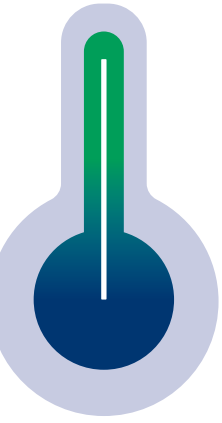


Western Region
 (Sub regional group, Fermanagh and Omagh DC and Mid Ulster DC)

Takeaway: Strong current growth and solid financial stability, with high productivity and the strongest appetite for apprenticeships, but facing pronounced recruitment challenges and widespread cost pressures.

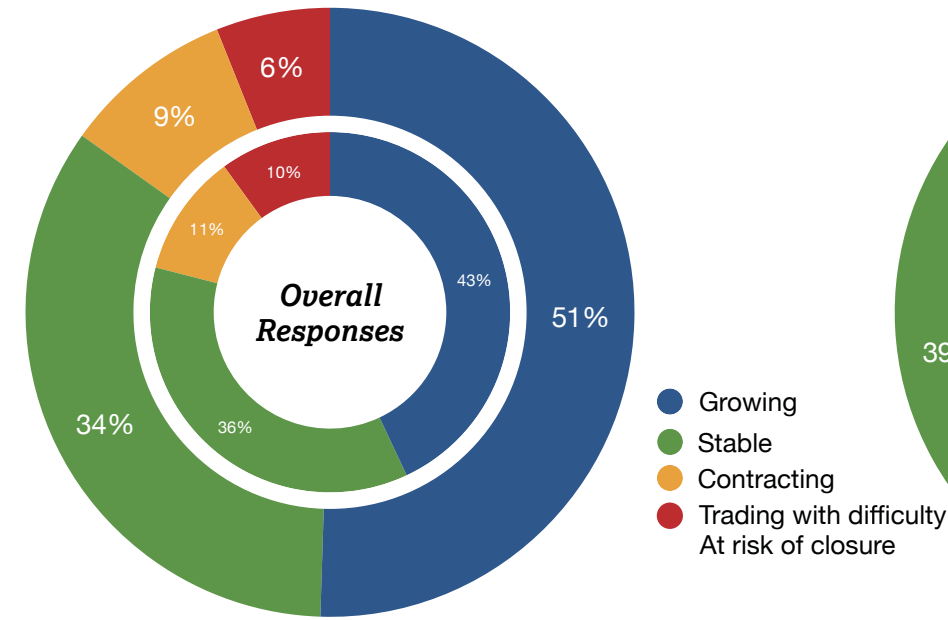
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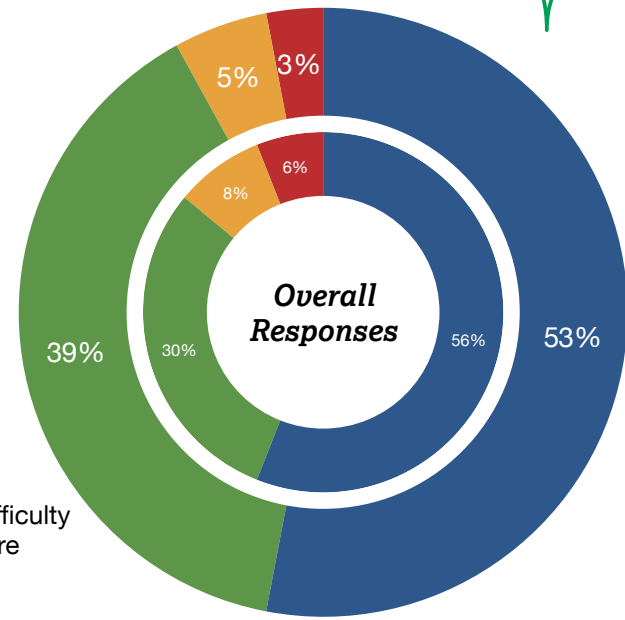
How is your business performing?

