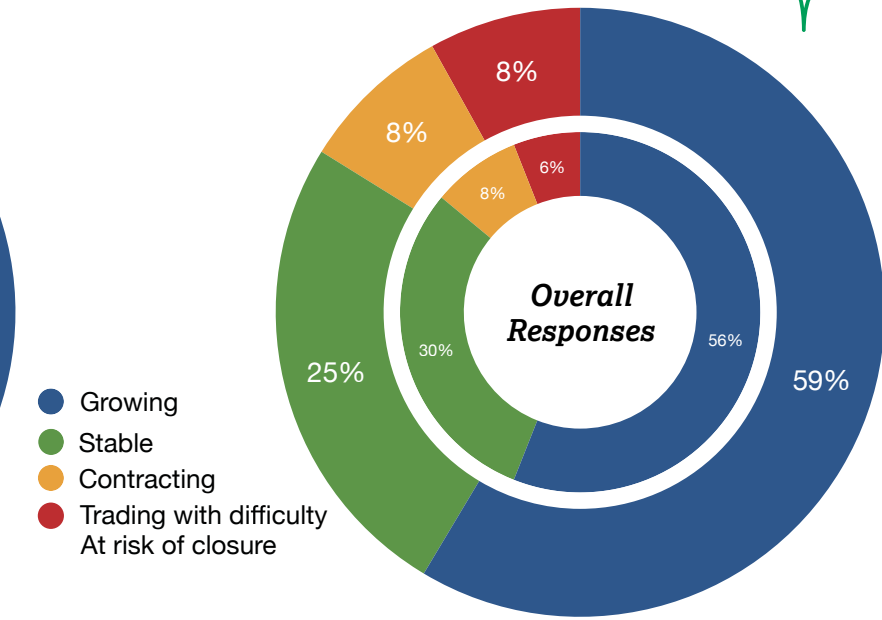
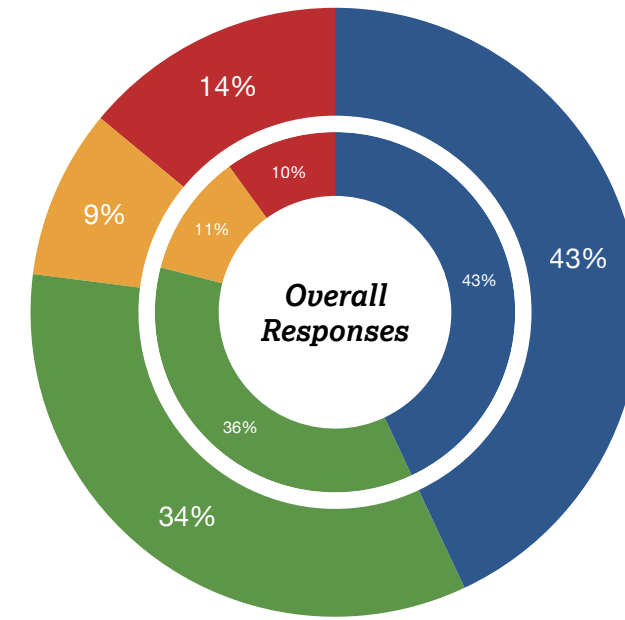


Takeaway: Strong growth ambition but weaker financial resilience, with more fragile cashflow despite debt levels being broadly in line with average. Skills pressures are moderate.

How is your business performing?

