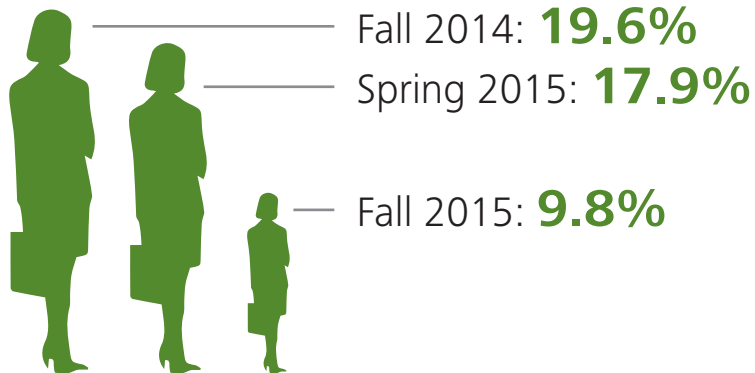


America's economic engine

Tapping the brakes

In an October/November 2015 survey, 522 US mid-market executives provided input on their expectations, experiences and plans for becoming more competitive in the current economic environment.

Respondents who say they feel "extremely confident" that the US economy will continue to improve over the next 24 months:



56% of companies surveyed report their workforces grew over the past 12 months...



... and **61%** expect that growth to continue in 2016.

Main obstacles to growth:



Uncertain economic outlook
40.8%



Health care costs
34.0%



Increased regulatory compliance
31.9%

92% report female and minority leaders or managers comprised less than half of the executive leadership at their organizations



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