THE HARTFORD’S 2018 SIDE BUSINESS SURVEY found that 25 percent of Americans have a side business,¹ yet most don’t have insurance to protect it.

SIDE BUSINESS OWNERS IN AMERICA

Top three primary reasons to start a side business

- Financial/extra income: 61%
- Make a change/lifestyle: 16%
- Pursue a passion: 9%

Insuring their side business

- 88% have not purchased insurance
- 12% have purchased insurance

Of those who have not purchased insurance:

- 91% do not plan to purchase insurance
- 44% say they don’t need it

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PROFILE OF SIDE BUSINESS OWNERS

Generational breakdown of side business owners
- 33% Gen X
- 26% Millennial
- 38% Baby Boomer
- 3% Silent

Most are employed full time elsewhere
- 61% Full time
- 18% Retired
- 11% Part-time
- 4% Homemaker

Hours spent on their side business each week
- 49% 10 or fewer hours
- 31% 11 to 20 hours
- 13% 21 to 30 hours
- 5% 31 to 40 hours
- 2% Over 40 hours

Top 5 industries
- 19% Retail
- 16% Service
- 14% Professional services
- 6% Transportation
- 6% Technology

STAYING A SIDE BUSINESS VS. TAKING IT FULL TIME

Likelihood of taking their side business full time
- 53% Highly unlikely/somewhat unlikely
- 27% Highly/somewhat likely

Millennials are more likely to say that their side business could become their full-time job or primary source of income than other generations:

- 40% Highly likely/somewhat likely
  - 30% Highly likely
    - Millennials
    - Gen X
  - 17% Somewhat likely
    - Baby Boomers

Greatest barriers to making their side business their primary source of income are mostly financial:
- 48% I don’t believe I can make a living at this business
- 33% I can’t afford to give up my income from my full-time job
- 27% I don’t want to give up the benefits from my full-time job
- 23% I like my full-time job and don’t want to give it up
- 13% I don’t have the time to dedicate to the business
**SCENARIO: DAMAGED PAINTING**

A graphic designer develops a sales presentation to be displayed on an easel in a client's office. While setting up the presentation for the client, she accidentally knocks a valuable painting off the wall. The client decides to sue for the damage to the painting.

**Coverage needed:** Business Owner’s Policy – Liability Coverage

**Without insurance, the graphic designer could have to pay for:**
- Legal defense fees
- Cost to replace or restore the painting

**SCENARIO: REFRIGERATOR MELTDOWN**

A chocolate manufacturer stores fudge in a designated refrigerator at his house. A lightning strike causes a fire, he loses the fudge and has to close his business for several months, losing many sales.

**Coverage needed:** Business Owner’s Policy – Property Coverage

**Without insurance, the manufacturer would have to pay for:**
- Replacing the refrigerator
- Replacing the business inventory
- Lost income

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**WHY CONSIDER INSURANCE?**

1. The Hartford defines a side business or side hustle as a business in which a person earns money by selling products or by offering services or advice, but it's not their primary source of income. This excludes a gig, in which a person is working for another company on a temporary or contractual basis.

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The Hartford’s 2018 Side Business Survey was conducted online with an online research panel between May 7-15, 2018 using a nationally representative sample of 4,135 U.S. adults who were at least 18 years of age. The sample was screened to determine whether or not individuals currently have a side-business. The 1,033 individuals who stated they have a side-business participated in a survey about their current side-business. Among the remaining 3,102 who do not currently have a side-business, 989 participated in a survey on future side-business intent. The margins of error are ±3.1 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level for both samples.

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