Last 12 months

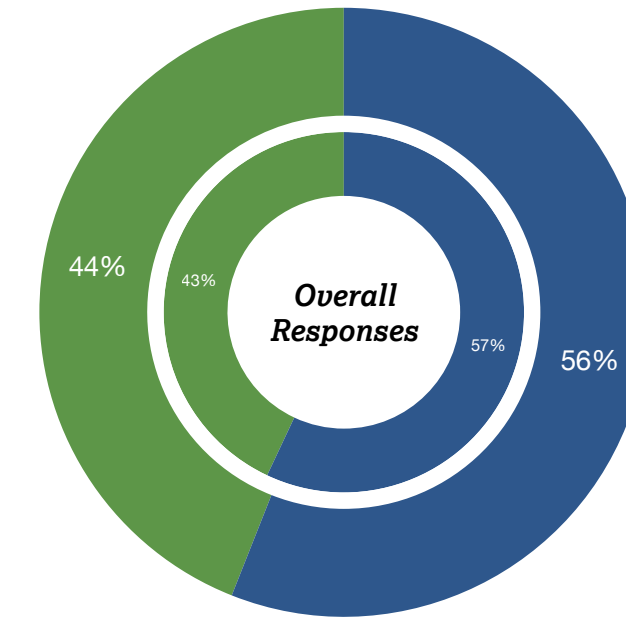
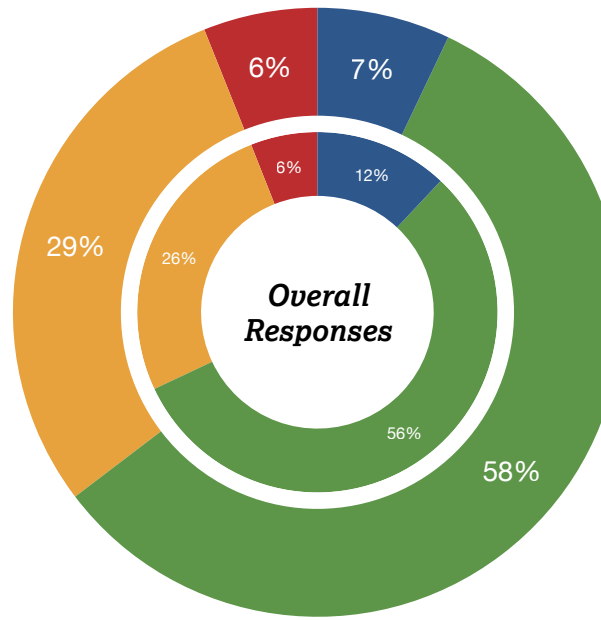
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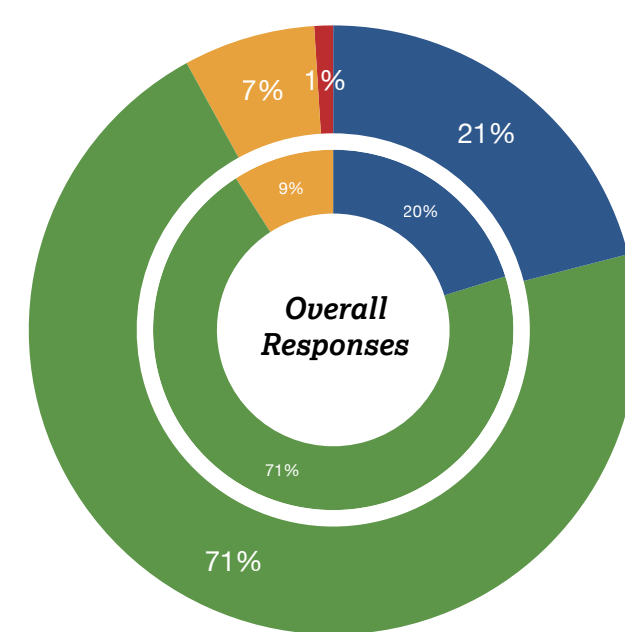
Current business cash flow position?

Cashflow

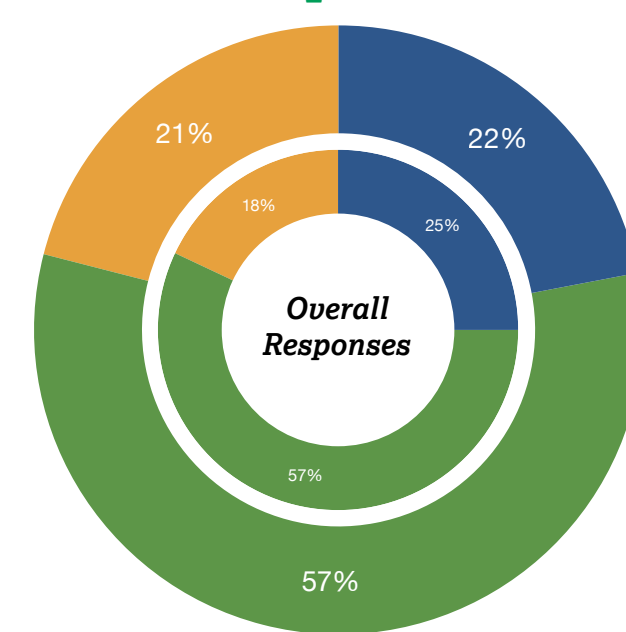
Debt



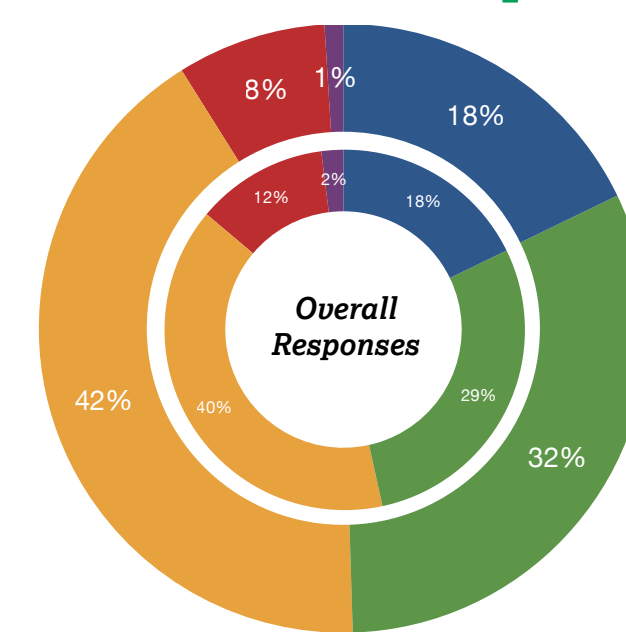
For those with debt, they describe the businesses current level of debt as....



