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Ireland Employment Outlook

The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey for the fourth quarter 2021 was conducted by interviewing a representative sample of 420 employers in Ireland.

All survey participants were asked “How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of December 2021 as compared to the current quarter?”

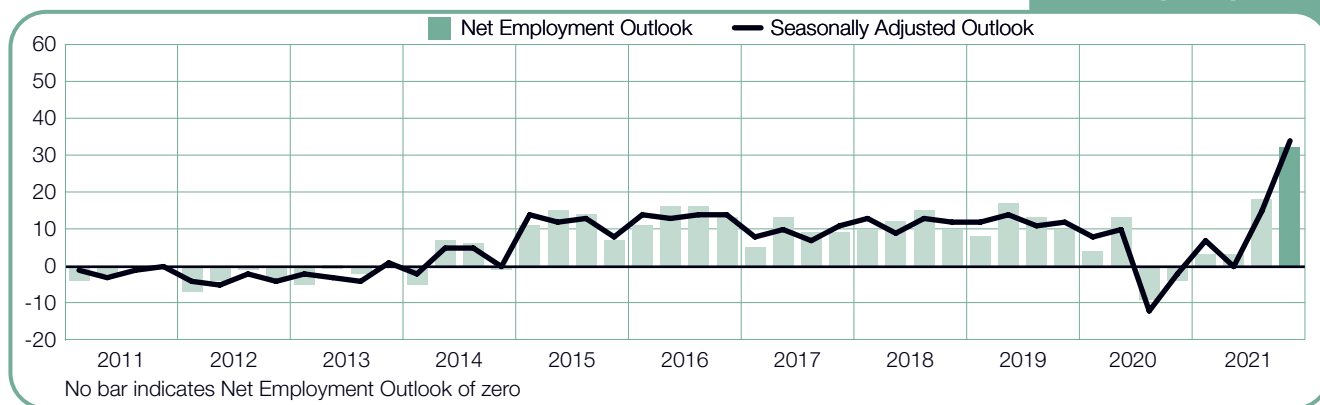
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Ireland Employment Outlook

Ireland

+32 (+34)%



Irish employers report **robust hiring plans** for the October to December period.

With **47% of employers expecting to increase payrolls**, 15% forecasting a decrease and 35% anticipating no change, the resulting Net Employment Outlook is +32%.

Once the data is adjusted to allow for seasonal variation, the **Net Employment Outlook stands at +34%**.

Hiring sentiment is the **strongest since the survey began** in 2004, **improving by 19 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter** and by 36 percentage points in comparison with last year at this time.

Throughout this report, we use the term "Net Employment Outlook." This figure is derived by taking the percentage of employers anticipating total employment to increase and subtracting from this the percentage expecting to see a decrease in employment at their location in the next quarter. The result of this calculation is the Net Employment Outlook.

From this point forward, all data discussed in the commentary is seasonally adjusted, unless stated otherwise.

