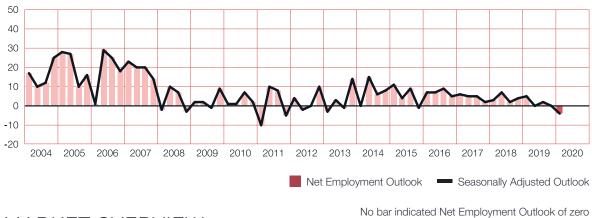




NORTH EAST

Hiring plans weaken in the North East

Job seekers can expect the weakest hiring pace in eight years during the January to March period, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of -4%. The Outlook is four percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter and declines by nine percentage points in comparison with Quarter 1 2019.



MARKET OVERVIEW

The labour market remains tight and at full employment for skilled workers and blue collar workers. It's also highly competitive for clients, with many operating at low margins. Clients are expecting more for less and looking for more in-depth solutions. This year has seen a record number of no shows for interviews or people turning down job offers.

Everything is in demand in the Engineering space particularly business critical roles and HGV Drivers are very difficult to fill. Labour shortages in general, older workforce, less apprenticeships, dominance of 3/4 major employers in the region has taken affect on the supply chain.

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The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey is a forward-looking measure, forecasting hiring intentions for Quarter 1 2020.