



Yorkshire jobs confidence more than halves in six months

Employers in Yorkshire and the Humber have continued to rein in their hiring plans, with the threat of Brexit on the horizon. Job prospects in the region will be slim from April to June this year, as employers' hiring confidence has more than halved in the last six months, from **+12%** to **+5%**.



No bar indicates Net Employment Outlook of zero

MARKET OVERVIEW

As we head into Spring, the jobs market in Yorkshire & the Humber is far from in full bloom. Six months of falling confidence shows the nervousness of employers in the region as we edge closer to leaving the EU. But it's not all doom and gloom for job seekers. We're still seeing strong demand for HGV drivers and engineers in the region, so much so that employers are struggling to find qualified candidates and increasing pay rates to compensate.

Some employers are boosting their export activity in anticipation of Brexit delays and costs – and this has seen an increase in temporary staff particularly for those in manufacturing sector. The finance sector has been quiet – reflecting the wider national picture. We're seeing demand for sales staff in the automotive sector and there is a steady demand for the support services in the public sector. There are always roles for good candidates but at the moment these are more often temporary as opposed to permanent.

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