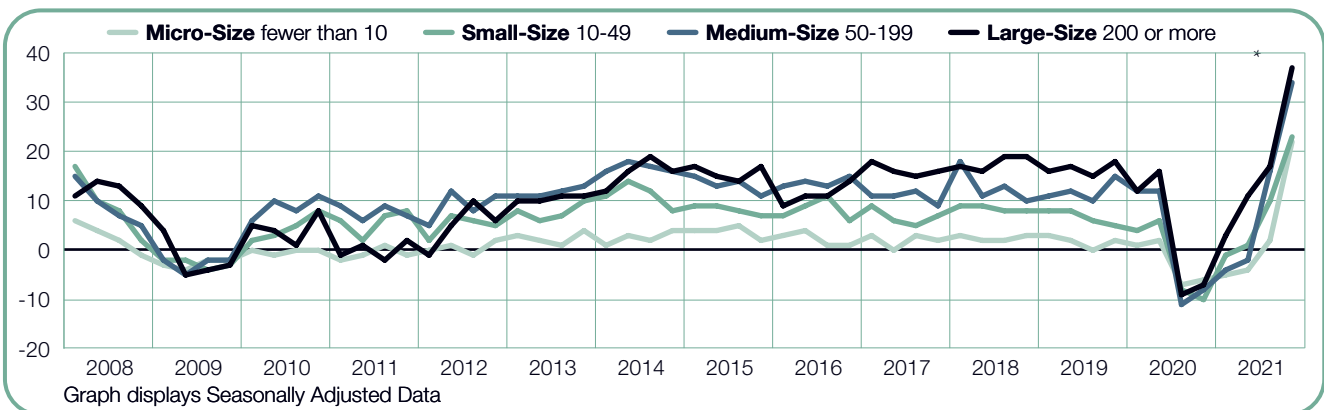
Organisation-Size Comparisons

Participating employers are categorised into one of four organization sizes: Micro businesses have less than 10 employees; Small businesses have 10-49 employees; Medium businesses have 50-249 employees; and Large businesses have 250 or more employees.

An increase in payrolls is forecast for all three organization size categories where data is available* for the upcoming quarter. Large employers expect a prosperous labor market, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +39%. In the Medium size category, employers anticipate healthy job gains with an Outlook of +29%, while the Outlook for Small firms stands at +21%.

The Outlook for Large employers strengthens by 8 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter, while increases of 6 and 5 percentage points are reported in the Medium- and Small-size categories, respectively.

In a comparison with last year at this time, hiring sentiment strengthens sharply in all three organization size categories, most notably by 33 percentage points for Medium employers. Small employers report an improvement of 30 percentage points and the Outlook for Large firms is 28 percentage points stronger.



Regional Summary

Employers in all four regions where data is available* expect to add to payrolls during the upcoming quarter. The strongest hiring prospects are reported in Munster, where the Net Employment Outlook is +44%. Elsewhere, Dublin employers report prosperous hiring plans with an Outlook of +39% and Outlooks of +23% and +11% are reported in Leinster and Connaught, respectively.

Dublin employers report a sharp improvement of 26 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter, while an increase of 19 percentage points is reported in Munster. In Leinster, employers report a moderate improvement of 5 percentage points, but the Outlook for Connaught declines by 8 percentage points.

When compared with this time one year ago, employers report stronger hiring intentions in all four regions. Steep increases of 49 and 39 percentage points are reported in Munster and Dublin, respectively. Leinster employers report an improvement of 20 percentage points, while the Connaught Outlook is 15 percentage points stronger.

* Separate analysis of the Ulster region is not available for the fourth quarter of 2021.

+8 (+11)%

Connacht

Job seekers can expect positive hiring opportunities in the fourth quarter of 2021, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +11%. While hiring prospects are 8 percentage points weaker in comparison with the prior quarter, employers report a year-over-year improvement of 15 percentage points.

+40 (+39)%

Dublin

The strongest labor market since the survey began in 2004 is anticipated during the October to December period. Employers report a Net Employment Outlook of +39%, improving by 26 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and by 39 percentage points when compared with this time one year ago.

+21 (+23)%

Leinster

With a Net Employment Outlook for the upcoming quarter of +23%, employers match the strongest hiring sentiment since the survey began 17 years ago, last reported in 1Q 2007. Hiring plans strengthen by 5 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter and improve by 20 percentage points in comparison with 4Q 2020.

+40 (+44)%

Munster

Employers anticipate a booming labour market in the next three months, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +44%. Hiring prospects are the strongest reported since the survey began in 2004, improving by 19 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and by 49 percentage points when compared with the same period last year.

Sector Summary

Workforce gains are anticipated in all five industry sectors where data is available* for the final quarter of 2021. The strongest hiring prospects are reported in two sectors with Net Employment Outlooks of +39% - the Manufacturing sector and the Other Services sector. Wholesale & Retail Trade sector employers anticipate brisk hiring activity, reporting an Outlook of +31%, while Outlooks stand at +20% in both the Construction sector and the Finance & Business Services sector.

Hiring plans strengthen in four of the five industry sectors when compared with the previous quarter. Other Services sector employers report the most notable increase of 21 percentage points, while the Manufacturing sector Outlook is 20 percentage points stronger.

