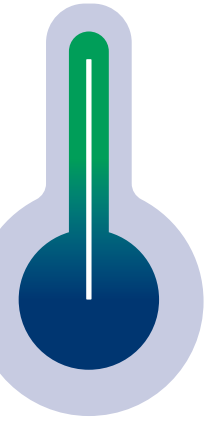


Takeaway: Stable and financially steady, with fewer labour market pressures and lower debt levels, but weaker growth ambition and productivity.

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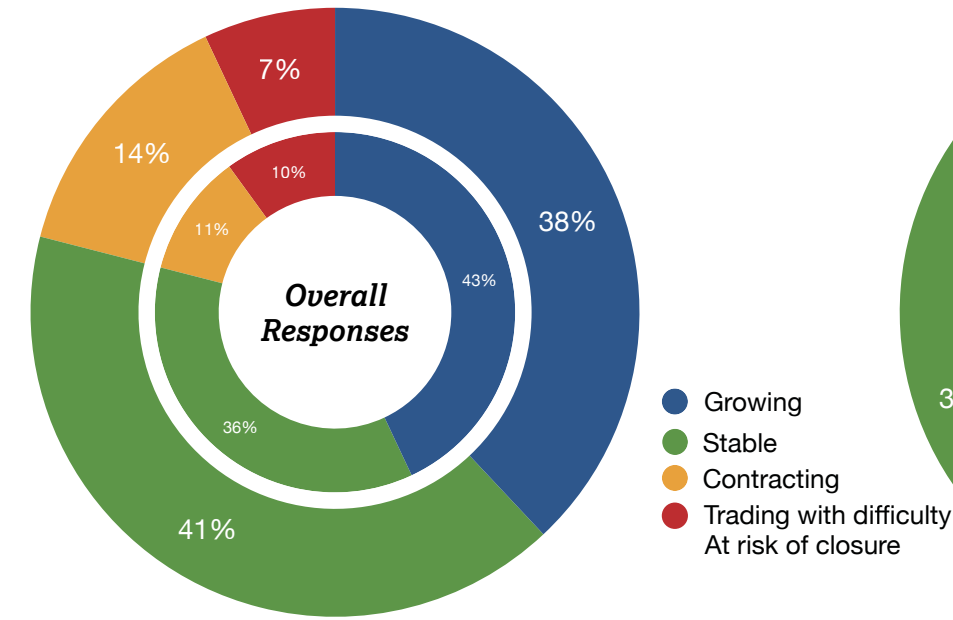


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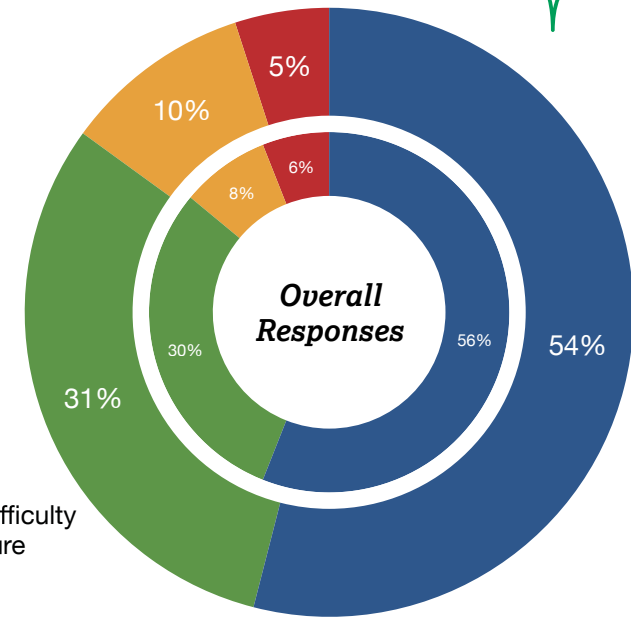
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How is your business performing?

