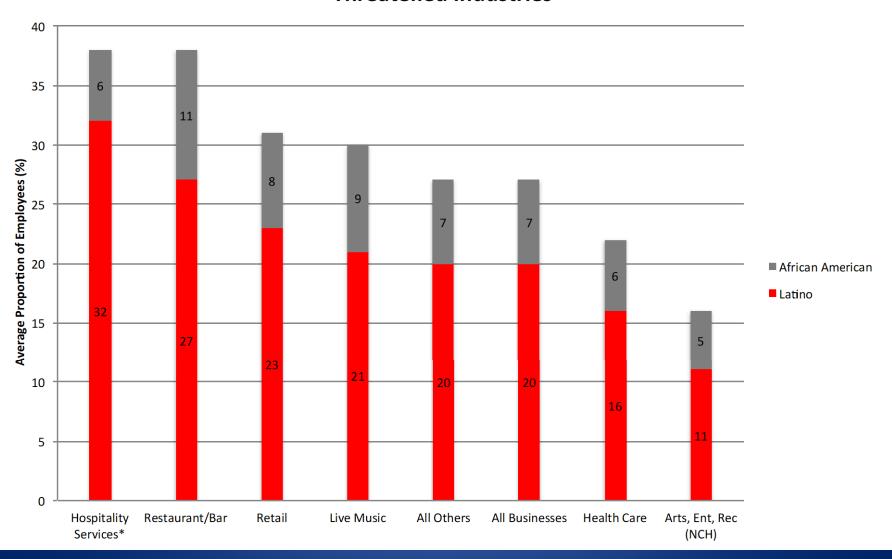
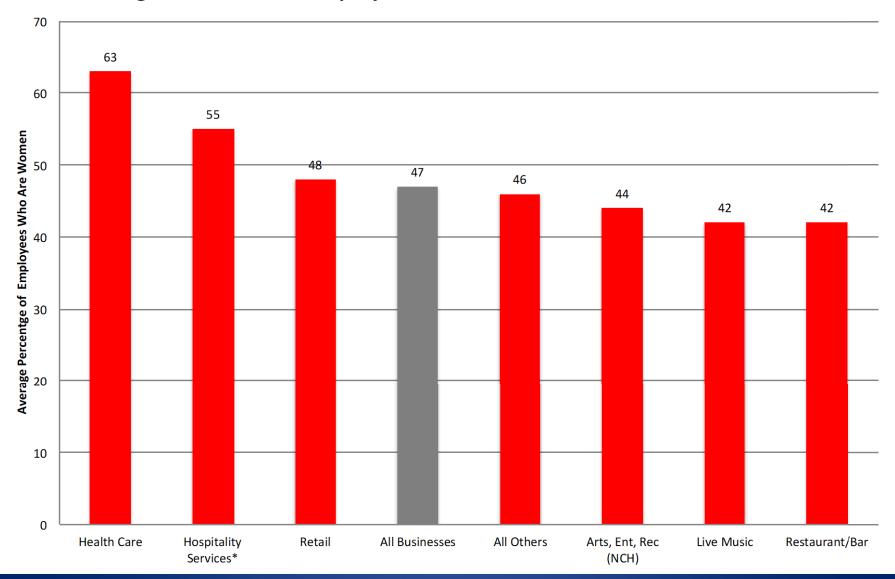
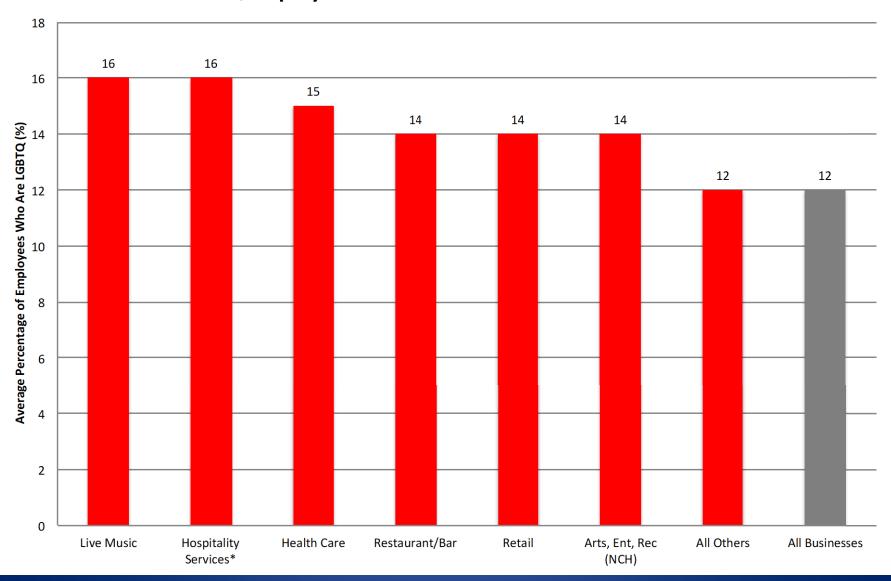


