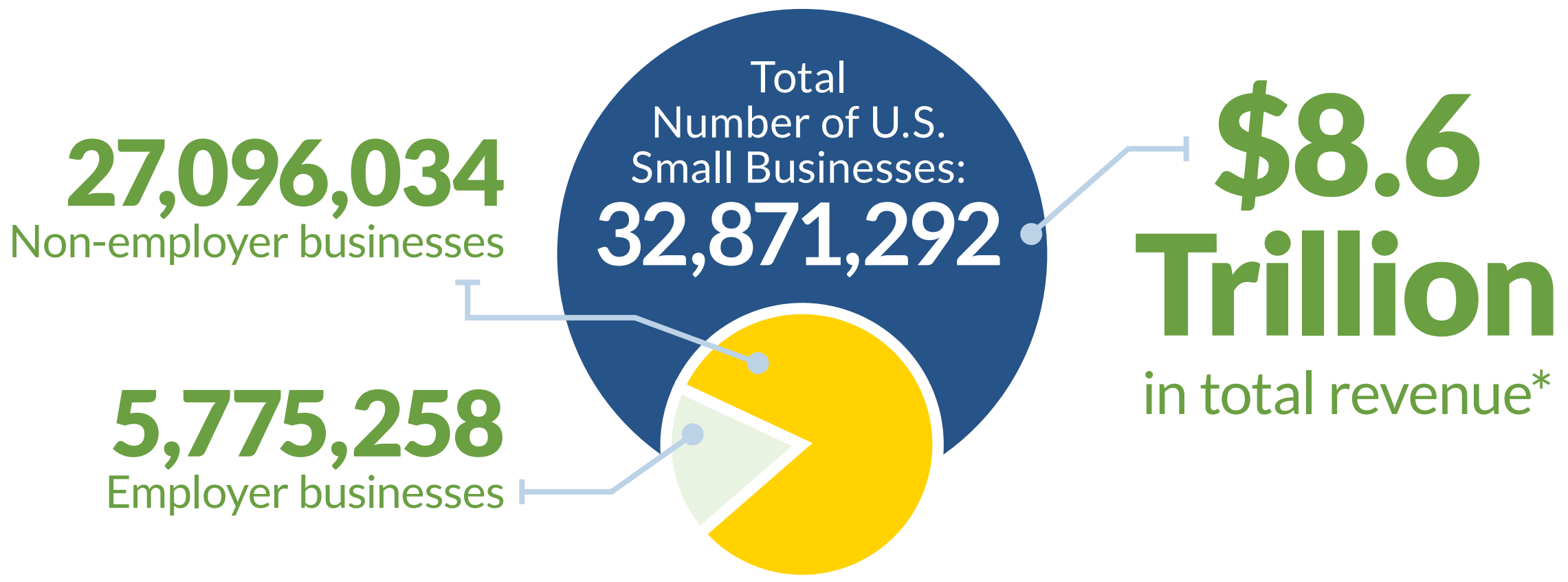


# The State of Veteran Business Owners

Driving forward with motivation, resilience and resourcefulness

## U.S. Small Business Overall



U.S. Census Bureau

## Veteran-owned Businesses

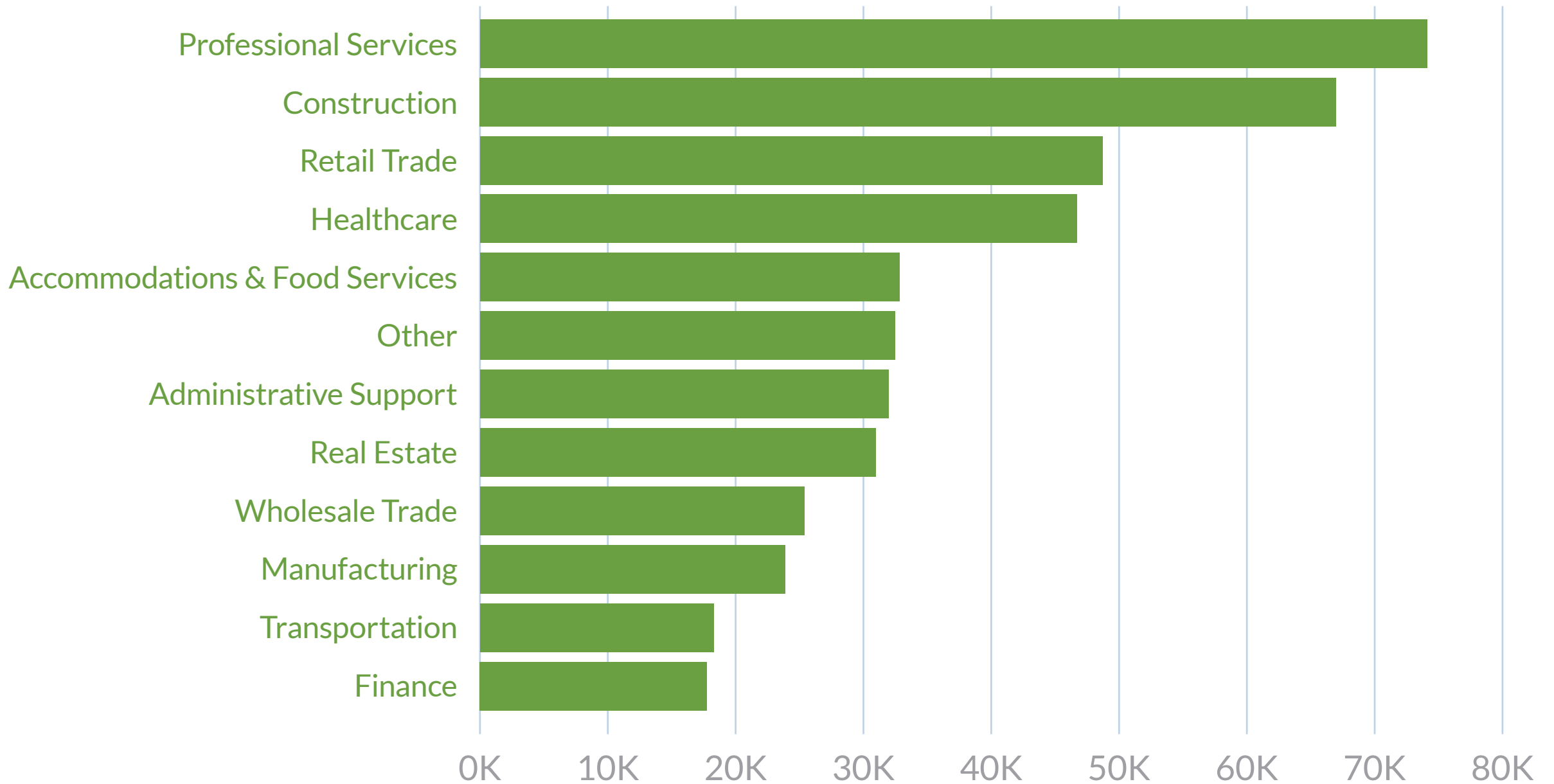


Total number of businesses:  