Last 12 months

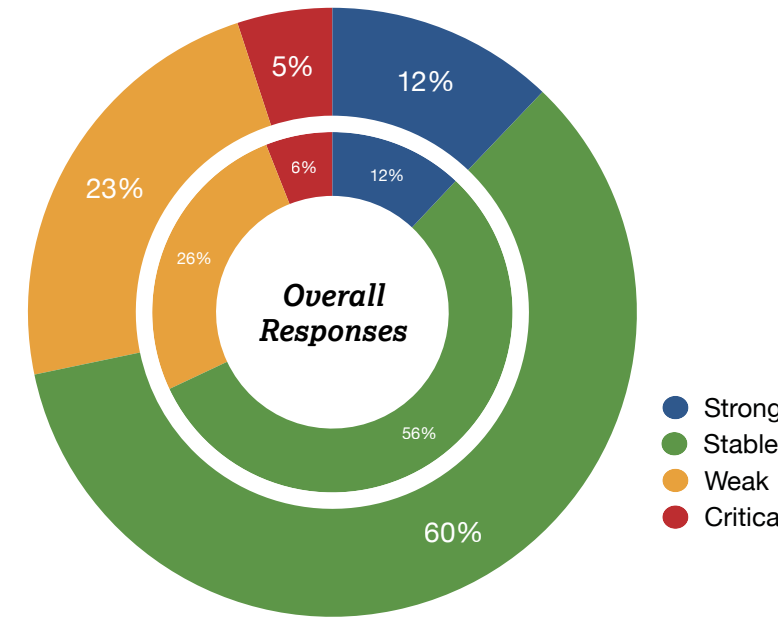


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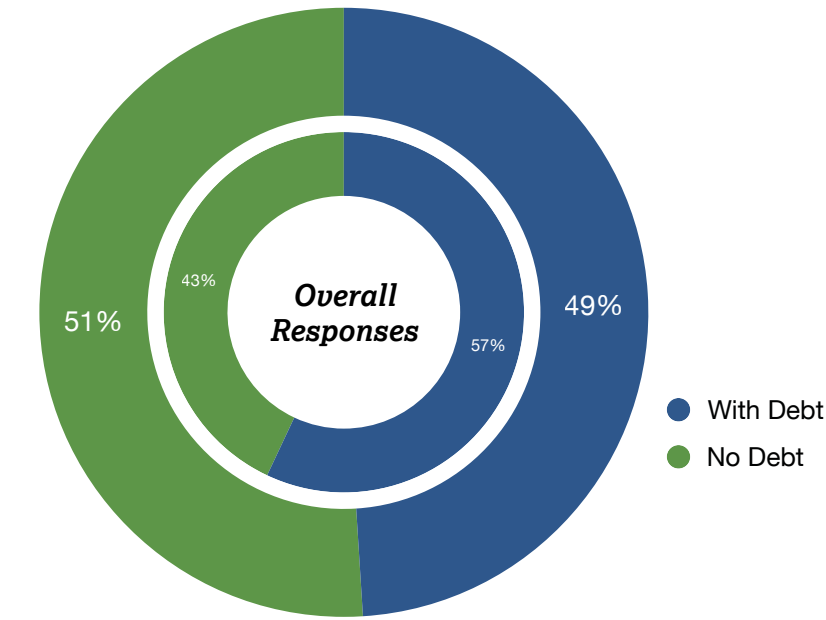


Current business cash flow position?

