

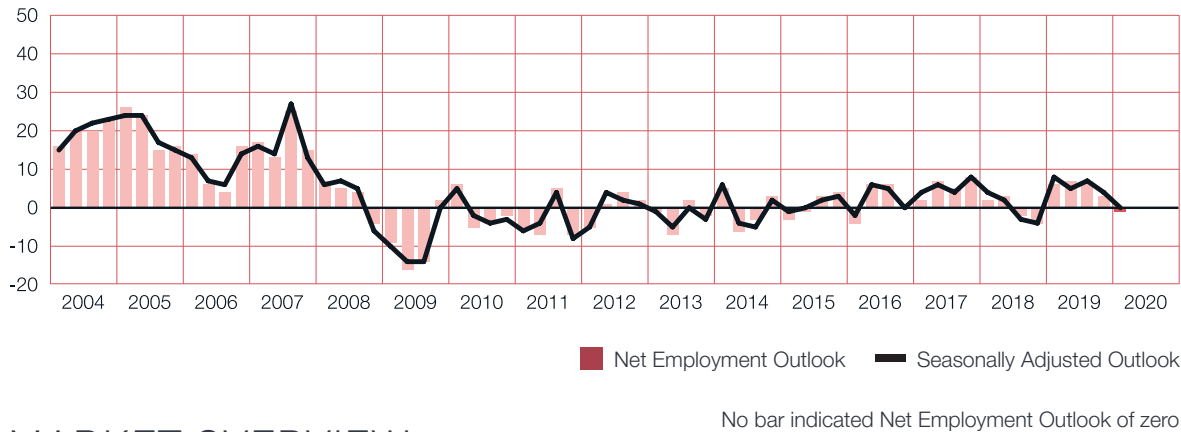


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# Labour market in Northern Ireland starts to dip

Reporting a Net Employment Outlook of 0, employers forecast flat hiring activity in the forthcoming quarter. The Outlook declines by four percentage points when compared with the previous quarter and is eight percentage points weaker in comparison with the same period last year.



Q1 2020

## MARKET OVERVIEW

The labour market in Northern Ireland remains positive, even in the face of potential changes faced by the looming Brexit deadline. There is strong hiring across Transport and Logistics and this is set to continue into Q1 2020. As a region we're continuing to come across skills shortages in IT and Manufacturing. Employers are preparing for both eventualities where Brexit is concerned.

Regionally, Belfast and Derry have similar Outlooks with strong hiring in Driving and Logistics, as well as engineering. Across Northern Ireland there are continued pressures around talent flight, leading to shortages as the workforce ages and employers are increasingly demanding new and emerging skills.