



This month, Alloy Silverstein distributed about 755 surveys to CFOs of companies with over 100 employees throughout New Jersey and the Philadelphia region in order to learn their opinions on current political and economical issues. We believe the survey's findings from its 64 responses allow us, along with area legislators, media, and the public, to better grasp the mood of our regional business community. We will continue to conduct the survey on a quarterly basis so we thank you for your participation.

HERE ARE THE ANONYMOUS RESPONSES:

- 1) Do you believe unemployment should be extended?
48% YES 50% NO 2% NO ANSWER

- 2) Has the struggling economy forced you to postpone your retirement plans?
39% YES 56% NO 5% NO ANSWER

- 3) Which governmental program has benefited your business?
**8% GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS 8% STIMULUS PROGRAMS
9% SUPPORT FOR BANKS 75% NONE**

- 4) Was the amount provided by the government stimulus:
53% GREATER THAN NEEDED 9% ACCURATE 24% LESS THAN NEEDED 14% NO ANSWER

- 5) Should the government generate another stimulus effort?
16% YES 79% NO 5% NO ANSWER

- 6) Do you feel that the economic recovery efforts have stalled?
69% YES 28% NO 3% NO ANSWER

- 7) Since the Health Care Act was enacted,
Have health care costs: **53% Increased 0% Decreased 44% No Change 3% No Answer**
Has health care been: **2% MORE ACCESSIBLE 11% LESS ACCESSIBLE
84% NO CHANGE 3% NO ANSWER**

- 8) Is the local economy:
**14% GETTING BETTER
30% SLIPPING
56% STABLE**

- 9) Is your company:
**17% GETTING BETTER
15% SLIPPING
68% STABLE**

- 10) What is today's most important issue??
**NATIONALLY: 55% JOBS 28% THE DEFICIT 8% TAXES 6% HEALTHCARE 3% INFLATION
LOCALLY: 65% JOBS 20% TAXES 8% THE DEFICIT 5% HEALTHCARE 2% INFLATION**