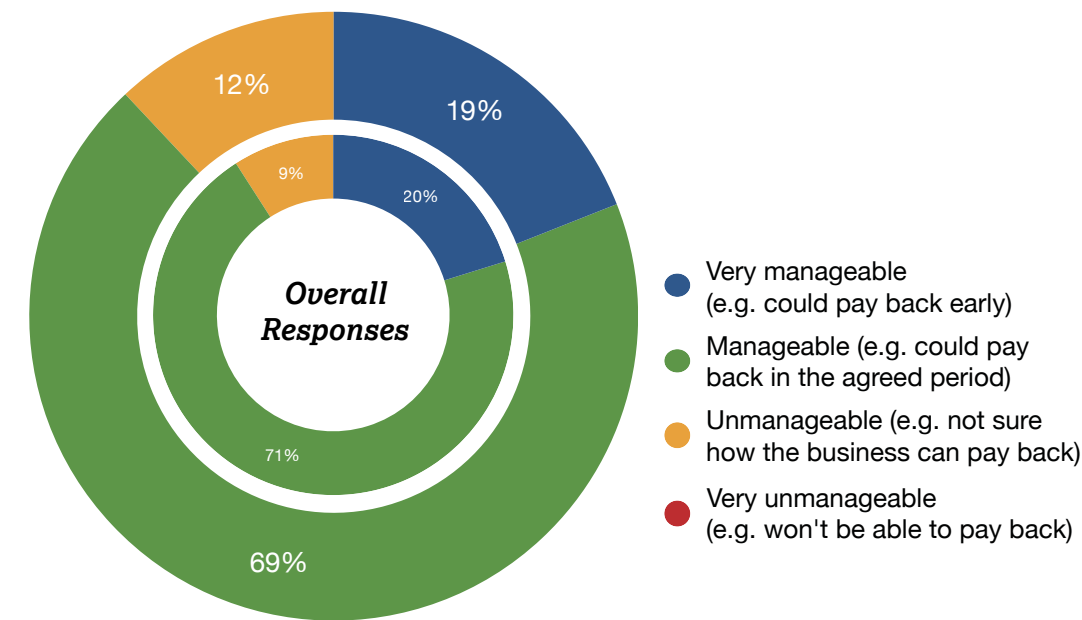
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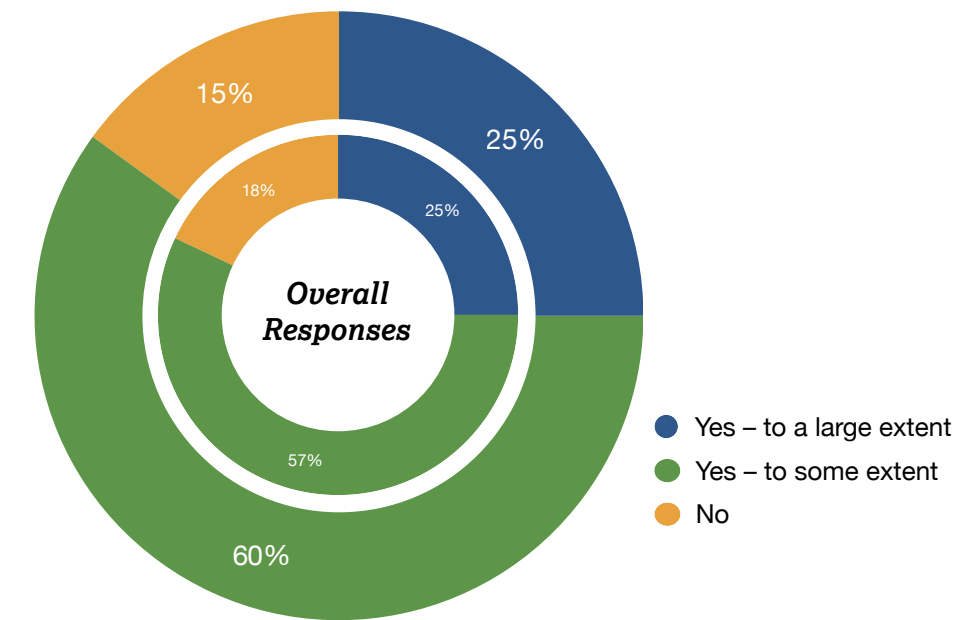
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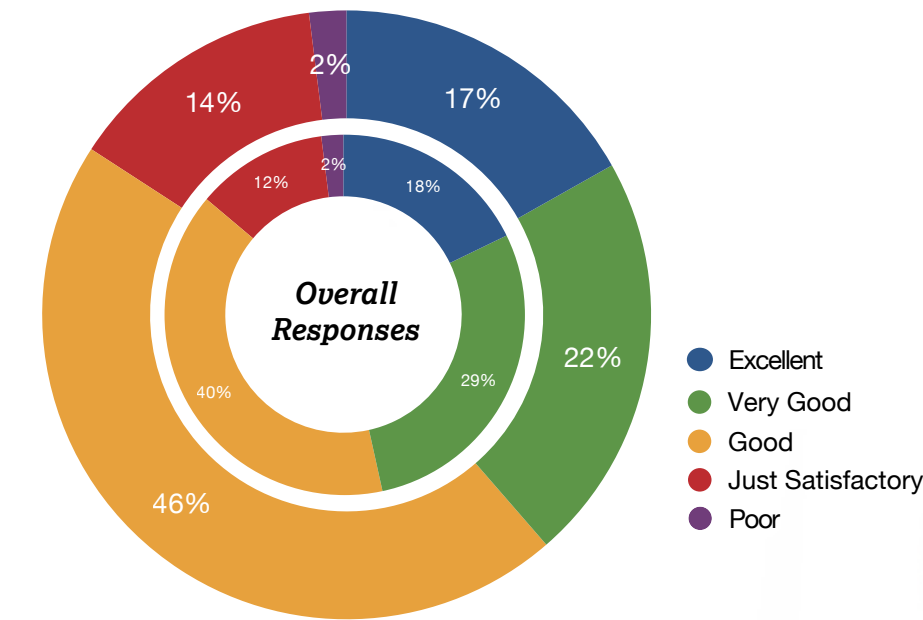
For those with debt, they describe the businesses current level of debt as....



