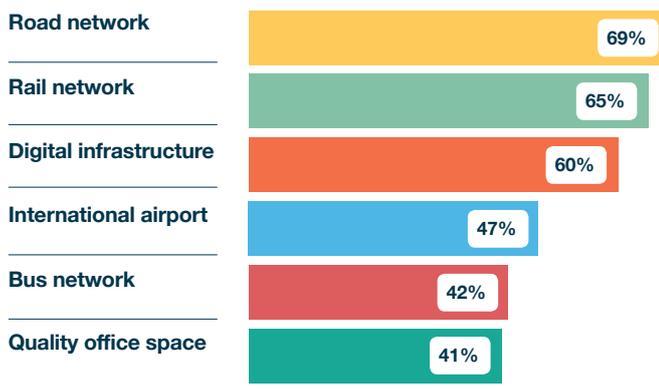




Quick Glance: Q2 2019

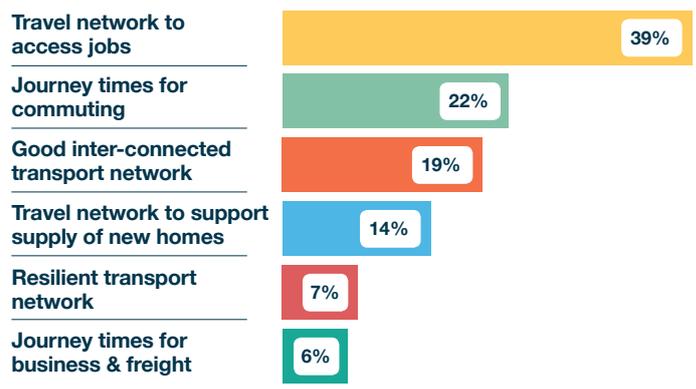
Important infrastructure issues

How important are the following local network/infrastructure improvements for driving local economic growth?



Infrastructure challenges

Which one of the following challenges do you consider as being the most important for Doncaster's economy?



Health challenges in the workplace

What are the 3 main health and wellbeing challenges in your workplace?

Mental health



Health improvements in the workplace

What top 3 actions, that you are not already taking, would have the most impact on the health of your workplace?

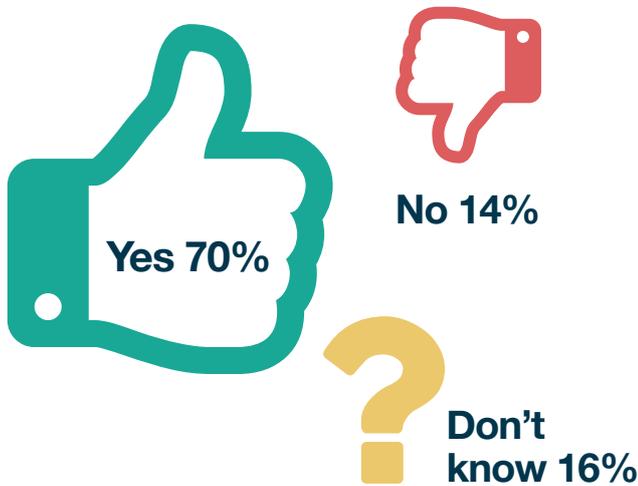
Activities that promote good mental health



These results show the top 3 issues selected in the survey. For the full report visit doncaster-chamber.co.uk/dbi-results

City status

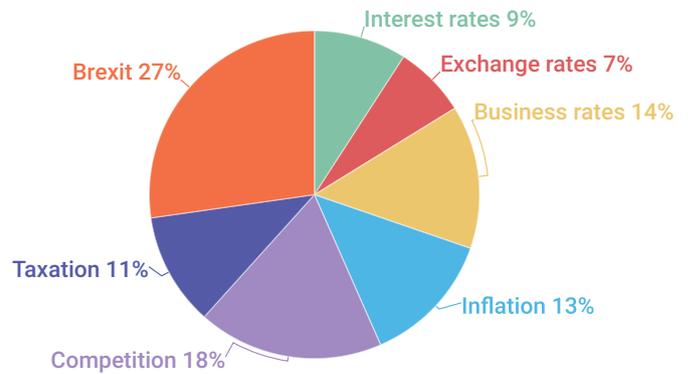
Should Doncaster go for city status?



A high 70% of businesses said Doncaster should go for city status but 14% said it shouldn't and 16% didn't know.

