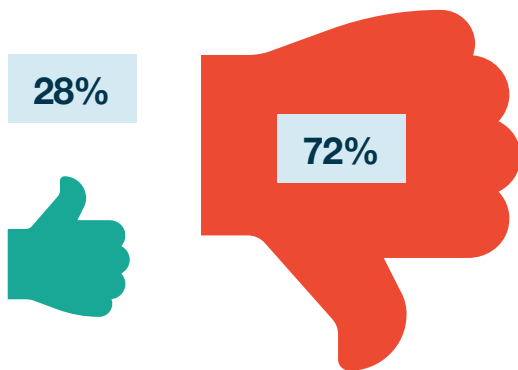


Quick Glance: Q2 2020

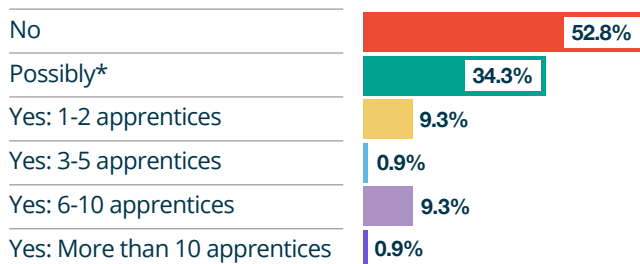
The impact of Covid-19 on our future workforce

Covid-19 has destabilised the global economy and Doncaster is no exception. Results starkly show the likely impact of Covid-19 on employment in the borough with many firms decreasing their workforce and 80% of respondents stating that they are operating below capacity and therefore hinting at the job losses to come.

Does your company currently employ any apprentices?

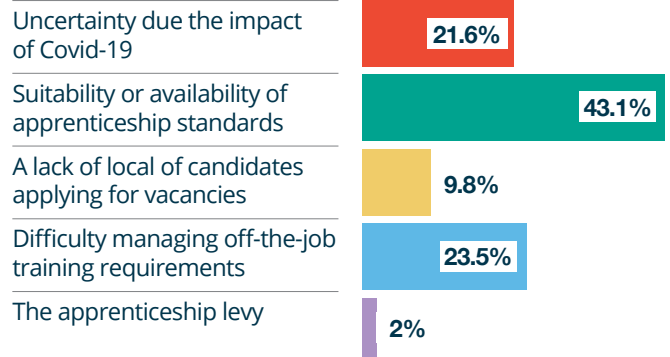


Does your company have plans to employ any apprentices over the next 6-12 months?

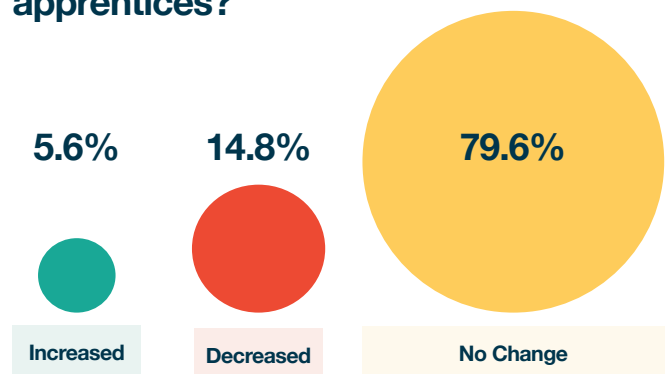


*Dependant on what happens with Covid-19 in the coming weeks and months.

If not, what are the reasons for this?



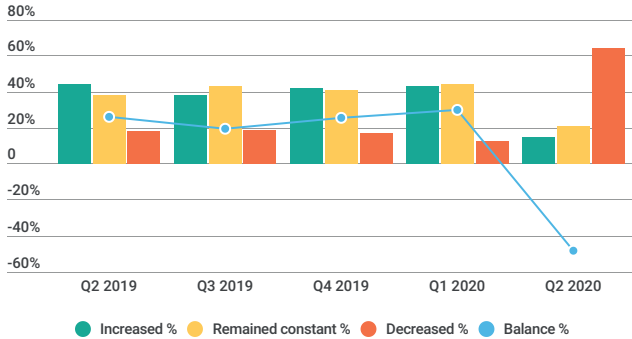
Has Covid-19 increased or decreased your appetite for employing apprentices?



Domestic sales



Over the past 3 months UK sales/custom/bookings have: Increased / Remained constant / Decreased



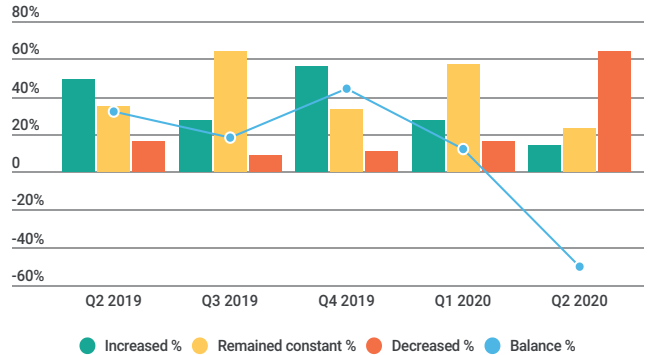
This quarter: On balance, UK sales have been reduced by over 78% in the last quarter.