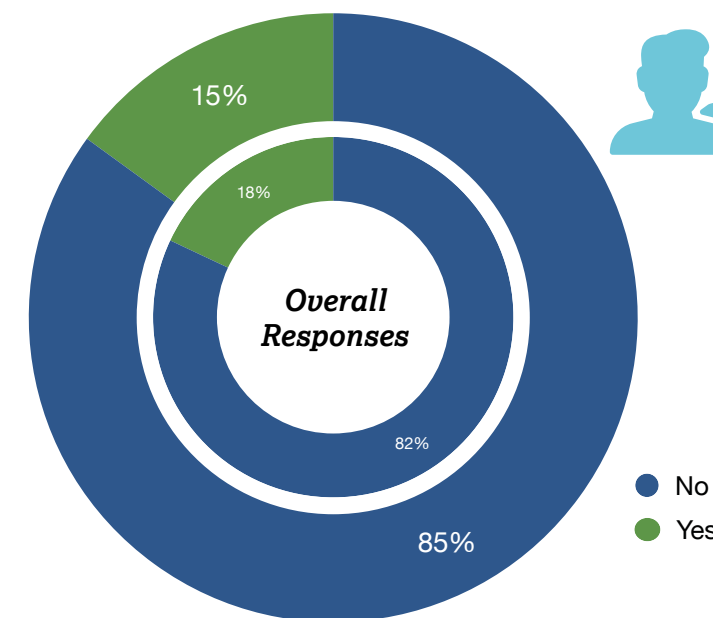
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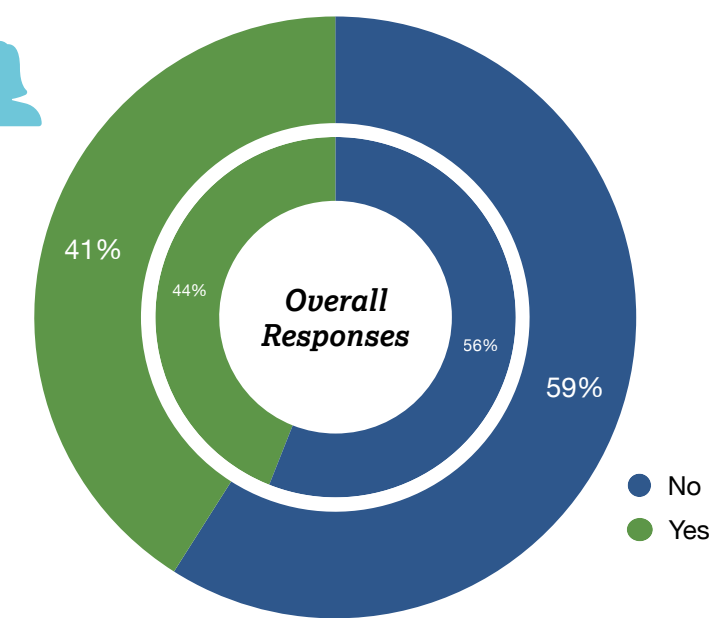
How would you rate your businesses overall productivity?



