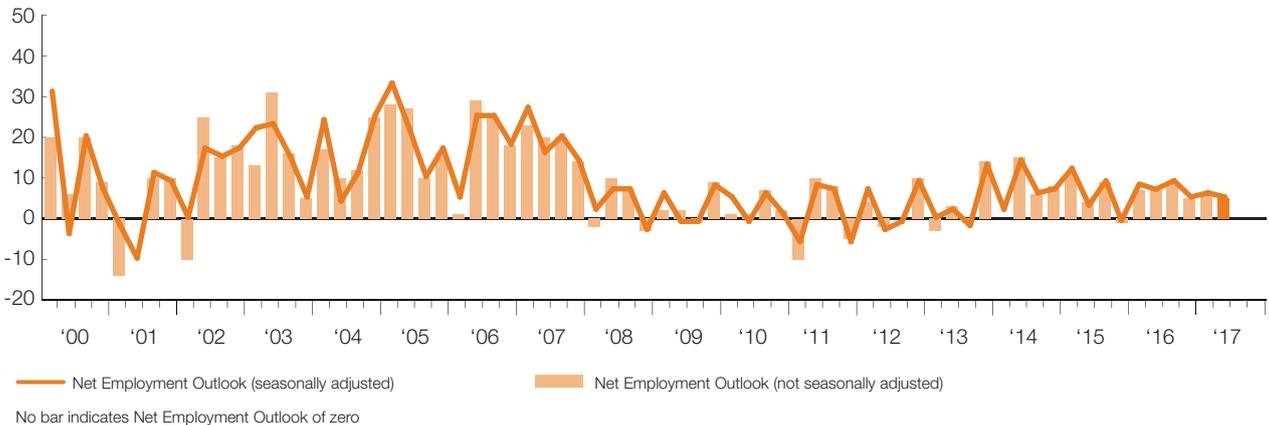


Employers are cautiously optimistic

For the second quarter of 2017, the North East has seen a slight dip in hiring intentions when compared to the previous quarter. However, with an Employment Outlook of +5%, employers in the North East remain cautiously optimistic about the prospects for job creation.



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North East employment snapshot

Average weekly pay

The North East is the second-lowest paid region in the UK. The average weekly wage is **£508**, some £77 below the national average.

Employment

The rate of employment in the North East is below the national average and stands at **70.3%**, slightly higher (0.1%) when compared to the same period last year.

Hiring Outlook

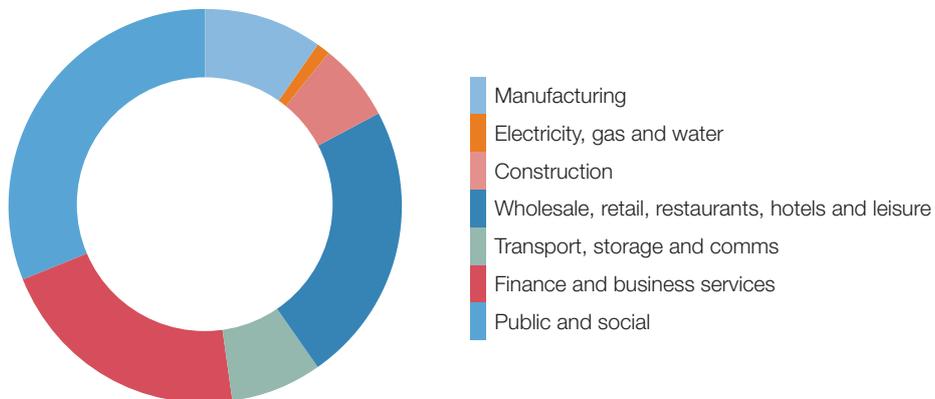
For the second quarter of 2017, the seasonally adjusted Net Employment Outlook in the North East is **+5%**, exactly in line with the national average.

Unemployment

At **7.0%**, the unemployment rate is the highest in the country and is higher than the national average (4.8%). However, unemployment has fallen by 1.1% when compared to the same period last year.

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WHERE DO PEOPLE WORK?



WHAT DO PEOPLE DO?



Market overview

Over the past three months, employer hiring intentions have been very positive, particularly for roles in the public sector and business services. Demand for temporary and temp-to-perm positions has been significant with employers preferring to assess workers and their capabilities on a short-term basis before committing to permanent positions.

Yet talent shortages persist here. In a market where candidates have choices and are reluctant to move to new roles, employers are struggling to find local candidates with the right skills. As a result, they are becoming more open to the idea that good candidates may be those with transferable skill-sets who have the ability and willingness to learn.