Year on year: The balance of UK sales is 75% lower than the same period last year.

Overseas sales



Over the past 3 months overseas sales/custom/bookings have: Increased / Remained constant / Decreased



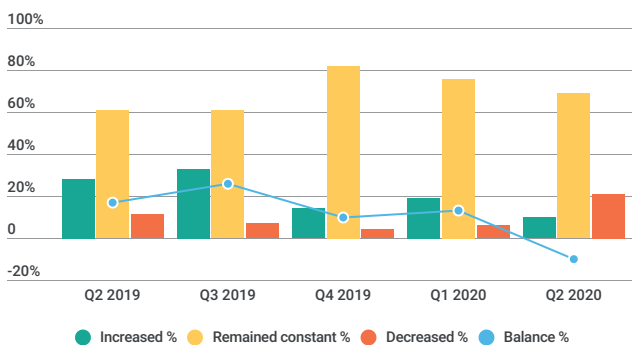
This quarter: On balance, export sales have decreased.

Year on year: On balance, export sales are at higher levels compared to the same period last year.

Employment growth



Over the last 3 months has your workforce: Increased / Remained constant / Decreased



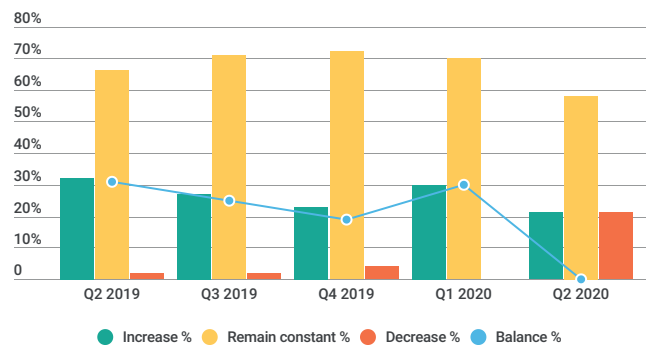
This quarter: On balance, there has been a reduction in workforce size by over 13% compared to the last quarter.

Year on year: Employment levels are over 27% lower compared to the same period last year.

Employment expectations



Over the next 3 months, do you expect your workforce to: Increase / Remain constant / Decrease



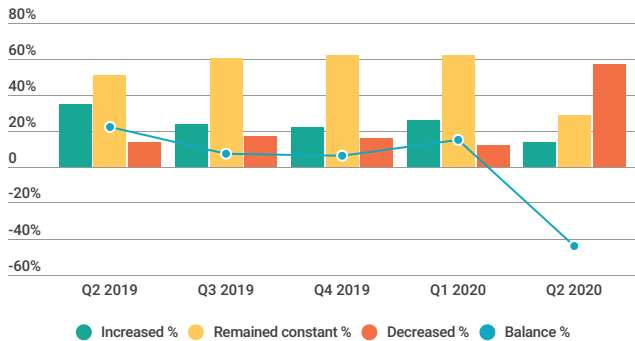
This quarter: On balance, businesses expect employment levels to decrease by over 30% in the next 3 months.

Year on year: Employment expectations are at levels 30% lower when compared to the same period last year.

Cash Flow



Over the past 3 months, cash flow has: Increased / Remained constant / Decreased



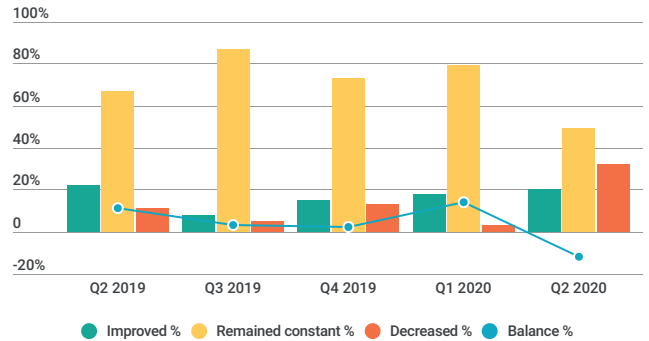
This quarter: On balance, cashflow has worsened considerably, with a reduction of 58% compared to the previous quarter.

Year on year: On balance, cashflow has seen a dramatic decrease of over 65% compared to the same period last year.

