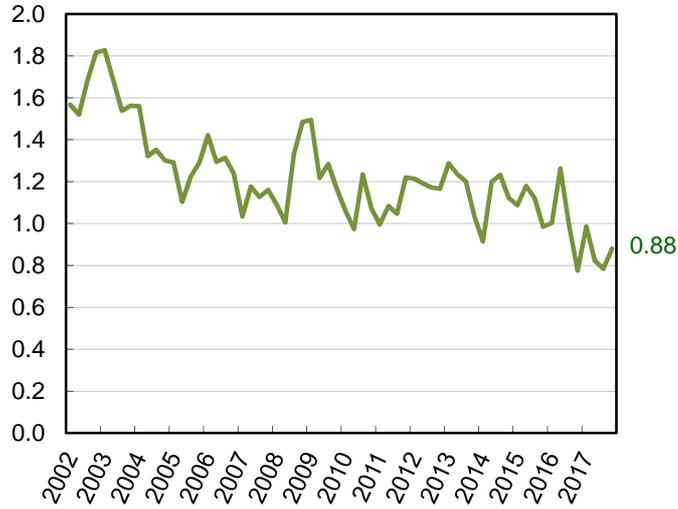


Small business are having less difficulty in raising financing.

**Figure 2**  
**Financing Difficulties<sup>a</sup> in the Small Business Segment<sup>b</sup>, 2002–17**



<sup>a</sup> Seriousness: 0 - no constraint; 1 - slight; 2 - moderate; 3 - serious; 4 - very serious.

<sup>b</sup> In the last quarter, 60 companies answered the question regarding financing difficulties in the Companies Survey.

SOURCE: Based on the Companies Survey.