Elsewhere, improvements of 12 and 10 percentage points are reported in the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector and the Finance & Business Services sector, respectively. However, Construction sector employers report a considerable decline of 19 percentage points.

In a comparison with the fourth quarter of 2020, hiring sentiment strengthens in all five industry sectors, including a sharp increase of 53 percentage points reported for the Manufacturing sector. The Other Services sector Outlook is 45 percentage points stronger, while Wholesale & Retail Trade sector employers report an improvement of 31 percentage points. Hiring intentions are 23 percentage points stronger in the Finance & Business Services sector, and the Outlook for the Construction sector improves by 15 percentage points.

* Separate analysis of three industry sectors is not available for the fourth quarter of 2021: the Other Production sector, the Restaurants & Hotels sector and the Pharmaceuticals sector.

+22 (+20)%

Construction

Job seekers can expect a favorable hiring climate in the fourth quarter of 2021, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +20%. Hiring sentiment weakens by 19 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter, but is 15 percentage points stronger in comparison with last year at this time.

+26 (+20)%

Finance & Business Services

Employers forecast an upbeat hiring pace for the October to December period, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +20%. Hiring intentions are the strongest reported in 14 years, improving by 10 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and by 23 percentage points year-over-year.

+43 (+39)%

Manufacturing

The strongest hiring pace since the survey began in 2004 is anticipated during the next three months. Employers report a bright Net Employment Outlook of +39%, improving by 20 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and by 53 percentage points when compared with this time one year ago.

+34 (+31)%

Wholesale & Retail

With a Net Employment Outlook of +31%, employers anticipate brisk hiring activity in the final quarter of 2021. Hiring plans are the strongest since the survey began in 2004, strengthening by 12 and 31 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.

No Data

Other Production

Analysis of the Other Production sector is not available for the fourth quarter of 2021.

+40 (+39)%

Other Services

The strongest labor market since the survey began in 2004 is expected during the coming quarter. Employers report a Net Employment Outlook of +39%, improving by 21 percentage points in comparison with 3Q 2021 and by 45 percentage points when compared with this time one year ago.

No Data

Restaurants and Hotels

Analysis of the Restaurants & Hotels sector is not available for the fourth quarter of 2021.

No Data

Pharmaceuticals

Analysis of the Pharmaceuticals sector is not available for the fourth quarter of 2021.

Global Employment Outlook

ManpowerGroup interviewed almost 45,000 employers in 43 countries and territories on hiring intentions* for the fourth quarter of 2021. All participants were asked, “How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of December 2021 as compared to the current quarter?”.

An increase in payrolls is expected by employers in 41 of the 43 countries and territories surveyed by ManpowerGroup for the coming quarter, while employers in two anticipate a reduction in staffing levels.

When compared with the previous quarter, employers report stronger hiring prospects in 31 of the 43 countries and territories, while hiring sentiment weakens in 10 countries and territories and is unchanged in two. In a comparison with the fourth quarter of 2020 – when the COVID-19 pandemic was in full swing across much of the globe – employers in all 43 countries and territories anticipate stronger labour markets. The strongest hiring intentions for the October to December time frame are reported in the United States, India, Canada, the Netherlands, Mexico and France. Meanwhile, employers in Panama, South Africa, Singapore, Croatia and Argentina anticipate the weakest hiring activity in the coming quarter.

Workforce gains are expected in 25 of the 26 Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) region countries during the next three months. The exception is South Africa, where employers forecast a subdued labour market. In a comparison with the prior quarter, hiring sentiment strengthens in 20 EMEA countries, while weakening in five, and hiring prospects improve in all 26 of the region’s countries when compared with this time one year ago. Hiring activity is expected to be strongest in the Netherlands, France, Ireland, Spain and the UK, while EMEA’s weakest labour markets are forecast in South Africa, Croatia, Switzerland and Hungary.

Payrolls are expected to grow in all seven Asia Pacific countries and territories during the upcoming quarter. Employers in the region report mixed signals in comparison with the previous quarter, with Outlooks strengthening in three countries and territories but declining in four. However, hiring prospects strengthen in all seven countries and territories when compared with the corresponding period in 2020. The strongest hiring intentions in the region are reported in India and Taiwan, while employers in Singapore and Hong Kong report the weakest Outlooks.

