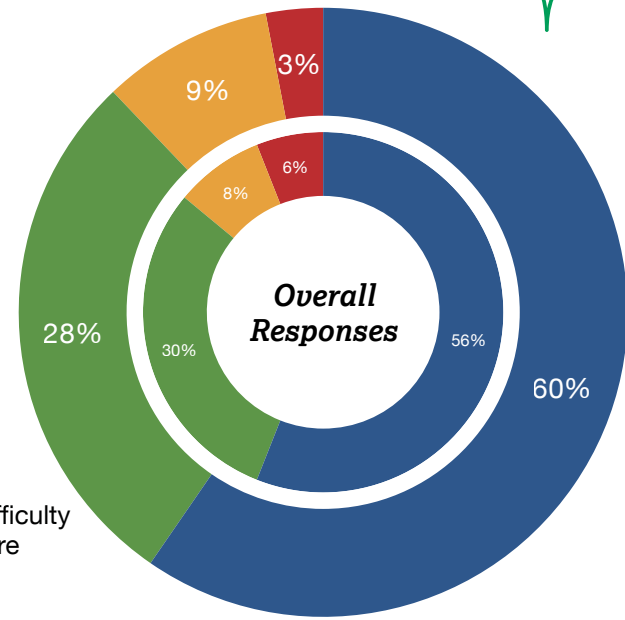
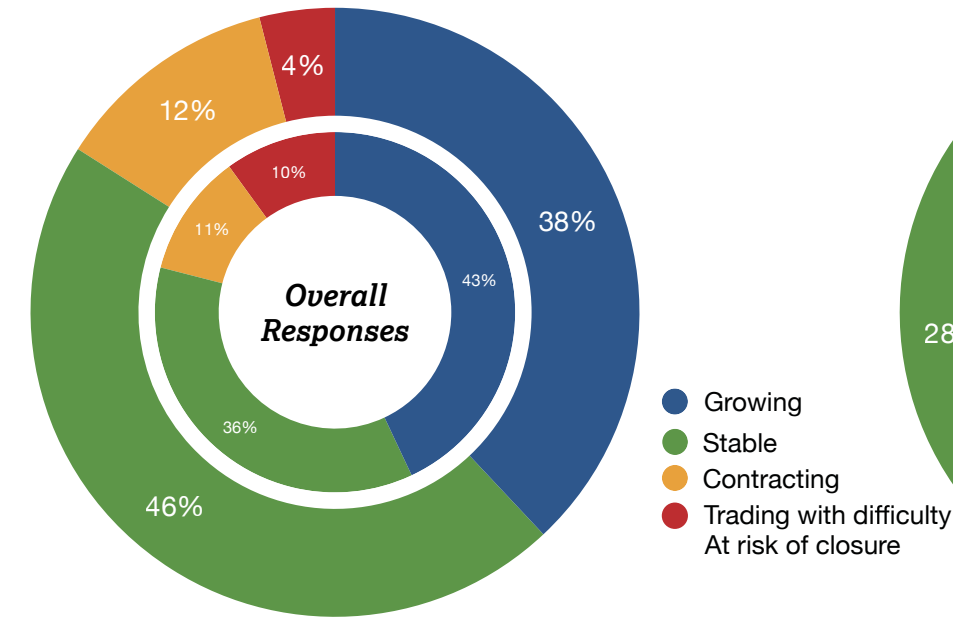


Takeaway: A stable and optimistic region with strong growth intentions and exceptionally manageable debt, but more acute skills shortages and slightly uneven productivity.

How is your business performing?

