Lion's share of U.S. eateries to raise prices, survey says

Some 92% of U.S. restaurant chains will raise their prices this year to cope with higher food costs, according to a survey by SpenDifference, up from 83% that said the same last year. The eateries expect to add an average of 1.8%, a minimal increase that will offset food inflation but not higher labor and health care costs. "This survey shows they are using price to cover higher costs while finding other ways to better manage their margins," said CEO Maryanne Rose. Nation's Restaurant News (free registration) (1/28)

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