Last 12 months

Next 12 months



- Growing
- Stable
- Contracting
- Trading with difficulty

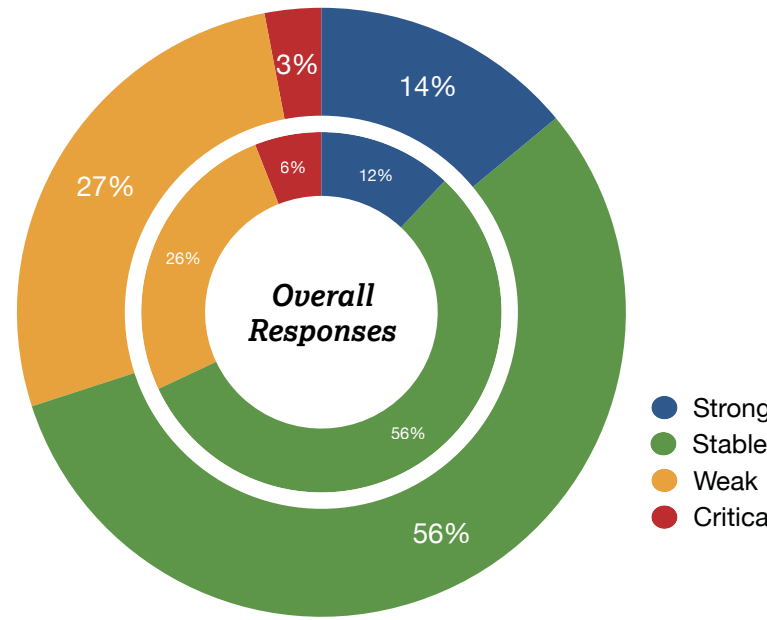


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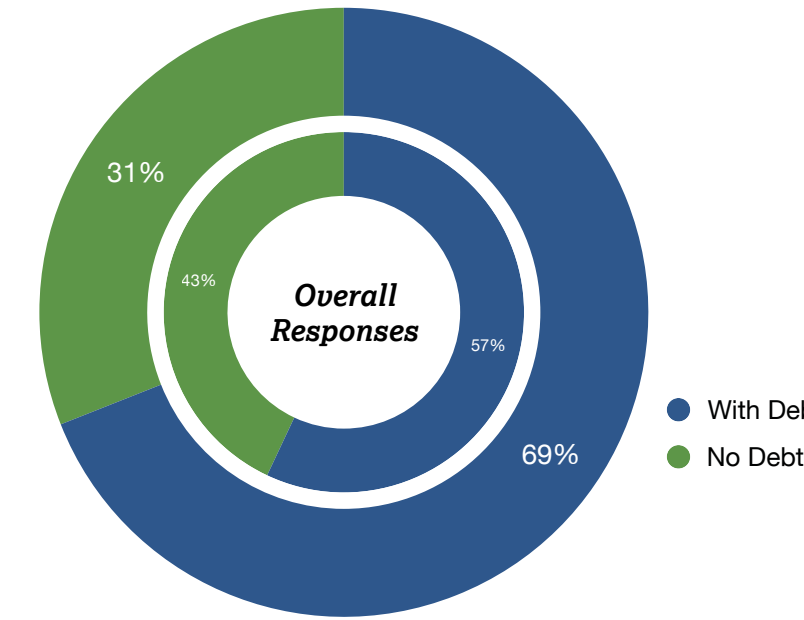
Current business cash flow position?