Last 12 months

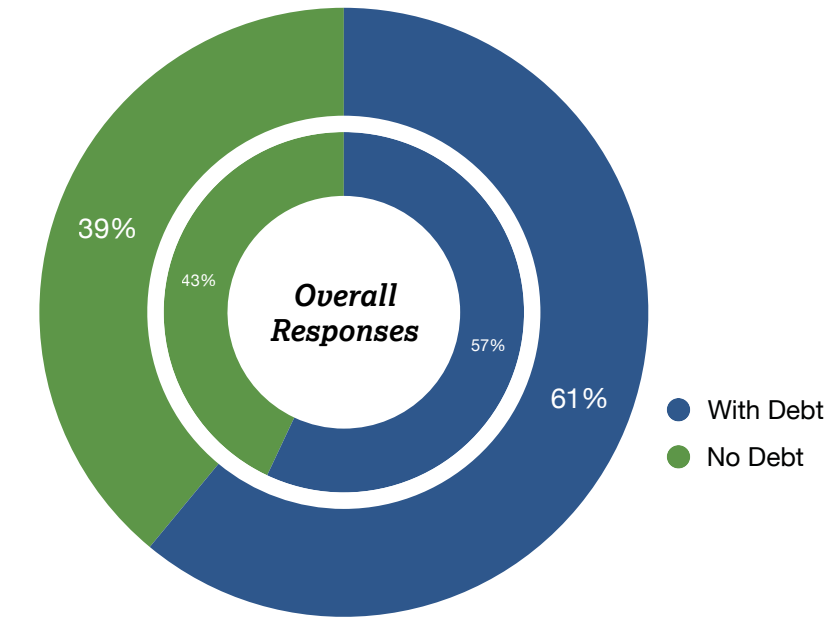
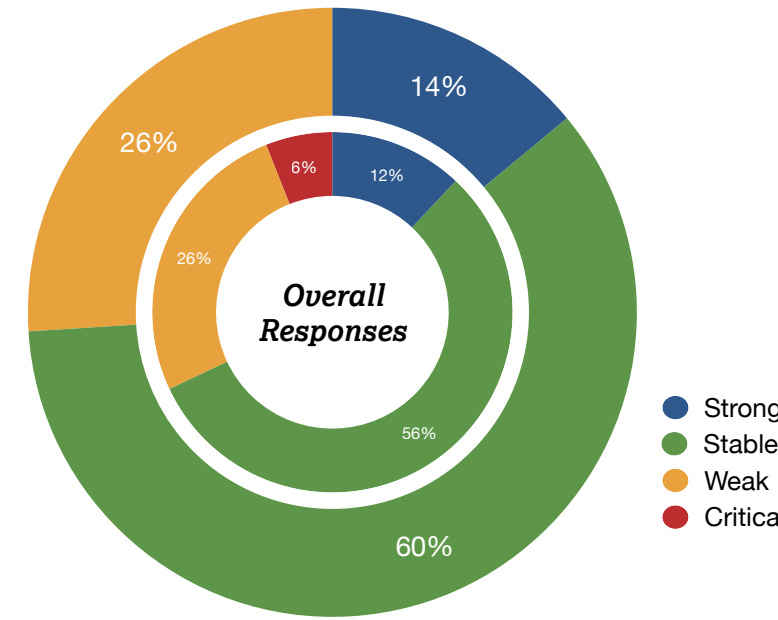
Next 12 months



Current business cash flow position?

Cashflow

Debt



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Business performance now: More stable (46% vs 36%), lower risk (4% vs 10%)

Business outlook (12 months): More positive (60% vs 56%)

Growth plans (12 months): Above average (79% vs 76%)

Cashflow position: More stable (60% vs 56%), with no critical cases (0% vs 6%)

Percentage with debt: Above average (61% vs 57%)

Debt manageability: Fully manageable (100% manageable or very manageable)

Cost pressures: In line overall (85% vs 82%), with slightly higher severe pressure (26% vs 25%)

Productivity (self-rated): Slightly higher top ratings (49% vs 47%), though results are more mixed overall