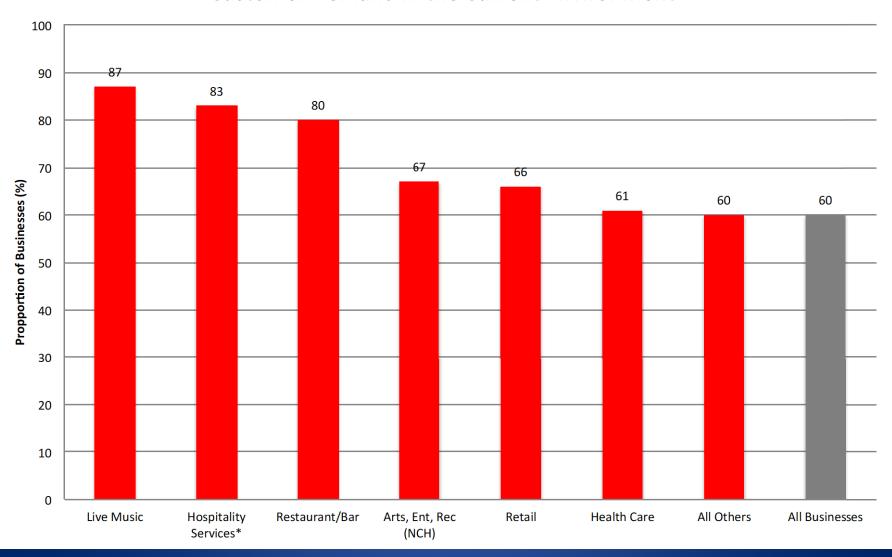
Figure 16: Women Employees in the Most Threatened Businesses



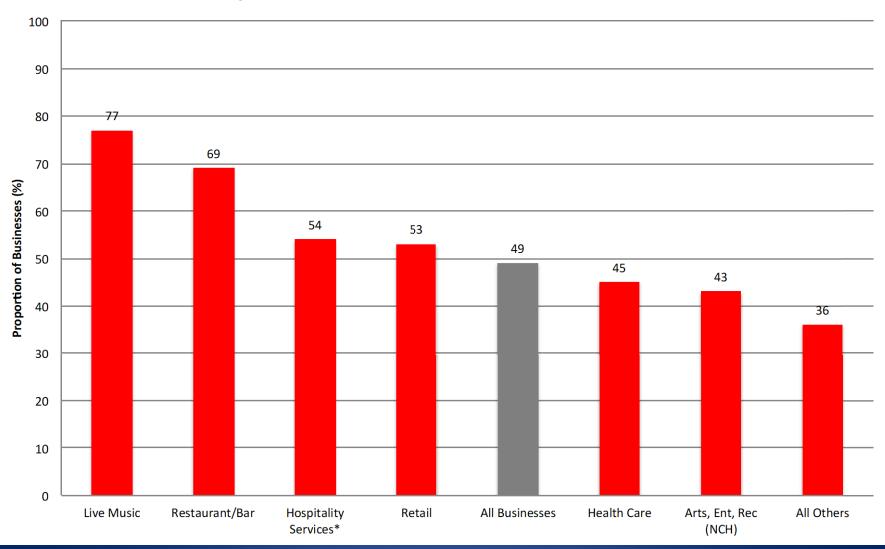
LGBTQ Employees in the Most Threatened Businesses