Investment - Plant



Over the past 3 months, investment plans for plant/machinery/equipment have: Increased / Remained constant / Decreased



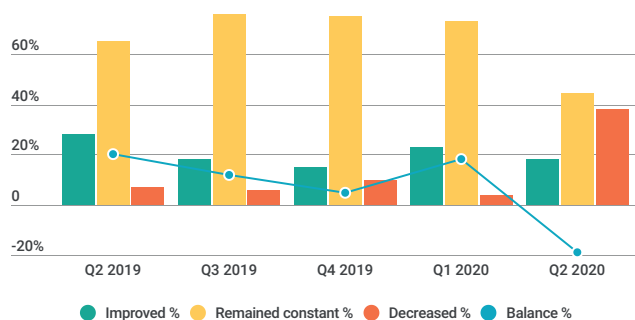
This quarter: On balance, investment in plant, machinery and equipment has decreased by over 26% compared to the previous quarter.

Year on year: On balance, there has been a decrease of 23.5% in investment in plant/machinery/equipment compared to the same period last year.

Training investment



Over the past 3 months, investment plans for training have: Increased / Remained constant / Decreased



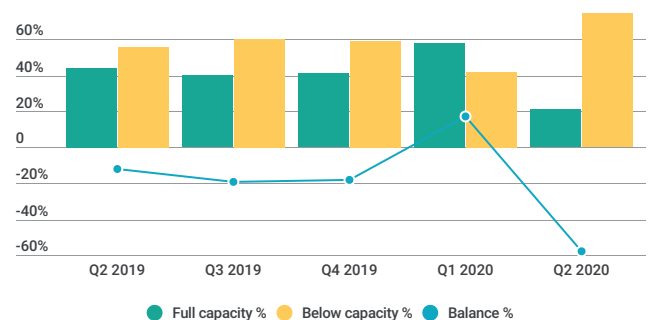
This quarter: On balance, investment plans for training have worsened by 38% over the last quarter.

Year on year: Over the last year, investment plans for training have worsened by 40%.

Capacity



Are you currently operating at: Full capacity / Below capacity



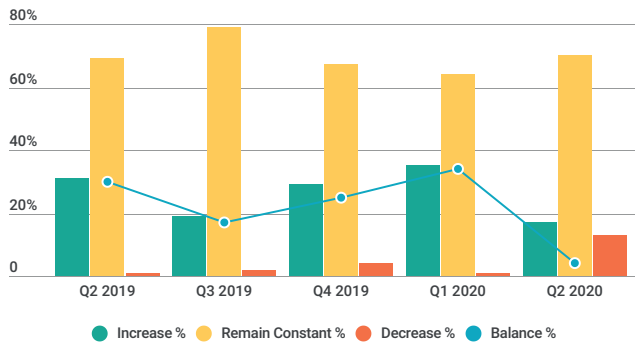
This quarter: On balance, the proportion of businesses reporting that they are operating below capacity has worsened by 75% since the last quarter.

Year on year: On balance, the percentage of business reporting they are operating below capacity has worsened by 46% compared to the same period last year.

Price



Over the next 3 months, do you expect the price of your goods/services to: Increase / Remain constant / Decrease



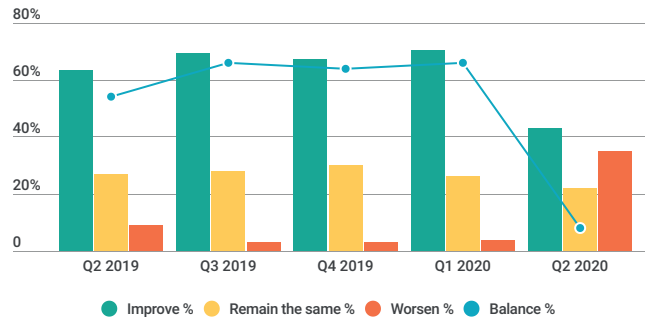
This quarter: On balance, expectations of future price increases have decreased by over 30% since the last quarter.

Year on year: Compared to the same period last year, there has been a 26% drop in the proportion of businesses which expect prices to increase.

Profitability



Over the next 12 months, do you believe profitability will: Improve / Remain the same / Worsen



This quarter: On balance, expectations of profitability have worsened by over 57% since the last quarter.

Year on year: Compared to the same period last year profitability expectations have worsened by over 46%.

About Doncaster Business Insight

Doncaster Business Insight captures a regular snapshot of business sentiment on the local economy and hot business matters through a quarterly survey, monthly roundtable and quarterly breakfast briefing.

The results and feedback given by Doncaster businesses help inform Doncaster Chamber, Doncaster Council, local, regional and national policy makers and influencers to ensure the local business voice is heard, address any business matters and develop the right policies/structures that support business and the economy.

The results are also fed into the British Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Economic Survey results which act as a significant economic indicator for national and international organisations including the Bank of England.

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Dates for your diary 2020

Q3 2020:
26th August –
16th September

Q4 2020:
2nd – 23rd
November