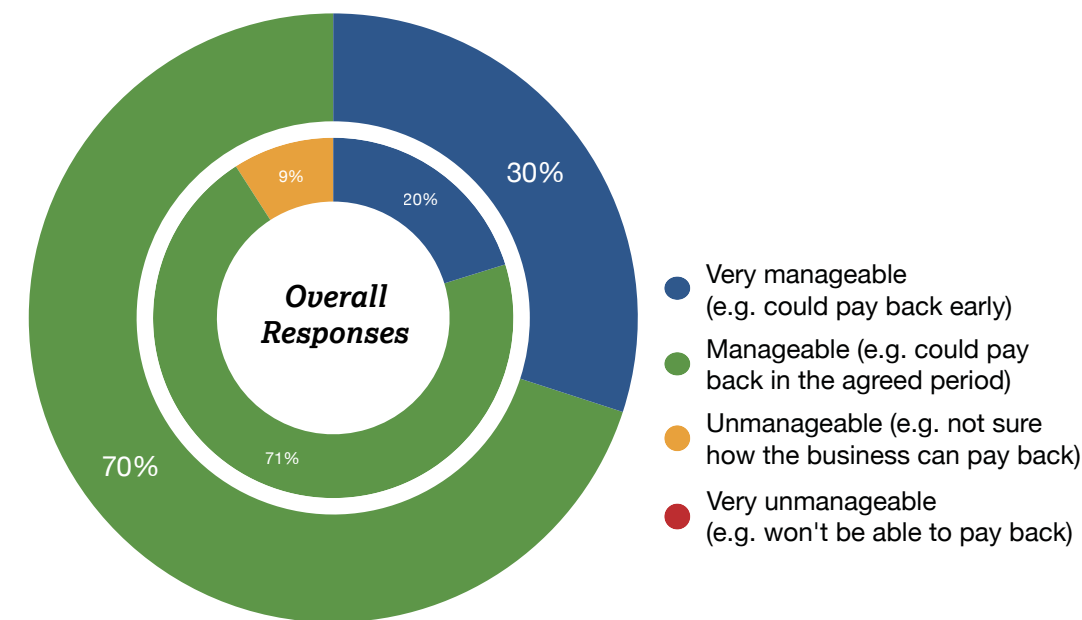
Hard-to-fill vacancies: Higher (20% vs 18%)

Difficulty finding skills: Higher (61% vs 54%)

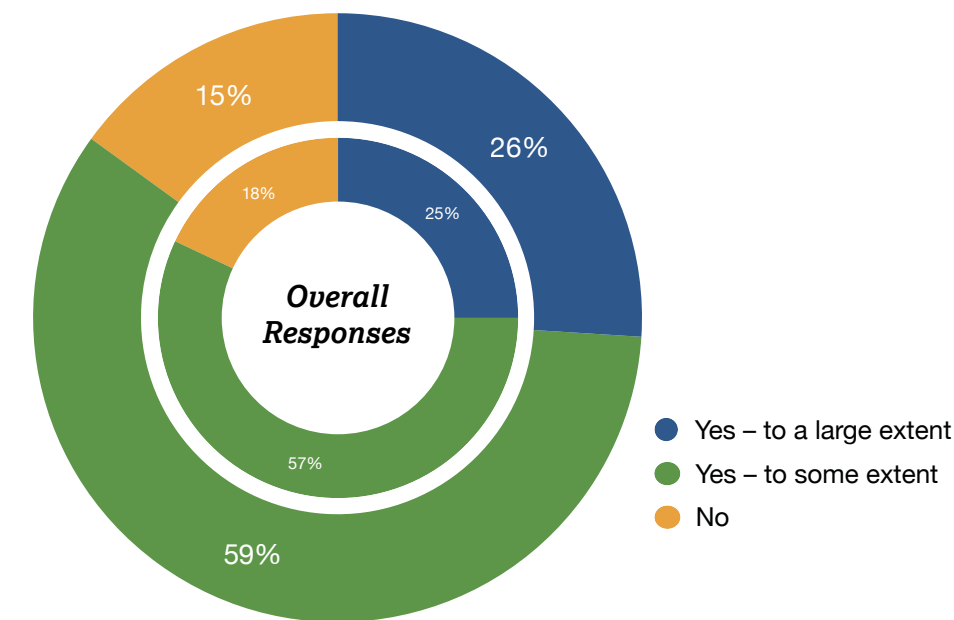
Willingness to take on apprentices: In line (44% vs 44%)

