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## Business Scorecard

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The April [SurePayroll Small Business Scorecard](#) showed that small business owners' optimism was 65 percent, even though there was a drop in hiring and average paycheck size. Part of the hiring decrease was due to the difficulty in finding qualified

candidates for the jobs owners had available. The scorecard showed that 40 percent

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Nationally, hiring was down 0.1 per cent and the average size of paychecks decreased 0.3 percent from last month. Every region except the South saw a decline in hiring and paycheck size. Hiring in the South was up 0.1 percent. The SurePayroll Scorecard showed nationwide hiring and paychecks were both down from last year, 1.4 percent and 1.3 percent respectively. The biggest hiring decrease was seen in the West, down 5.1 percent from the previous year. Again, the South continued to experience a boom as hiring was up 1.8 percent and paychecks increased 0.4 percent from year-to-year.

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