Cashflow

Debt

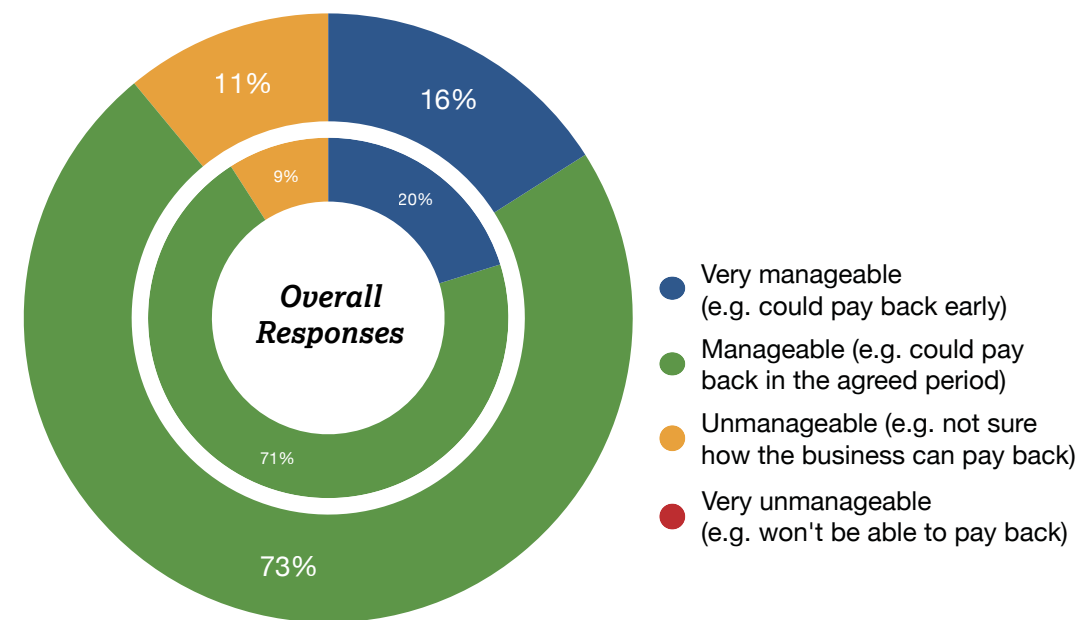


- Strong
- Stable
- Weak
- Critical



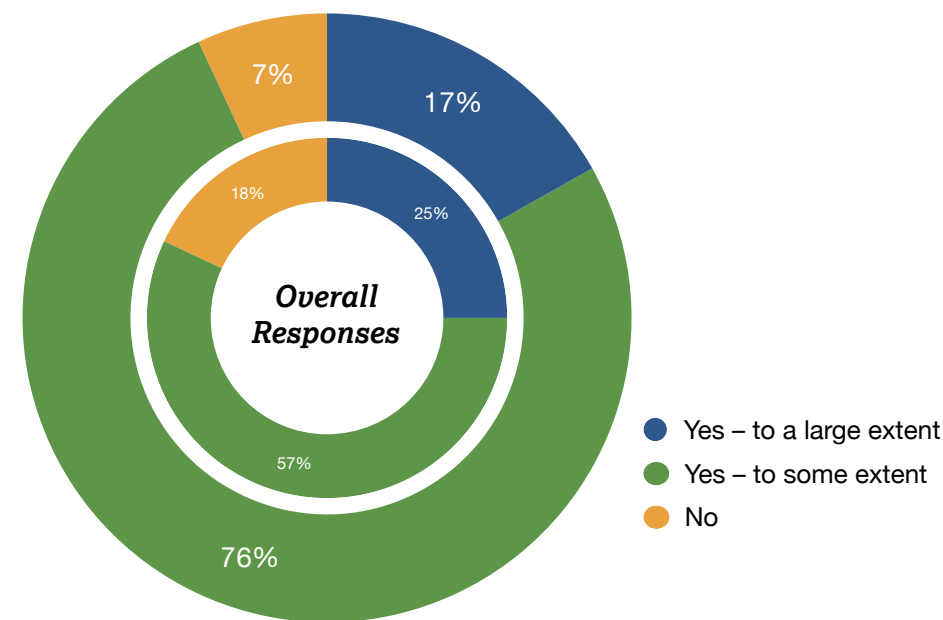
- With Debt
- No Debt

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



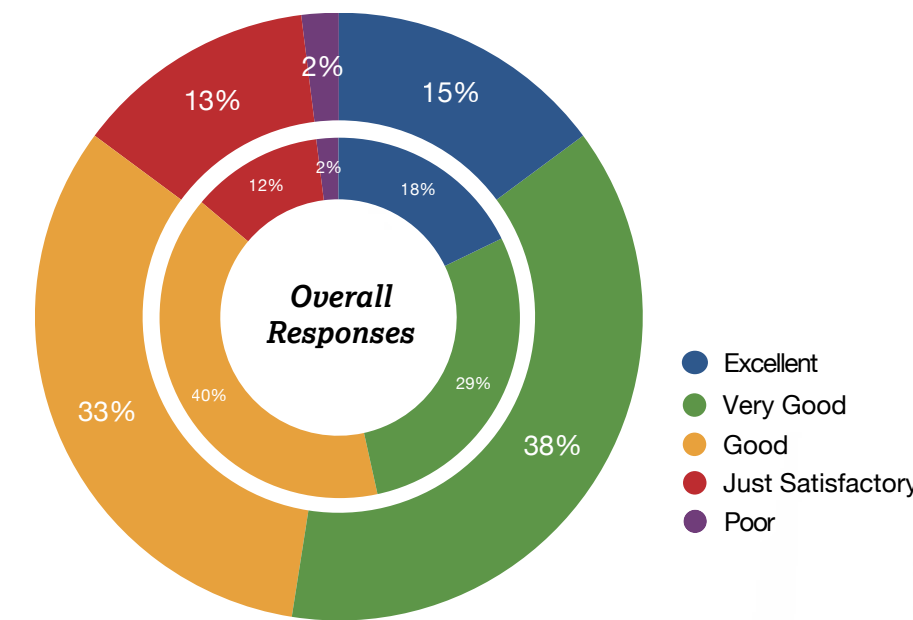
- Very manageable (e.g. could pay back early)
- Manageable (e.g. could pay back in the agreed period)