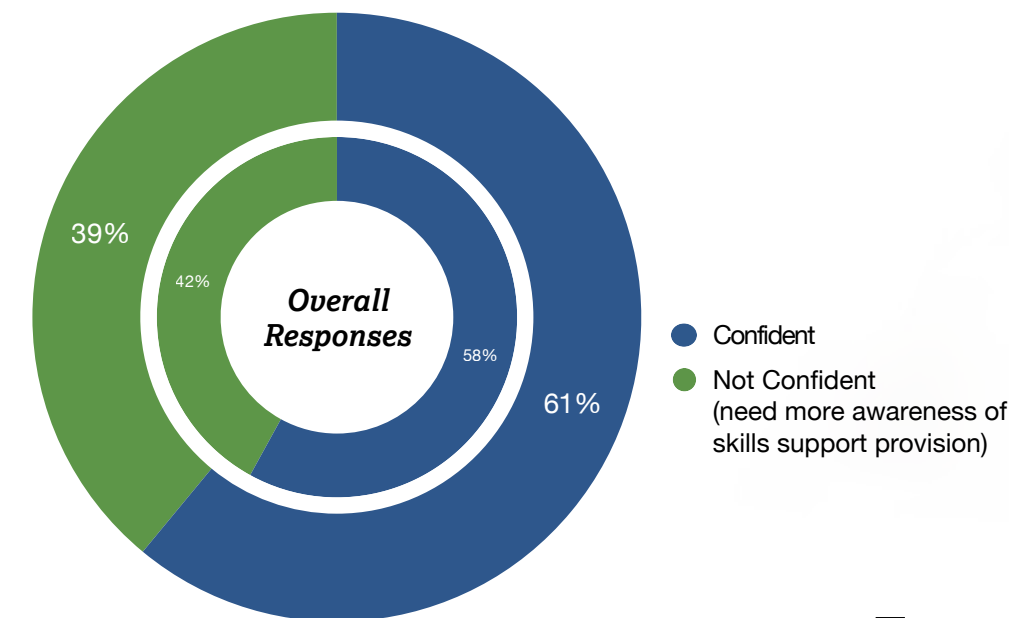
Does your business currently have vacancies?



Would you consider taking on Apprenticeship?



How confident are you that you know where & how to access the right skills development support for your business?



Eastern Region

Business performance now: Lower growth (38% vs 43%), more stable (41% vs 36%)

Business outlook (12 months): Slightly lower (54% vs 56%)

Growth plans (12 months): Below average (72% vs 76%)

Cashflow position: More stable (60% vs 56%), fewer critical (5% vs 6%)

Percentage with debt: Below average (49% vs 57%)

Debt manageability: Largely manageable (88% manageable or very manageable)

Cost pressures: More moderate (60% vs 57%)

Productivity (self-rated): Lower top ratings (39% vs 47%)

Hard-to-fill vacancies: Lower (15% vs 18%)

Difficulty finding skills: Lower (51% vs 54%)

Willingness to take on apprentices: Below average (41% vs 44%)

Skills support awareness: Highest (61% vs 58%)

Sub Region result on outer circle

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