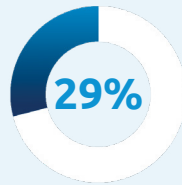


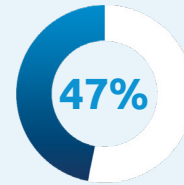
Small businesses in Birmingham are in some of the best financial shape in the UK.

Our latest survey of the UK's small and medium sized businesses finds that 75% of those in Birmingham say they are in the same or better shape financially compared to the same time last year.

Birmingham's business owners also tell us that...



are in better shape financially, compared to this time last year.



are feeling more confident than 12 months ago.

65% of SMEs in Birmingham are looking to grow their customer base nationally over the next year - more than the UK average at 54% - while around one in six (or 16%) are looking internationally.

But they are also supporting each other: half say the significance of collaboration with other local businesses has increased in significance over the last twelve months.

Armstrong Supplies, a supplier of Timber and Building Materials based in Leicester:

👂👂 Covid is not going away anytime soon and UK industries' ability to adapt has constrained our business. We have had to work harder to keep up with price movements and product availability which has created additional workload, in turn meaning we have had to recruit more people.

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