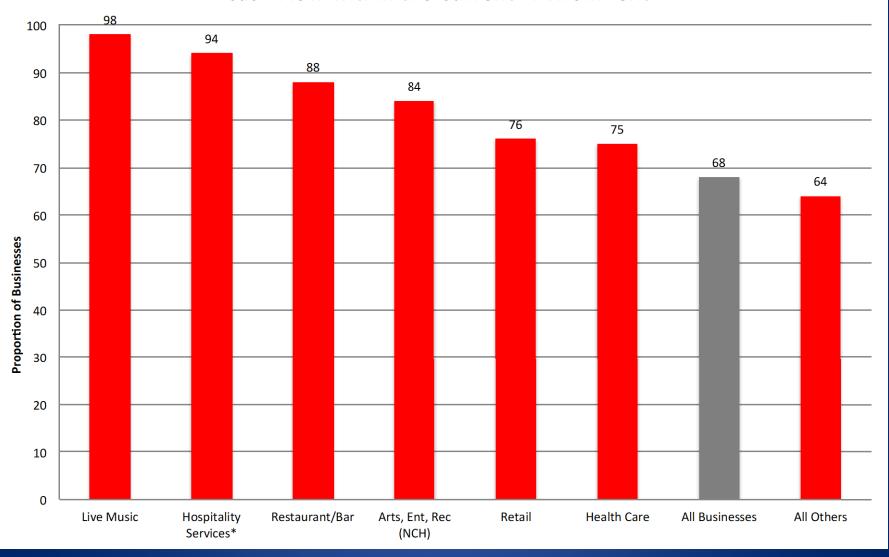
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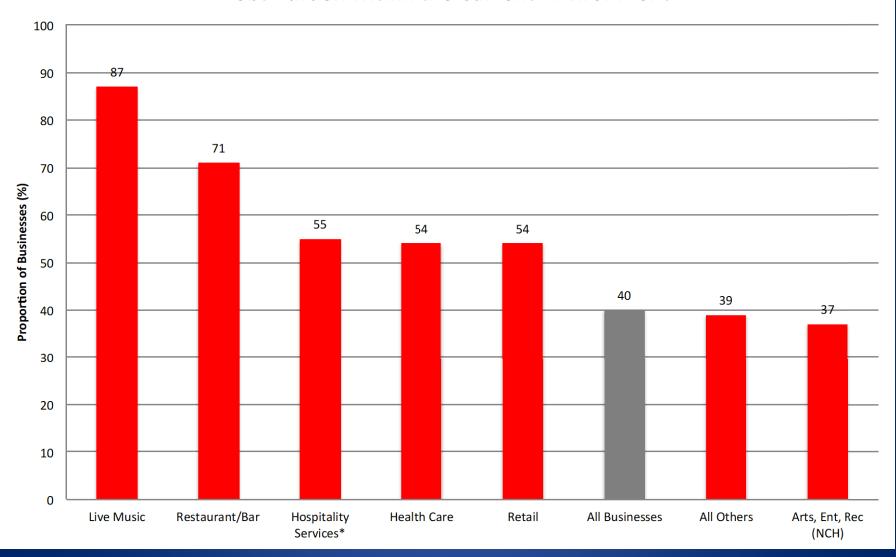
Businesses with a Great or Good Deal of Concern About the Cost of Operations within the Current Environment



