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Another survey tells us what small business owners have been saying for a long time: Keeping up with regulatory and administrative burdens are actually a bigger problem than the financial cost of federal taxes.

How big a burden? One third of small businesses report spending more than 80 hours — two full work weeks — each year on federal taxes. That's according to the National Small Business Association's (NSBA) [2017 Small Business Taxation Survey](#).

Business owners were also asked about sales tax, payroll taxes and deficit reduction, and ranked the most problematic taxes as well as the most useful deductions.

"Today, we have the first real chance for broad tax reform in a generation," stated NSBA President and CEO Todd McCracken. "However the overwhelming majority of small businesses believe Congressional failures—partisanship and a lack of effort—are the biggest challenge facing reform, and one-third don't believe tax reform will ever be enacted."

Key Findings:

The majority of small businesses say that administrative burdens are actually a bigger problem than the financial cost of federal taxes; and one-in-three small businesses report spending more than 80 hours each year on federal taxes. The survey also asked about sales tax, payroll taxes and deficit reduction, and ranked the most problematic taxes as well as the most useful deductions.

When asked about tax policy, the most broadly-supported tax reform is one that would reduce taxes and deductions for both corporations and individuals—no

surprise given the majority of small businesses (83 percent) are pass-through entities

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