

SECTION 2: CROSS-TABULATION OF RESULTS SURVEY QUESTION #2

Included in the Small Employer Survey is Question #2, which asks:

2. Which of the following best describes your company’s primary business?

- a. Agriculture, forestry, fishing
- b. Construction
- c. Food service
- d. Manufacturing
- e. Retail
- f. Services (medical care, personal services, laundry, repair business, legal, business services, computer services, etc.)
- g. Wholesale
- h. Other

The following charts show the cross-tabulation between industry and position on particular policy options. The policy option is shown at the top of each table.

Question 64 – Allowing small businesses to join with other small businesses for the purpose of purchasing health insurance at rates similar to those experienced by large employers (known as “purchasing alliances”)				
Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	63.8%	28.8%	6.5%	0.9%
Construction	71.5%	24.2%	2.8%	1.5%
Food Service	70.7%	25.2%	2.8%	1.2%
Manufacturing	75.0%	23.3%	1.4%	0.3%
Retail	73.3%	22.2%	3.6%	0.9%
Services	76.8%	20.4%	1.7%	1.1%
Wholesale	81.3%	15.4%	3.0%	0.2%
Other	74.2%	22.4%	2.4%	1.0%

Question 65 - Allowing small businesses to purchase insurance through a large existing health insurance plan, such as the Texas state employees’ health plan or the health plan for federal government employees				
Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	60.7%	33.3%	4.2%	1.8%
Construction	67.0%	27.7%	3.9%	1.4%
Food Service	62.2%	32.3%	4.0%	1.5%
Manufacturing	63.2%	29.6%	5.1%	2.1%
Retail	70.0%	24.2%	3.8%	2.0%
Services	67.8%	24.3%	4.6%	3.2%
Wholesale	69.6%	24.5%	4.0%	1.9%
Other	66.1%	25.9%	5.3%	2.8%

Question 66 - Reducing the mandated benefits insurers must include in their policies (such as coverage of immunizations, mammograms, chiropractic care, chemical/drug abuse, etc.) as long as insurers are also required to reduce their premium costs

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	32.7%	34.5%	19.4%	13.3%
Construction	28.7%	30.4%	22.2%	18.7%
Food Service	34.7%	41.5%	16.4%	7.4%
Manufacturing	27.0%	33.0%	24.2%	15.8%
Retail	30.8%	35.1%	20.9%	13.3%
Services	29.0%	31.3%	21.7%	18.0%
Wholesale	25.0%	32.1%	23.6%	19.3%
Other	22.9%	30.1%	24.4%	22.5%

Question 67 - Reducing the mandated benefits insurers must include in their policies but not requiring a reduction in premium costs

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	4.9%	11.0%	23.3%	60.7%
Construction	6.2%	10.2%	18.8%	64.8%
Food Service	11.6%	19.5%	22.3%	46.5%
Manufacturing	4.4%	8.6%	22.1%	65.0%
Retail	7.9%	13.1%	19.9%	59.1%
Services	6.2%	9.2%	17.4%	67.2%
Wholesale	7.9%	11.8%	16.5%	63.8%
Other	5.7%	10.2%	19.1%	64.9%

Question 68 - Providing a financial incentive to encourage small employers to provide health insurance for their employees

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	50.3%	35.3%	9.0%	5.4%
Construction	58.2%	30.9%	6.6%	4.3%
Food Service	59.8%	29.7%	7.4%	3.1%
Manufacturing	52.4%	34.8%	7.6%	5.2%
Retail	56.8%	31.5%	7.3%	4.4%
Services	58.4%	31.6%	5.9%	4.1%
Wholesale	58.9%	29.6%	7.6%	4.0%
Other	53.0%	33.6%	8.2%	5.3%

Question 69 - Allowing children who are not eligible for the state's CHIP program to "buy-in" to the program by paying the required premium

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	29.9%	50.0%	14.5%	5.6%
Construction	37.4%	49.7%	8.7%	4.3%
Food Service	41.9%	42.9%	11.1%	4.1%
Manufacturing	32.4%	48.9%	13.0%	5.7%
Retail	37.0%	45.5%	13.0%	4.5%
Services	37.2%	47.2%	10.6%	5.1%
Wholesale	38.3%	45.5%	11.1%	5.2%
Other	36.2%	48.6%	10.4%	4.8%

Question 70 - Expanding the state's CHIP program to include the parents of children who are already enrolled in CHIP

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	20.6%	39.7%	24.1%	15.6%
Construction	27.0%	37.2%	22.0%	13.8%
Food Service	33.5%	39.6%	18.8%	8.0%
Manufacturing	22.2%	33.5%	29.9%	14.4%
Retail	25.2%	34.5%	24.5%	15.7%
Services	24.9%	36.6%	23.6%	14.9%
Wholesale	25.4%	33.7%	27.3%	13.5%
Other	26.5%	38.5%	22.2%	12.9%

Question 71 - Expanding the state's CHIP program to include more children

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	28.1%	46.0%	16.3%	9.6%
Construction	37.9%	41.5%	13.1%	7.6%
Food Service	42.4%	37.9%	14.6%	5.1%
Manufacturing	30.0%	42.6%	18.0%	9.4%
Retail	33.7%	39.2%	19.1%	8.0%
Services	34.6%	41.4%	15.6%	8.4%
Wholesale	32.3%	43.2%	15.3%	9.1%
Other	37.2%	43.8%	12.8%	6.2%

Question 72 - Providing a government subsidy to lower-income employees to help them pay their share of the cost of health insurance

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	18.1%	29.4%	26.4%	26.1%
Construction	22.6%	31.9%	27.1%	18.4%
Food Service	36.1%	31.8%	21.5%	10.6%
Manufacturing	21.5%	31.1%	25.7%	21.7%
Retail	23.2%	30.4%	27.2%	19.2%
Services	22.1%	31.0%	25.6%	21.2%
Wholesale	21.5%	32.2%	22.8%	23.5%
Other	24.1%	31.7%	24.9%	19.3%

Question 73 - Expanding the state's Medicaid program to include the low-income parents of children who are already enrolled in Medicaid

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	12.1%	29.5%	34.8%	23.6%
Construction	15.0%	32.5%	31.8%	20.7%
Food Service	28.1%	33.2%	25.2%	13.4%
Manufacturing	12.8%	29.0%	35.1%	23.2%
Retail	16.5%	31.2%	30.7%	21.6%
Services	16.6%	31.5%	30.0%	21.9%
Wholesale	15.4%	29.0%	33.0%	22.6%
Other	18.9%	34.7%	27.2%	19.2%

Question 74 - Expanding the state's Medicaid program to include more children

Industry	Strongly Support	Generally Support	Generally Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Agriculture	16.7%	34.0%	29.2%	20.1%
Construction	23.7%	37.0%	25.8%	13.5%
Food Service	33.8%	32.5%	22.5%	11.3%
Manufacturing	20.9%	37.6%	24.7%	16.7%
Retail	22.2%	35.9%	25.6%	16.3%
Services	22.7%	37.1%	23.8%	16.3%
Wholesale	19.9%	38.0%	25.7%	16.4%
Other	25.4%	38.9%	22.3%	13.5%