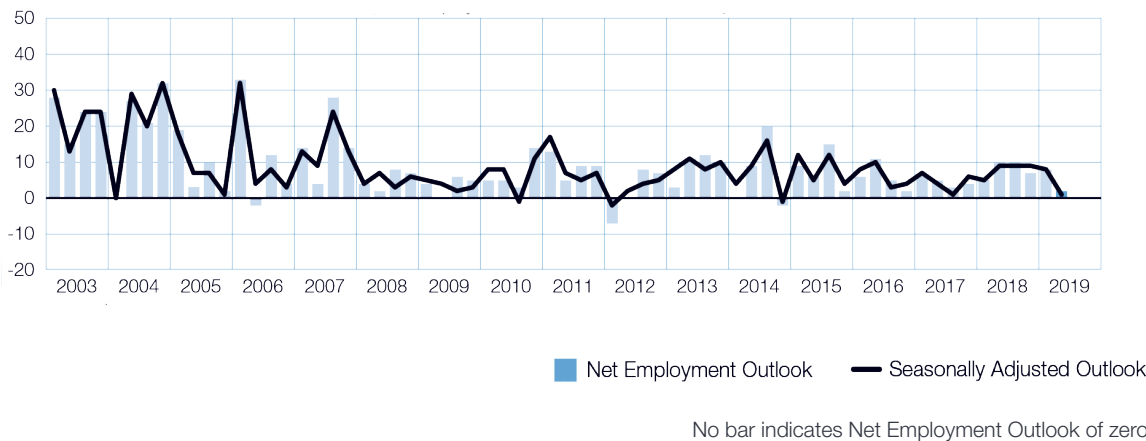




# South West employers nervous about hiring in months ahead

Employers in the South West are concerned about increasing their headcount in the months ahead, with Brexit fears to blame. Hiring plans in the region have slowed as we head into Spring, with employers reporting an Outlook of **+1%** - a decrease of seven percentage points since last quarter.



## MARKET OVERVIEW

Job seekers in the South West are contending with a pretty tough jobs market right now. With the Brexit deadline looming, employers in the region are nervous about their ability to attract talent in the months ahead. While there is a need to fill more industrial roles in the South West, manufacturing organisations have already started stock piling materials to ensure no disruption in production. Elsewhere, the hospitality sector remains concerned about how Brexit will impact tourism in the region, with lots of these businesses employing a high percentage of EU workers.

Businesses have also become increasingly selective in their candidate search and are investing more time into finding individuals with multiple skillsets. For instance, there is currently a lot of demand for van drivers who also have softer skills, including strong customer service experience and communication. The most in-demand candidates will often have a minimum of two to three different opportunities on the table and are using this position to negotiate higher salaries or alternative contracts.

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