



SOUTH EAST

## Consistent hiring plans in the South East

Employers anticipate a soft labour market in the upcoming quarter, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +2%. Hiring prospects are three percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter, but improve by two percentage points year-over-year.



## MARKET OVERVIEW

The South East is showing consistent hiring plans with previous quarters. Permanent hiring is growing in popularity and there is appetite amongst employers to lock down talent for the long term through temp to perm hires. As with other regions there is strong demand for Driving & Logistics, with specific demand across Cat B and Class 1 Drivers. Engineering roles are increasing in demand and taking longer to fill due to sourcing of latent talent and skills shortage. In addition we have seen an increase in counter offers and companies increasing salary/benefits to retain talent which has made it more difficult to achieve movement of perm hires.

