



2019 UPSTATE BUSINESS CLIMATE SURVEY

Earlier this year, we surveyed employers across Upstate New York and asked them a series of questions about the state's business climate.

The following responses focus on employers' perspectives on the impacts of policies enacted during the 2019 legislative session.

BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL OPINION?

NEGATIVE (90%)

POSITIVE (9%)

NO OPINION (1%)

WHAT NEW POLICY WILL HAVE THE MOST NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE UPSTATE ECONOMY?

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT



WHAT NEW POLICY WILL HAVE THE MOST POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE UPSTATE ECONOMY?

A PERMANENT 2% PROPERTY TAX CAP



"Having lost more than a million residents in the last decade, Albany needs to wake up. Unfortunately, leaders have already signaled that the worst is yet to come."

- Michael Kracker, Unshackle Upstate Executive Director



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We also asked Upstate employers to look ahead and share their perspectives about the future of New York's business climate and key issues.

With the 2020 legislative session on the horizon, employers are signaling they will continue to struggle unless Albany takes action.

LOOKING AHEAD, HOW DO YOU THINK NEW YORK'S BUSINESS CLIMATE WILL CHANGE IN 2020?

WORSEN (91%)

IMPROVE (2%)

STAY THE SAME (7%)

WHAT ISSUES DO YOU FEEL HAVE THE MOST IMPACTS ON NEW YORK'S BUSINESS CLIMATE?

#1: TAXES

(SELECTED BY 88% OF RESPONDENTS)

#2: EMPLOYER MANDATES

(SELECTED BY 58% OF RESPONDENTS)

#3: STATE SPENDING

(SELECTED BY 52% OF RESPONDENTS)

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO LEFT NEW YORK TO FIND BETTER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES?

YES (90%)

NO (10%)

TOP 3 ISSUES THAT EMPLOYERS STRONGLY SUPPORT IN 2020

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT
MANDATE RELIEF
REGULATORY RELIEF**

TOP 3 ISSUES THAT EMPLOYERS STRONGLY OPPOSE IN 2020

**PREVAILING WAGE EXPANSION
SINGLE PAYER
MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

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