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o far signals are mixed on when the recession can be declared over and whether it's okay to feel even a little confident about the economy. Nearly 80% of the senior financial executives responding to *Treasury & Risk's* Biannual Economic Survey say the worst of the financial crisis is over, up from 70% six months ago. However, while the confidence index for the next six months

crept up, the index for the next 12 months dropped slightly below where it was in July. Nearly 45% say the economy will remain stable but flat over the next six months, while 44% say it will begin to improve in the next 12 months. More than half of respondents say the stimulus is likely helping the economy, and 70% say the Fed has been balanced in its reaction to the downturn, up from 57% in July. Inflation concerns have edged down slightly, to 80% who say they are somewhat or very worried about it, versus 88% who said that six months ago. MORE SURVEY RESULTS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.TREASURYANDRISK.COM

Confidence Still



*Treasury
& Risk's
2010 Economic
Survey*

**58% see the credit crunch beginning to ease,
compared with 52% six months ago.**

HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU ABOUT THE STATE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY?
(1=very pessimistic; 10=very confident)

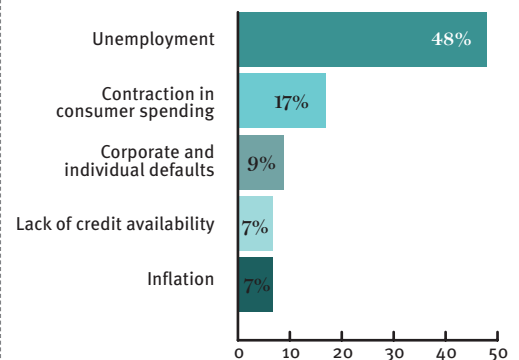
Over the next six months: 4.48

6/09	4.19
12/08	3.67
7/08	4.29

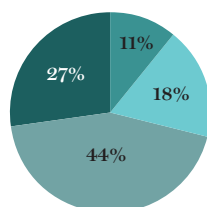
Over the next 12 months: 5.32

6/09	5.38
12/08	4.46
7/08	4.88

BIGGEST THREATS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS:

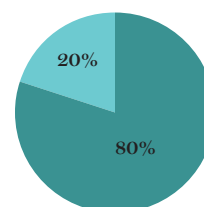


33% think the recession ended in 2009, while 19% say it will end in the first half of 2010 and 48% see it ending in the second half of 2010 and beyond.



ANNUAL REVENUES

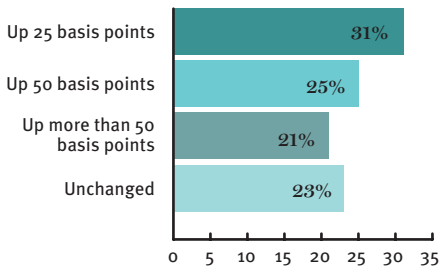
- Under \$500 million
- \$500 million to \$1 billion
- \$1 billion to \$5 billion
- Above \$5 billion



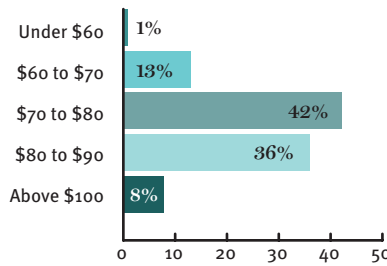
HAVE WE SEEN THE WORST OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS?

- Yes
- No

**EXPECTATIONS FOR FED FUNDS RATE
12 MONTHS FROM NOW:**



**EXPECTATIONS FOR AVERAGE PRICE OF
BENCHMARK LIGHT CRUDE OIL OVER
NEXT 12 MONTHS:**



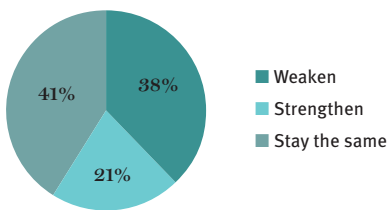
43% expect 2009 revenues to fall short of 2008's, compared with 57% who predicted a decline in July.

64% grade the Obama administration's handling of the economy at C and above.

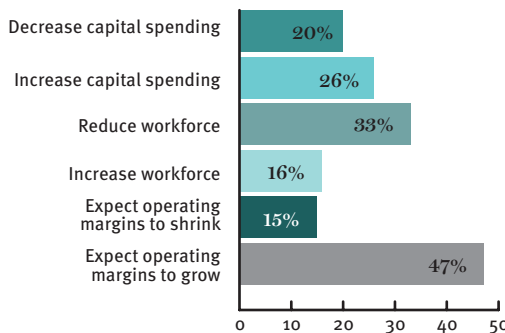
Slow to Return

57% believe the stimulus package passed in February has helped the economy, but only 29% say that their company has likely benefited from it.

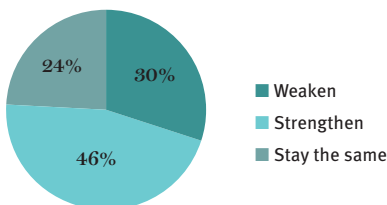
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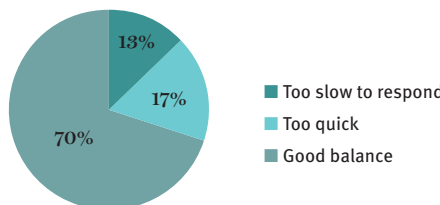
WHAT EXECUTIVES EXPECT THEIR OWN COMPANIES TO DO OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS:



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HAS THE FED RESPONDED ADEQUATELY TO THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN?



33% say tackling unemployment should be the Obama administration's top priority, while 24% say reducing the national debt should top the agenda.