

# Greenwich Market Pulse: Economic Outlook, ESG/Social Responsibility, Provider Changes

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**Executive Summary:** 

Overall executive optimism has dropped sharply due to COVID-19. Those with a negative outlook cite concerns about the pandemic, the upcoming election, and the stock market volatility, while many of those with more positive views believe the crisis will be short-lived. Half of executives consider ESG important for managing long-term strategies for their business.

### Methodology:

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379 companies were interviewed online in March 2020, representing 184 small businesses and 195 mid-sized companies.



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