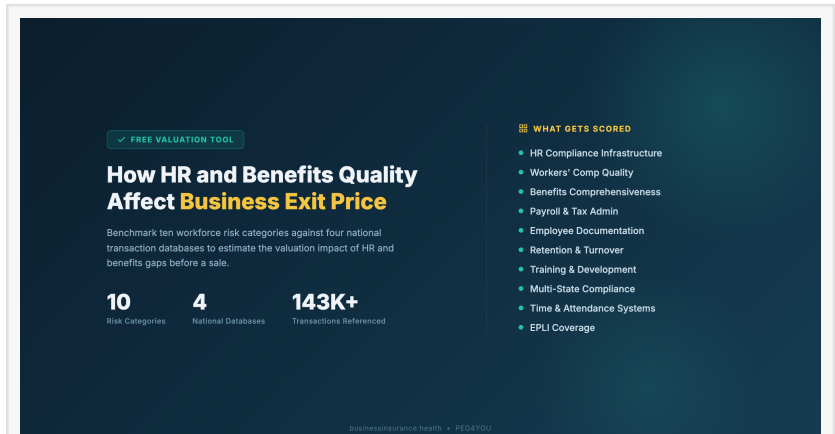


Business Insurance Health Launches Free Valuation Tool Linking HR and Benefits Quality to Exit Price

New calculator benchmarks ten workforce risk categories against four national transaction databases to estimate how HR gaps affect small business sale prices

BOSTON, MA, UNITED STATES, March 18, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Business Insurance Health has released a free Business Valuation Tool designed to help small and mid-size business owners understand how HR infrastructure and employee benefits quality may affect their company's sale price.



Free Business Valuation Tool benchmarks ten workforce risk categories against four national transaction databases to estimate the impact of HR and benefits gaps on business sale price.

The tool scores ten workforce-related risk categories and benchmarks each against four national transaction databases. It then estimates the gap between a company's current valuation multiple and the multiple that could apply if identified issues were addressed before a sale.



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Founder, PEO4YOU*

Industry Context

Private company valuations are typically driven by multiples derived from comparable transactions. While financial metrics such as EBITDA, revenue growth, and market position receive significant attention during due diligence, workforce-related factors — benefits quality, compliance documentation, retention rates, and payroll systems — also influence buyer risk assessments and can affect final deal terms.

According to data from IBBA Market Pulse quarterly surveys and the Pepperdine Private Capital

Markets Project, buyers routinely discount valuations when they identify workforce infrastructure gaps that could create post-acquisition liabilities.

How the Tool Works

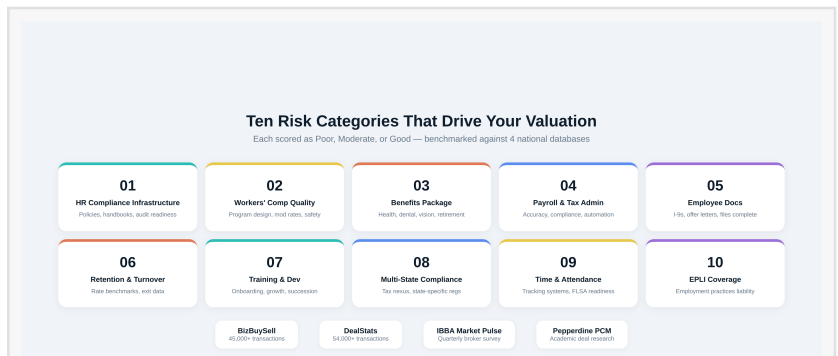
Users input their company name, industry (selected from 20-plus categories including construction, healthcare, manufacturing, and professional services), employee count, EBITDA, annual payroll, and any recent operating cost changes from benefits adjustments. The tool then evaluates ten risk categories:

HR compliance infrastructure, workers' compensation program quality, employee benefits comprehensiveness, payroll and tax administration, employee documentation completeness, retention and turnover rates, training and development maturity, multi-state employment compliance, time and attendance systems, and employment practices liability insurance coverage. Each category is scored as poor, moderate, or good.

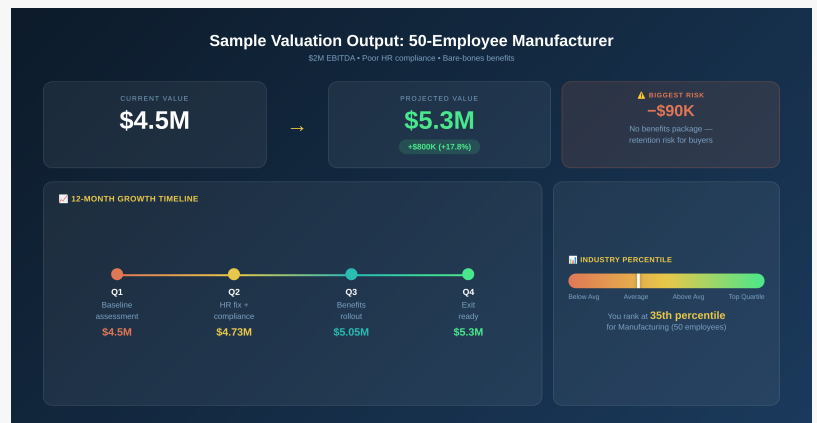
The tool draws from four databases: BizBuySell (45,000-plus transactions), DealStats (54,000-plus transactions), IBBA Market Pulse (quarterly survey of business brokers), and the Pepperdine Private Capital Markets Project (academic research on deal dynamics).