Business challenges

Indicate which of these following factors are more of a concern to your business than 3 months ago: Interest rates / Brexit / Business rates / Competition / Exchange rates / Inflation / Taxation / Other

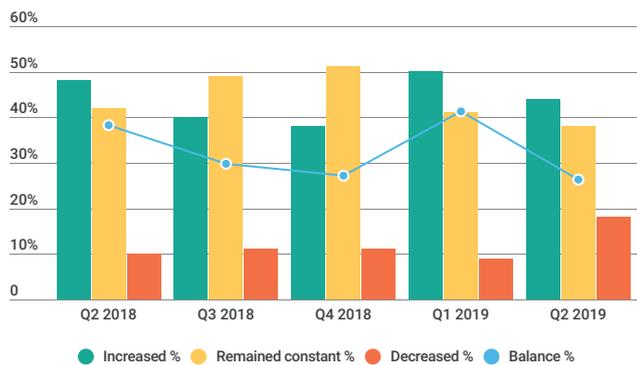


Brexit was the biggest area of concern for responding businesses, followed by competition and taxation.

Domestic sales



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



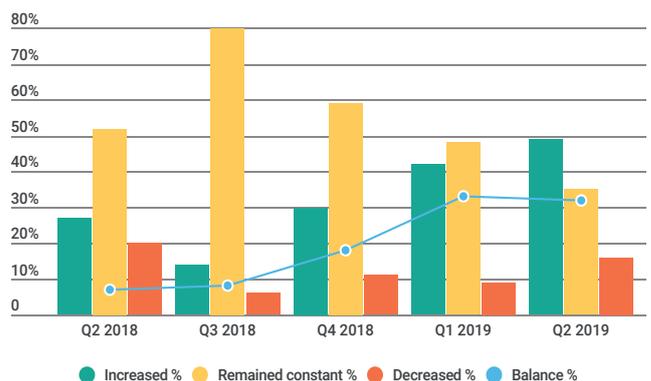
This quarter: On balance, UK sales are at lower levels compared to last quarter.

Year on year: The balance of UK sales is at a lower level but the positive balance indicates that more businesses have reported increased rather than reduced sales.

Overseas sales



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



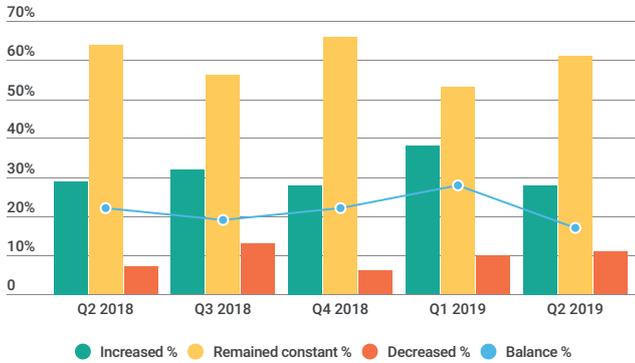
This quarter: On balance, export sales have improved.

Year on year: Although on balance export sales are at lower levels to last year, they are still positive.

Employment growth



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

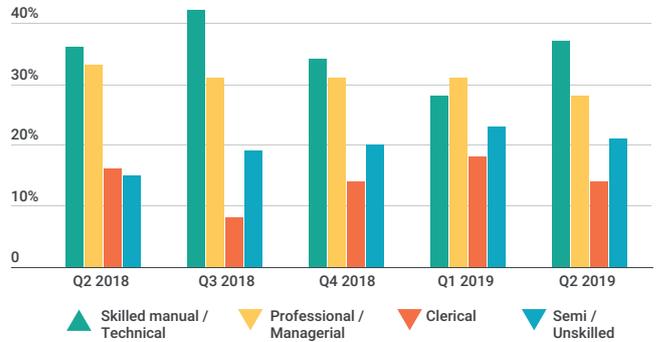


This quarter: On balance, there has been a decrease over the last quarter.

Year on year: Employment growth is at a lower level compared to Q2 2018.

