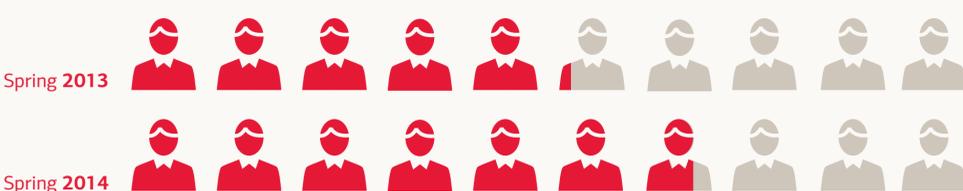


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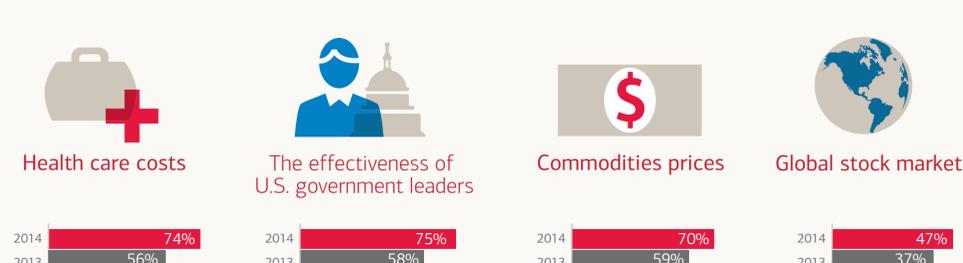
Small Business Owners (SBOs) around America are feeling confident: **68 percent** of SBOs expect their revenues to increase in the coming 12 months, **up 17 percent** from the spring 2013 Small Business Owner Report.



Women are the most optimistic about growth prospects



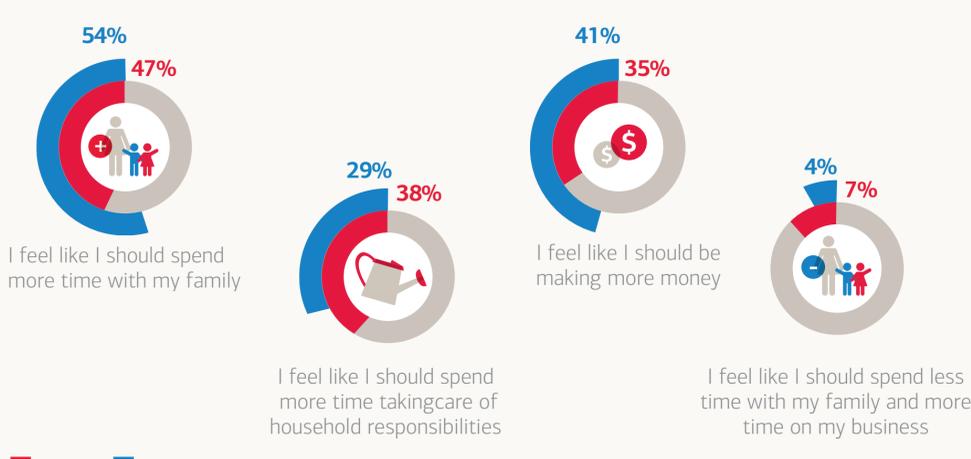
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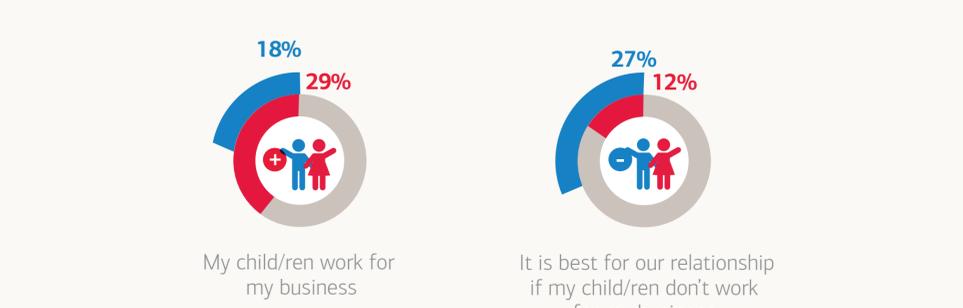
Women SBOs spend more time with their families



Men and women are conflicted about personal obligations

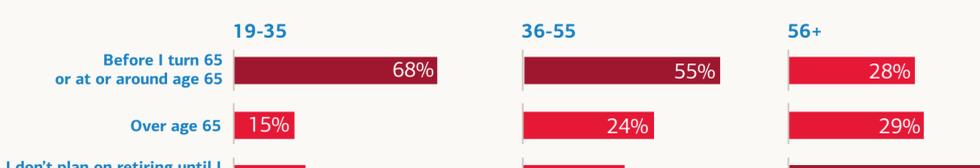


Women SBOs are more likely to hire their children

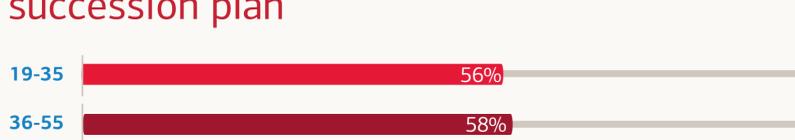


As SBOs get older, plans for retirement are delayed

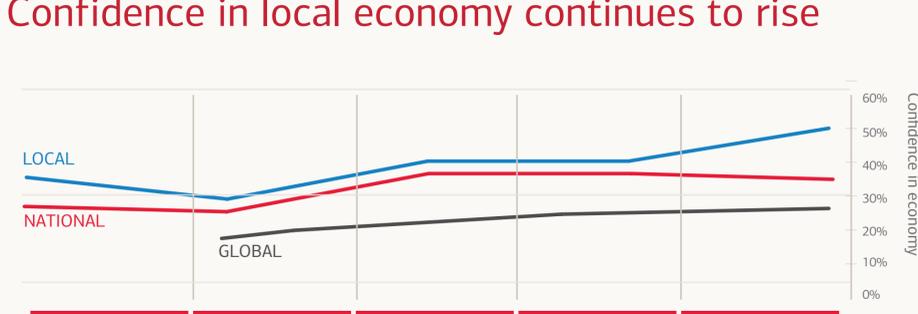
When asked when they plan to retire, small business owners across different age groups answered:



Yet younger owners are more likely to have a succession plan



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Snapshot of small businesses around the country



Braun Research has conducted the Bank of America Small Business Owner Report survey by phone every six months since spring 2012 on behalf of Bank of America. The survey took place in March –April 2012, September – October 2012, March 2013, September 2013, and March 2014. Each time, Braun contacted a nationally representative sample of 1,000 small business owners in the United States with annual revenue between \$100,000 and \$4,999,999 and employing between 2 and 99 employees.

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