Tool Output

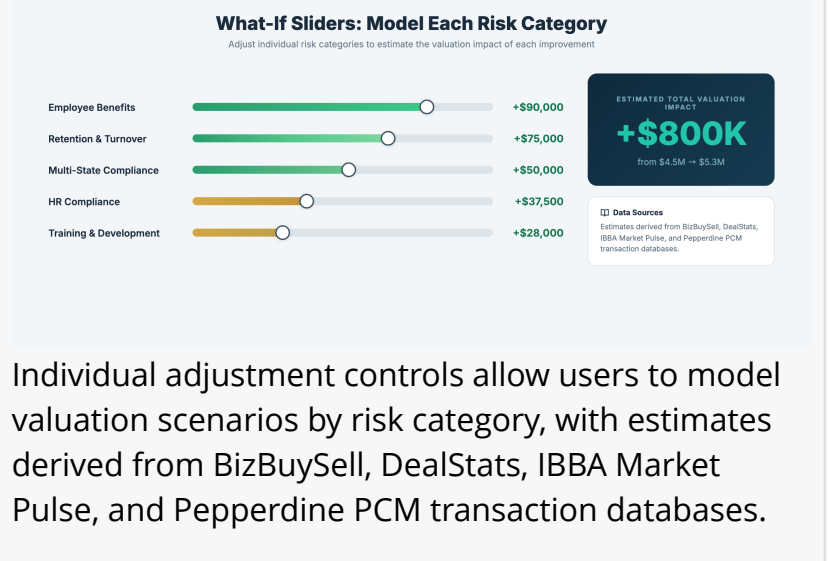
The calculator produces several



The ten HR and benefits risk categories scored by the Business Valuation Tool, each benchmarked against BizBuySell, DealStats, IBBA Market Pulse, and Pepperdine Private Capital Markets data.



Sample output for a 50-employee manufacturer with \$2M EBITDA: current value \$4.5M, projected value \$5.3M after fixing HR and benefits gaps — an \$800,000 opportunity.



Individual adjustment controls allow users to model valuation scenarios by risk category, with estimates derived from BizBuySell, DealStats, IBBA Market Pulse, and Pepperdine PCM transaction databases.

outputs:

A current-value versus projected-value comparison showing estimated dollar increase and percentage change. For example, a 50-person manufacturer with \$2 million in EBITDA and gaps in HR compliance might see an estimated difference of approximately \$800,000 between current and projected valuations.

A risk identification summary flagging the single category with the largest estimated impact. If a company lacks a structured benefits package, the tool may estimate that gap accounts for approximately \$90,000 in valuation difference.

An industry percentile benchmark indicating whether the company's estimated valuation multiple falls below average, at average, above average, or in the top quartile relative to peers of similar size and industry.

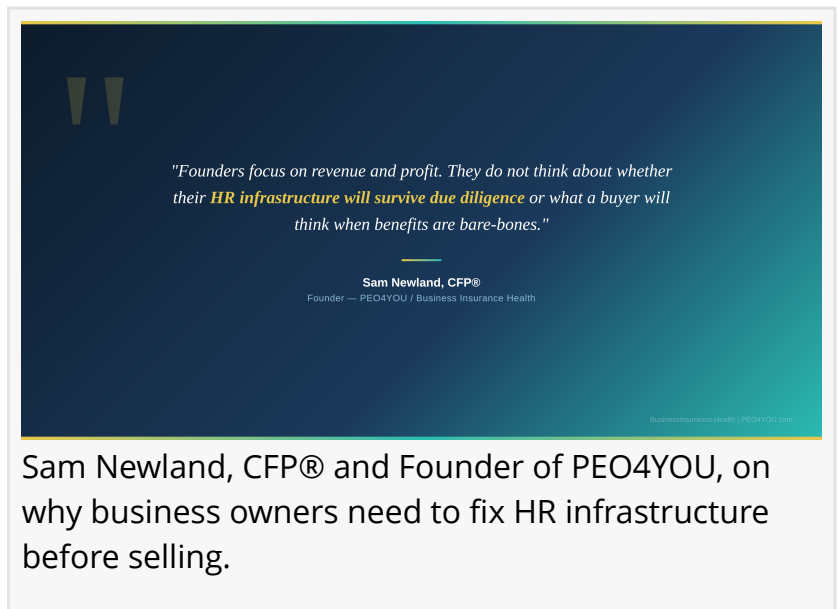
A 12-month timeline projecting quarter-by-quarter valuation changes as risk categories are addressed.

Individual adjustment controls for each risk category, allowing users to model scenarios independently. Each adjustment reflects valuation spreads observed in the underlying transaction databases.

Methodology Disclosure

The tool includes an expandable methodology section where users can review how valuation multiples were derived, which databases were referenced, and what assumptions were applied. A print and PDF export option is available so users can share the report with financial advisors, accountants, or M&A counsel.

"We built this tool because founders often do not have visibility into how workforce infrastructure factors into their valuation," said Sam Newland, CFP, founder of PEO4YOU and Business Insurance Health. "They focus on revenue and profit. They do not think about whether their HR infrastructure will survive due diligence or what a buyer will think when they see their benefits are bare-bones. This tool gives them that data in advance so they can make informed decisions about what to address and on what timeline."



Sam Newland, CFP® and Founder of PEO4YOU, on why business owners need to fix HR infrastructure before selling.

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