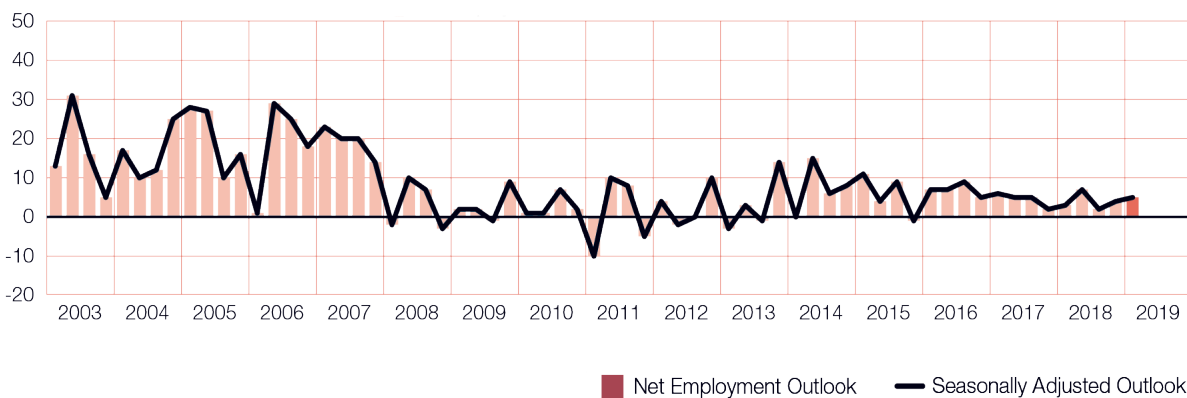




North East employers to keep hiring in 2019

Employers in the North East plan to take on more staff in the first months of 2019, but they may struggle to fill vacancies due to a lack of candidates. A balance of **+5%** of the region's employers are planning to take on more staff in the coming quarter. This compares to a national average of +6%.



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MARKET OVERVIEW

It's good news for job seekers across the region as we move into 2019. We're seeing particular demand for people to work in the energy, renewables and engineering sectors. And we're also seeing demand increasing in customer service and the driving industries. The challenge for many employers is finding enough good people to fill their vacancies.

We're in a candidate driven market at the moment - good candidates will often have multiple offers, can afford to place a higher value on working environment, benefits or commuting time. Employers need to move fast to lock in the good candidates or risk having them being snapped up by their competitors. At the same time, employers are starting to look beyond the traditional hire - targeting more women and young people to enter the engineering sector, for example.

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