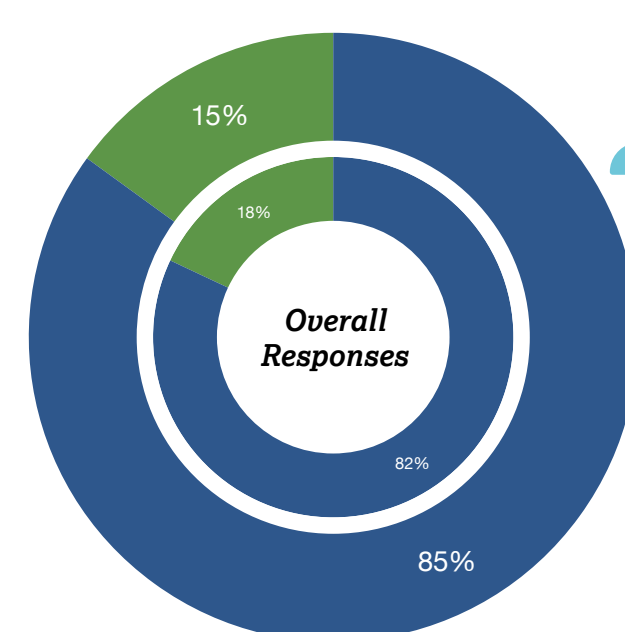
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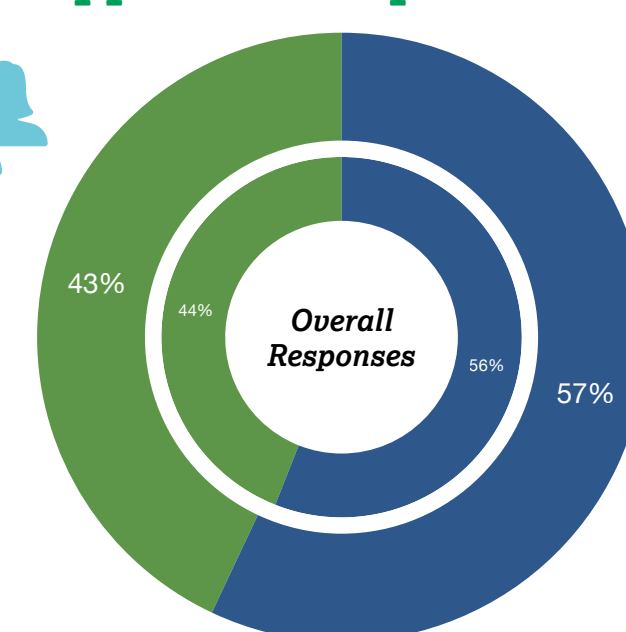
How would you rate your businesses overall productivity?



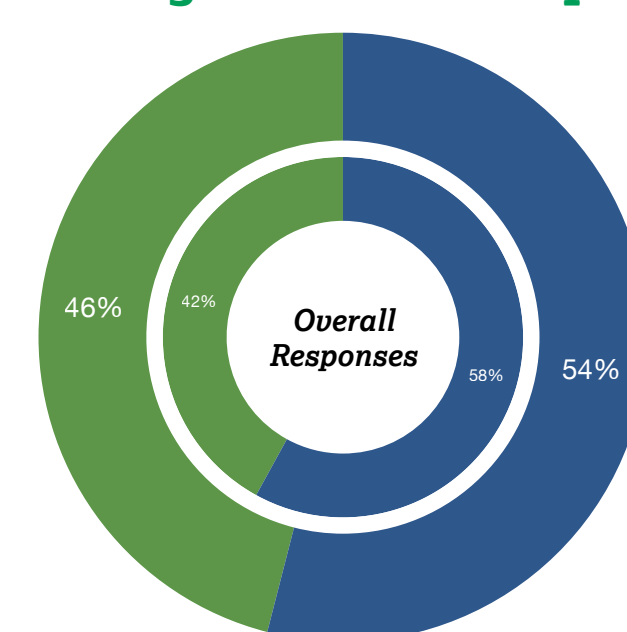
Does your business currently have hard to fill vacancies?



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?



North & North West
Business performance now: In line growth (43% vs 43%), higher risk (14% vs 10%)
Business outlook (12 months): Slightly higher (59% vs 56%)
Growth plans (12 months): Above average (81% vs 76%)
Cashflow position: Weaker – fewer strong (7% vs 12%), more weak (29% vs 26%), critical in line (6% vs 6%)
Percentage with debt: In line with average (56% vs 57%)
Debt manageability: Very manageable overall (92% manageable or very manageable)
Cost pressures: In line with overall
Productivity (self-rated): Slightly higher (50% vs 47%)
Hard-to-fill vacancies: Lower (15% vs 18%)
Difficulty finding skills: Slightly higher (55% vs 54%)
Willingness to take on apprentices: Slightly below average (43% vs 44%)
Skills support awareness: Lower (54% vs 58%)

Sub Region result on outer circle

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