



ManpowerGroup®



# Northern Irish labour market dips amid border uncertainty

Job seekers can expect a subdued hiring pace in the April to June period, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of -1%. Hiring sentiment remains relatively stable in comparison with Quarter 1 2020, but declines by six percentage points year-over-year.



## MARKET OVERVIEW

The future of the border continues to weigh on employer’s minds in Northern Ireland. We’ve seen over the last six months there has been falling confidence from employers across the region. However, Belfast is witnessing growth in investment in cybersecurity and financial technology enterprises, which provides some relief to the overall negative hiring trends. Demand for IT skills is steadily increasing in the capital as a result. High demand for skilled trades specialists and manufacturers is also being reported within the country, yet little indication of any wage growth is being offered to attract the top talent.

Q2 2020