**1,713,151**

**\$1 Trillion**  
in total revenue

U.S. Census Bureau

## Number of Veteran-owned Employer Businesses by Sector



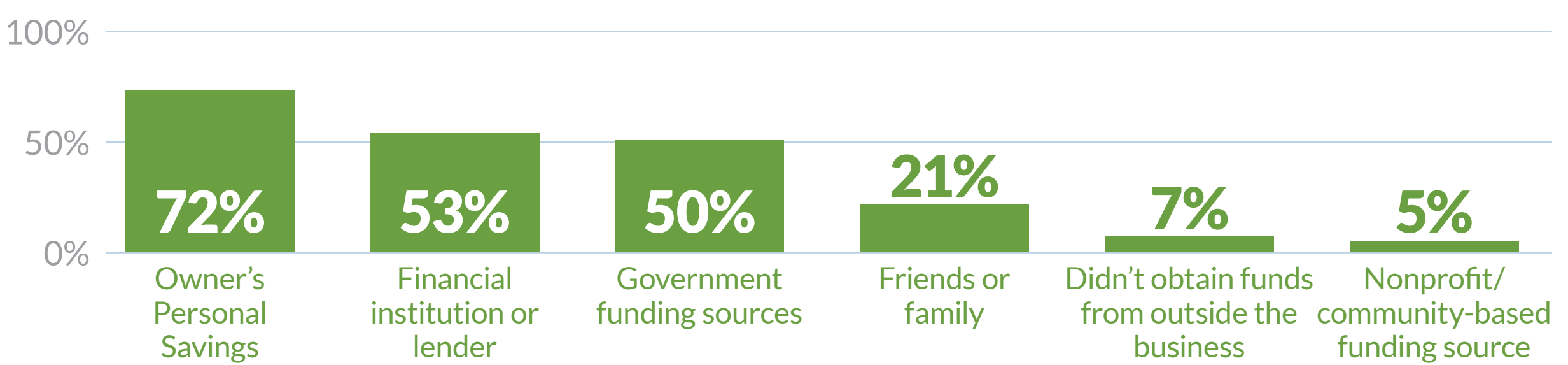
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## Top 5 Barriers to Entrepreneurship for Veterans



