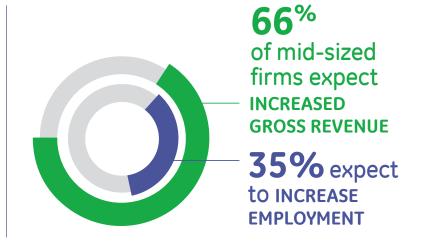
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Canadian mid-sized businesses optimistic about economy



Companies are predicting mean revenue growth of

7.7%



of mid-sized firms are planning EQUIPMENT UPGRADES in the next 12 months.

Increasing cost structure means $43^{\%}$ of firms will increase prices



Innovation is important



2/3 of mid-sized firms generate at least 10% of revenue from NEW PRODUCTS



16% invest at least 5% of annual revenue in R&D

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CANADIAN MID-SIZED BUSINESS OUTLOOK:

Industries surveyed:

Automotive
Energy & Mining
Food & Beverage
Trucking



Number of **COMPANIES** surveyed:

241



AVERAGE REVENUE of firms surveyed:

\$93,000,000

Avg Number of EMPLOYEES: 561

Revenue of Companies Surveyed:

\$5m - \$1B*in revenue

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*Companies with revenue \$1 million to \$1 billion were surveyed in the automotive, food and beverage, and trucking industries.