Skills support awareness: Lower (54% vs 58%)

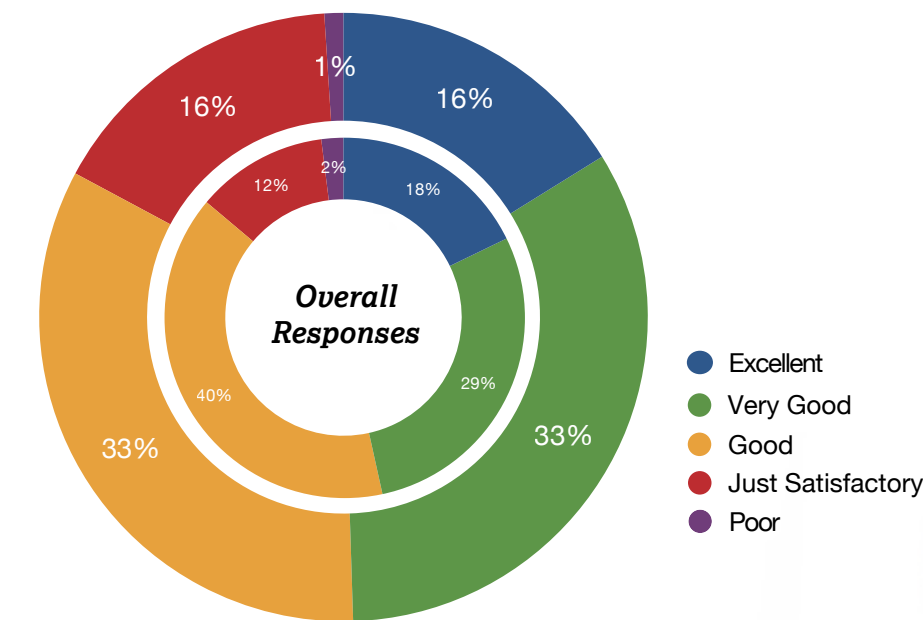
For those with debt, they describe the businesses current level of debt as....



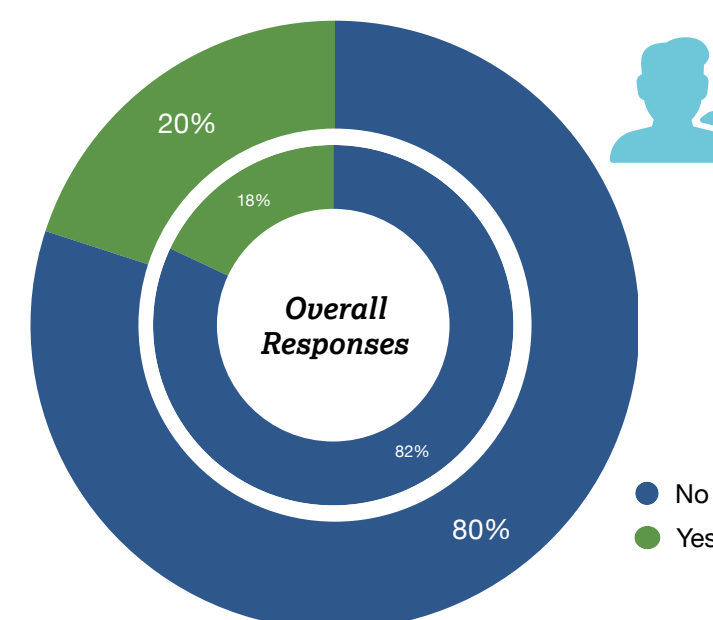
Is the cost of doing business an issue at present?