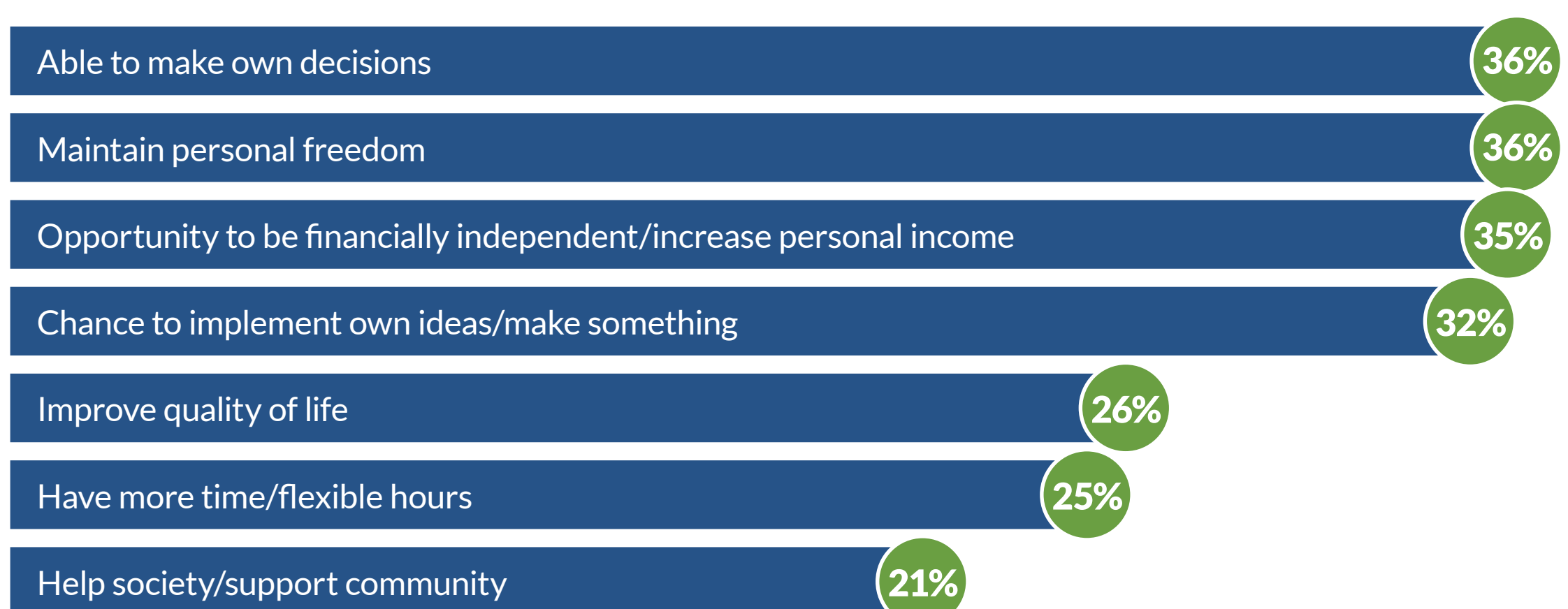
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## Sources of Funding for Veteran-owned Employer Businesses



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## Veteran Motivations for Starting a Business



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To qualify as a veteran-owned business, one or more veterans must unconditionally and directly own at least 51 percent of the concern. To qualify as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business, one or more service-disabled veterans must unconditionally and directly own at least 51 percent of the concern. Source: [The Federal Register](#)

To be considered a veteran, you must have served on active duty with the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard for any length of time and not have received a dishonorable discharge. Alternately, you must have served as a reservist or a member of the National Guard and were called to federal active duty or disabled from a disease or injury that started or got worse while in the line of duty or in training status. Source: [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)