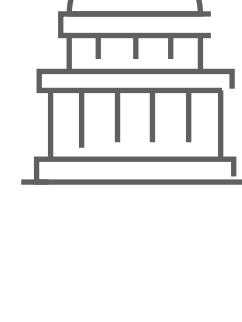


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Reports Business Loan Approval Rates Up Slightly in May 2022

Small business loan approval percentages at big banks (\$10m + in assets) rose from 15.1% in April to 15.3% in May, while small banks' approvals also increased from 20.8% in April to 20.9% in May, according to the latest Biz2Credit Small Business Lending Index™ released today.



Big Banks

Big banks (\$10m + in assets) rose from 15.1% in April to 15.3% in May, according to the latest Biz2Credit Small Business Lending Index™ released today.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 390,000 in May, and the unemployment rate remained at 3.6%, according to the Jobs Report released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released on Friday, June 3. Notable job gains

occurred in leisure and hospitality, in professional and business services, and in transportation and warehousing. Many of these jobs are created by small businesses. However, employment in retail trade declined.

Monthly Comparison

+0.2%

15.3%

May 2022

15.1%

Apr 2022

Yearly Comparison

+1.8%

15.3%

May 2022

13.5%

May 2021

"Small businesses are still trying to figure out their funding needs and must consider rising interest rates. With inflation, entrepreneurs need funding for growth," said Biz2Credit CEO Rohit Arora, one of the nation's leading experts in small business lending and fintech.

Rohit Arora
Biz2Credit CEO



Small Banks

Small banks' approvals also increased from 20.8% in April to 20.9% in May, according to the latest Biz2Credit Small Business Lending Index™ released today.

Monthly Comparison

+0.1%

20.9%

May 2022

20.8%

Apr 2022

Yearly Comparison

+2.2%

20.9%

May 2022

18.7%

May 2021



Institutional Lenders

Institutional lenders approved 25.5% of loan requests in May, up one-tenth of a percent from 25.4% in April.

Monthly Comparison

+0.1%

25.5%

May 2022

25.4%

Apr 2022

Yearly Comparison

+1.9%

25.5%

May 2022

23.6%

May 2021



Alternative Lenders

Alternative lenders' approval rates rose from 26.8% in April to 26.9% in May.

Monthly Comparison

+0.1%

26.9%

May 2022

26.8%

Apr 2022

Yearly Comparison

+2.6%

26.9%

May 2022

24.3%

May 2021

"The cost of capital for small business borrowers will rise, since most small business funding comes at variable rates," added Arora. "The continued incremental increase in loan approval percentages is encouraging. For the past year, it really has been a case of 'slow and steady wins the race'."

Rohit Arora
Biz2Credit CEO



Credit unions

Credit unions held steady at 20.6% for the second month in a row.

Monthly Comparison

0%

20.6%

May 2022

20.6%

Apr 2022

Yearly Comparison

+0.2%

20.6%

May 2022

20.4%

May 2021

About the Biz2Credit Small Business Lending Index™

Biz2Credit analyzed loan requests from companies in business more than two years with credit scores above 680. The results are based on primary data submitted by more than 1,000 small business owners who applied for funding on Biz2Credit's platform.

About Biz2Credit

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