- Unmanageable (e.g. not sure how the business can pay back)
- Very unmanageable (e.g. won't be able to pay back)

Is the cost of doing business an issue at present?



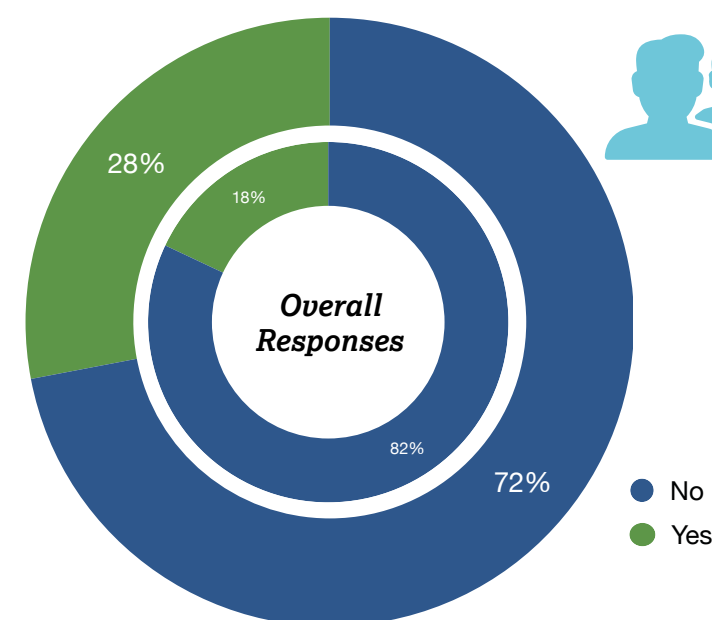
- Yes - to a large extent
- Yes - to some extent
- No
- No

How would you rate your businesses overall productivity?