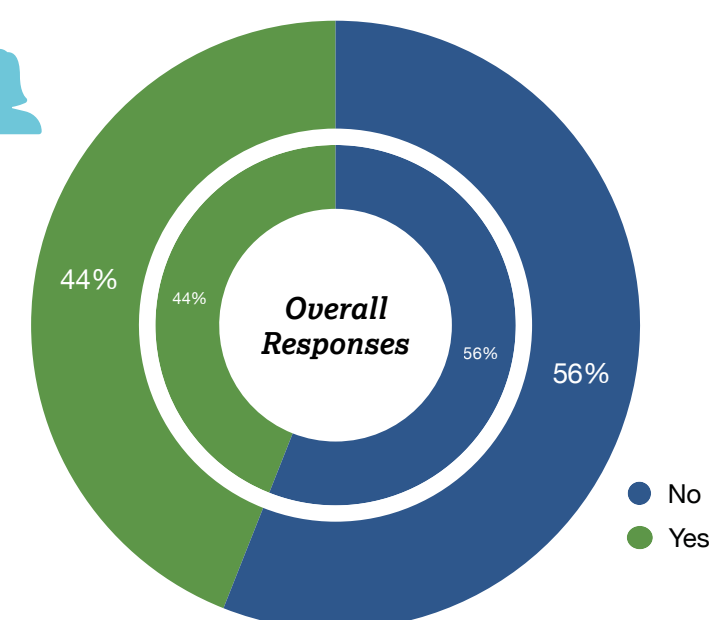
How would you rate your businesses overall productivity?



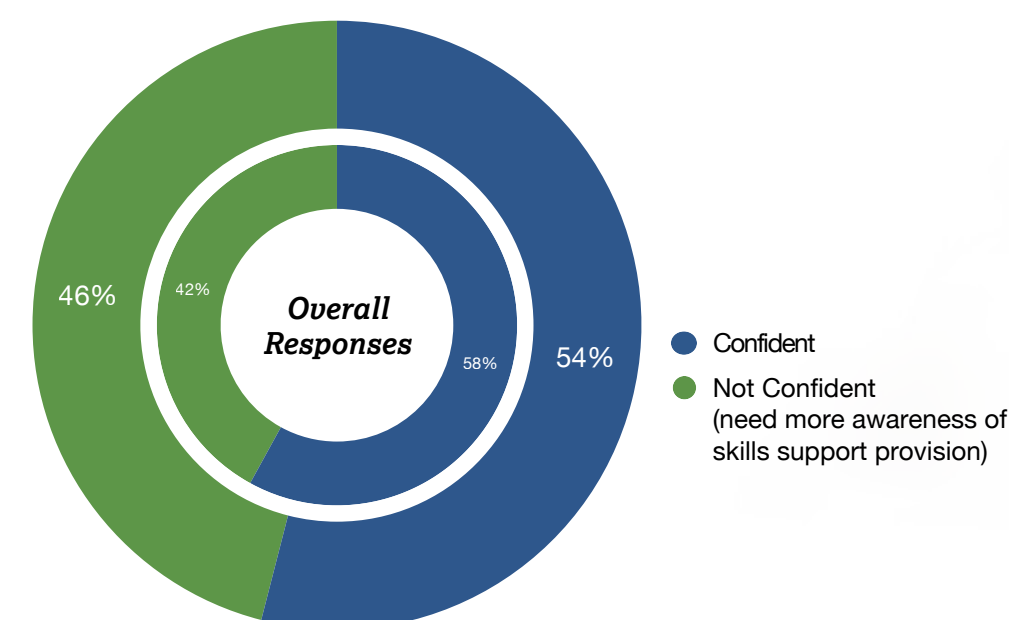
Does your business currently have hard to fill vacancies?



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?



Sub Region result on outer circle

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