Recruitment difficulties

If you had difficulty recruiting over the last 3 months, for which of the following categories of staff was it? Skilled manual / Technical, Professional/Managerial, Clerical, Semi/Unskilled



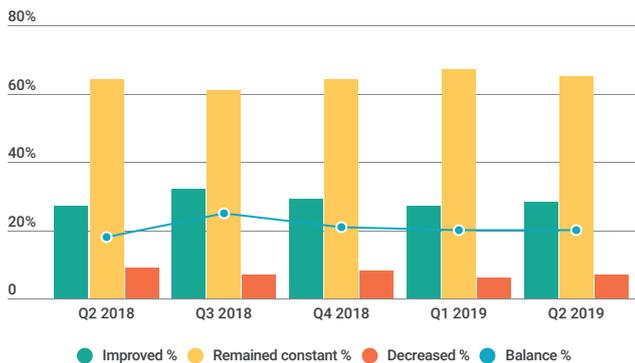
This quarter: Skilled manual / Technical followed by Professional/Managerial were the most difficult roles to recruit for.

Year on year: There was an increase in difficulty recruiting for skilled/technical, clerical and semi/unskilled posts but a decrease for professional/managerial posts.

Training investment



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



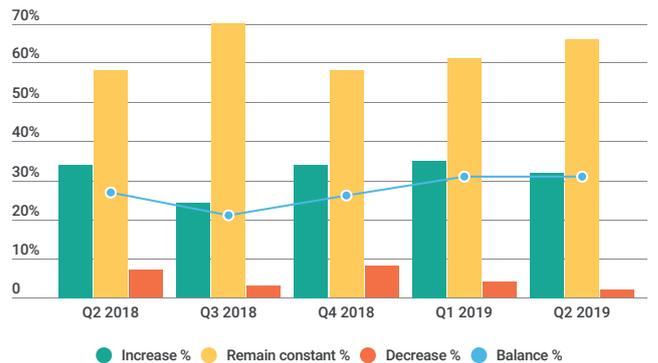
This quarter: On balance, investment in training has remained flat.

Year on year: Over the last year, investment in training has slightly increased.

Employment expectations



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



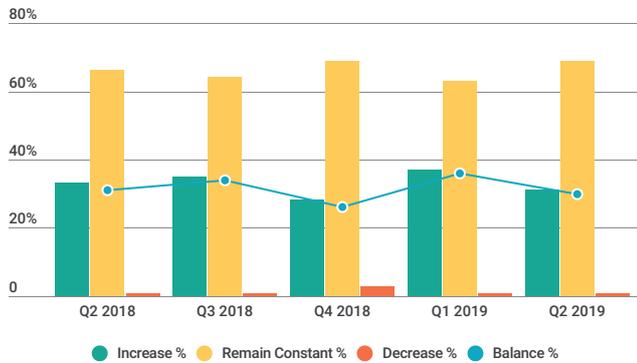
This quarter: On balance, businesses expect employment to remain flat over the next 3 months.

Year on year: Employment expectations are at slightly higher levels 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



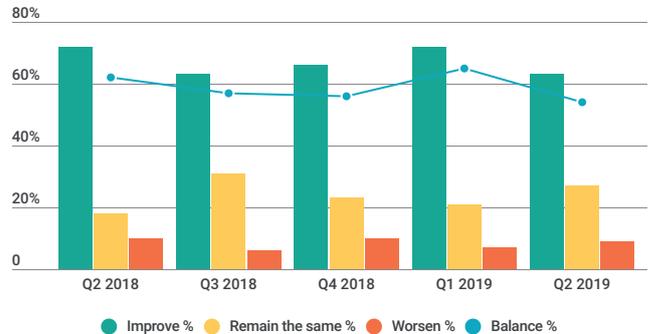
This quarter: On balance, expectations of future price increases have decreased since the last quarter.

Year on year: Compared to the same period last year, there has been a slight decrease in the proportion of businesses that expect their 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 decreased compared to last quarter.

Year on year: Compared to this time last year, there has been a decrease in the expectations of profitability over the next 12 months.

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.

Thank you for taking the Doncaster Business Insight Survey. For every survey taken by a business with a DN postcode, Doncaster Chamber donates £1 to a local charity.

We ask. You say. We do

For the full report visit doncaster-chamber/dbi-results

Dates for your diary 2019

Surveys

Take the survey every quarter:

Q3 – 26 Aug to 16 Sept

Q4 – 4 Nov to 25 Nov

Roundtables

Join us to discuss the hottest business issues.

22 Aug

Developing the Sheffield City Region economic strategy

21 May

What are the main local network/infrastructure projects that would increase growth in Doncaster?