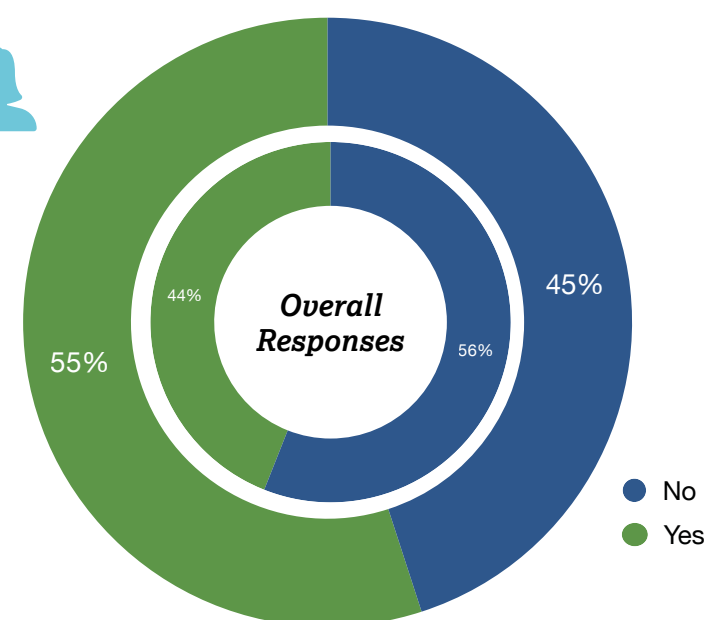
- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Just Satisfactory
- Poor
- Poor

Does your business currently have hard to fill vacancies?



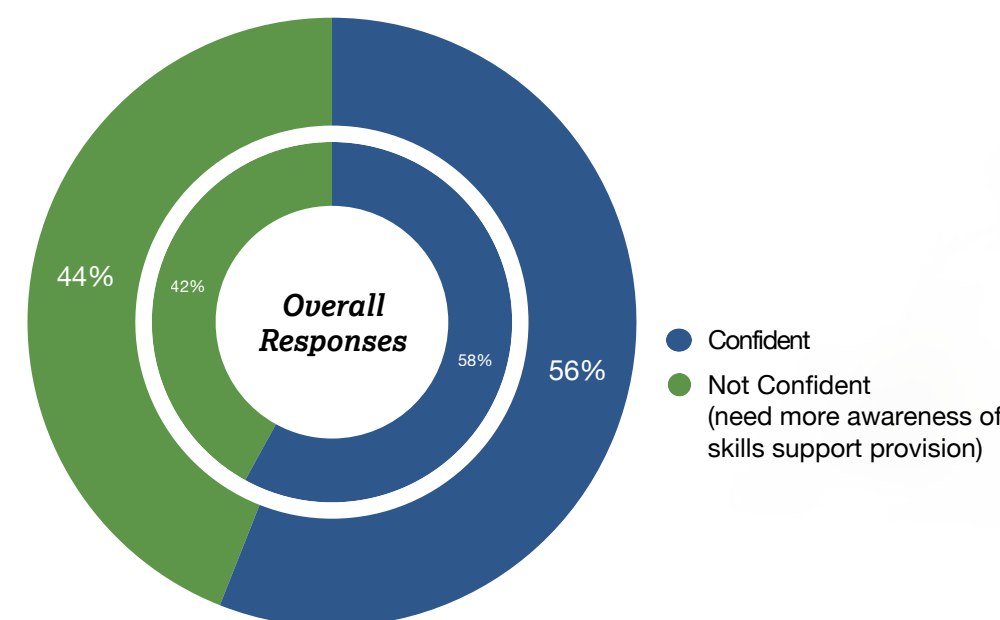
- No
- Yes

Would you consider taking on Apprenticeship?



- No
- Yes

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



- Confident
- Not Confident (need more awareness of skills support provision)

Western Region

Business performance now: Higher growth (51% vs 43%), lower risk (6% vs 10%)

Business outlook (12 months): Slightly lower growth expectations (53% vs 56%)

Growth plans (12 months): Below average (69% vs 76%)

Cashflow position: In line stability (56% vs 56%), lower critical risk (3% vs 6%)

Percentage with debt: Above average (69% vs 57%)

Debt manageability: Largely manageable (89% manageable or very manageable)

Cost pressures: More widespread (93% vs 82%), driven by a high proportion reporting pressure "to some extent" (76% vs 57%)

Productivity (self-rated): Higher top ratings (53% vs 47%)

Hard-to-fill vacancies: Higher (28% vs 18%)

Difficulty finding skills: Higher (57% vs 54%)

Willingness to take on apprentices: Highest (55% vs 44%)

Skills support awareness: Slightly lower (56% vs 58%)

Sub Region result on outer circle

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