

Degrees granted have increased significantly over the last decade...

...but staff hiring by firms is up even more over the same period.

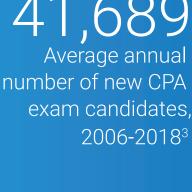
47.9% Increase in accounting degrees, 2004 v. 2016¹



77.1% Increase in US CPA firm new grad hiring, 2004 v. 2016²

The number of new candidates is down, and has fallen even more in the last two years.

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Average annual number of new CPA exam candidates, 2017-20184

Competition for promotable staff is a major concern for all practitioners.



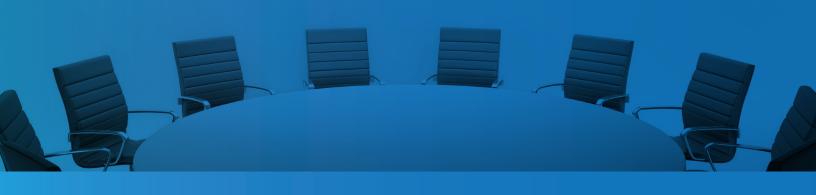
28.8% Percentage of firms in the 2019 Accounting Firm Operations and Technology Survey citing "recruiting and retention" as one of

their top three concerns⁵

Practitioners must do more with less and manage their practices better to survive in this dynamic environment.

27.4%

Percentage of firms citing technology, workflow, and process improvement as an effective way to control costs.6



The most trusted partner for workflow management according to practitioners? XCM



"Not only was XCM the most popular workflow tool, with 30.1% of respondents, the next closest product, had a paltry 4.6% share of all respondents. XCM had 42.2% of firms with 11-50 staff, 61.5% of firms with 51-100 staff, and 50.0% of firms with 101 or more staff."7

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The Numbers Don't Lie:

Practitioners Must Do More With Less. **XCM®** is the Answer.

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