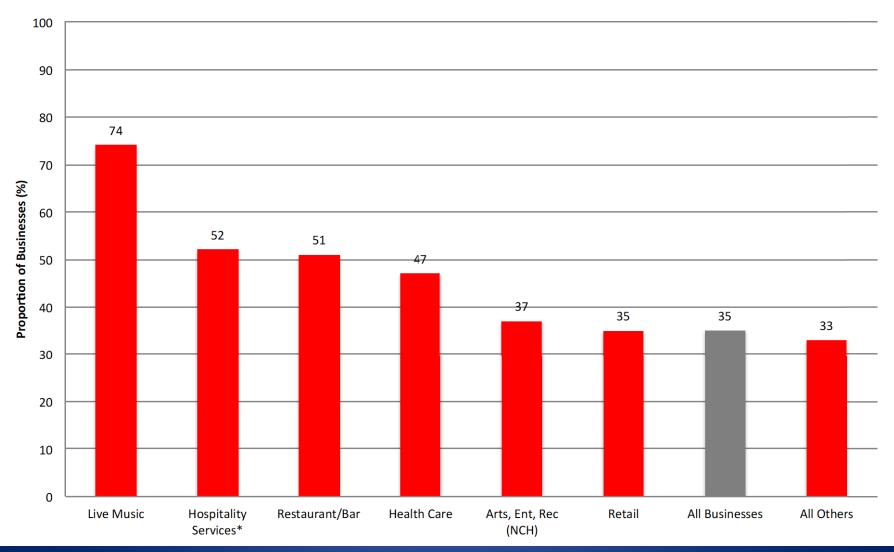
Businesses with a Great or Good Deal of Concern About Generating Cash Flow within the Current Environment



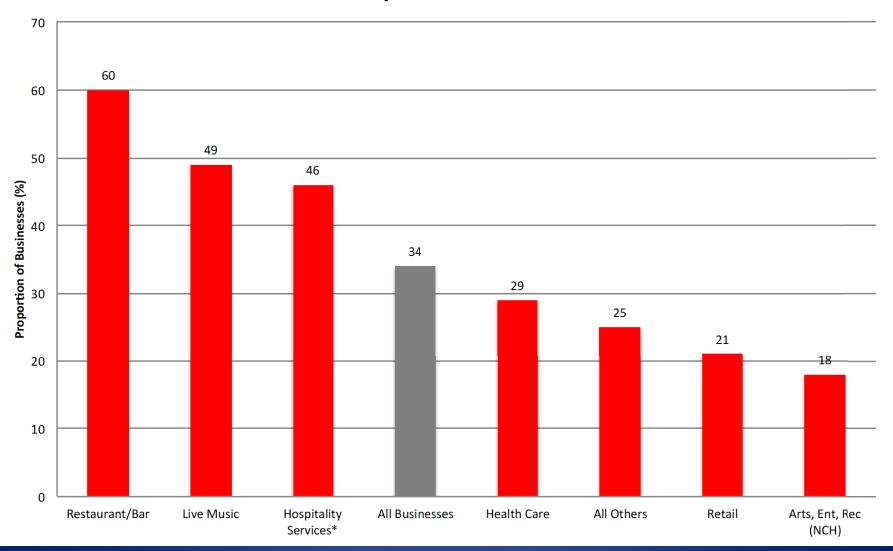
Businesses with a Great Deal or Good Deal of Concern About Their Debt Burden within the Current Environment



Businesses with a Great or a Good Deal of Concern About Obtaining Access to Finance in the Current Environment



Businesses with a Great Deal or a Good Deal of Concern about Workforce Availiablity within the Current Environment



The Most Threatened Industries

- Live Music Venues & Restaurants and Bars
- Absent:
 - A Decline in COVID-19 Infections & Econ. Growth
 - and/or
 - Additional Federal, State and/or Local Aid
- A Majority of Austin Live Music Venues, Restaurants and Bars Could Close by Halloween
- "I think there's a real risk of losing 90% of the Independent Music Venues in the next few months"