Employers in nine of the 10 Americas countries surveyed expect to add to payrolls in the fourth quarter of 2021, while staffing levels are expected to dip in the remaining country – Panama. Quarter-over-quarter, employers in eight of the 10 countries report stronger hiring plans, and hiring sentiment strengthens in all 10 countries when compared with this time one year ago. U.S. employers anticipate the strongest hiring climate in the coming quarter – in both the Americas region and across the whole global survey – and robust hiring plans are reported in Canada and Mexico. Meanwhile, the weakest labour markets in the region are anticipated in Panama and Argentina.

Full survey results for each of the 43 countries and territories included in this quarter’s survey, plus regional and global comparisons, can be found at

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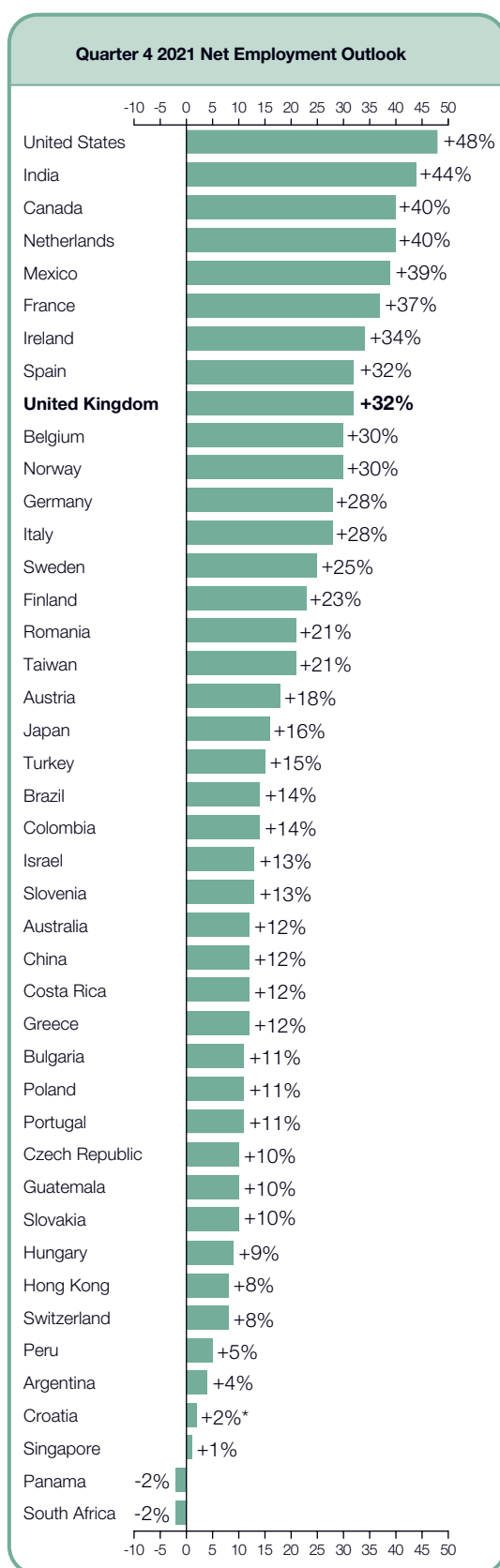
The next ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey will be released on 14 December 2021 and will detail expected labour market activity for the first quarter of 2022.

* Commentary is based on seasonally adjusted data where available. Data is not seasonally adjusted for Croatia.

	Quarter 4 2021	Qtr on Qtr Change Q3 2021 to Q4 2021	Yr on Yr Change Q4 2020 to Q4 2021
	%		
Americas			
Argentina	4 (4) ¹	5 (3) ¹	7 (7) ¹
Brazil	12 (14) ¹	5 (6) ¹	18 (18) ¹
Canada	39 (40) ¹	26 (31) ¹	36 (35) ¹
Colombia	15 (14) ¹	9 (8) ¹	25 (25) ¹
Costa Rica	10 (12) ¹	2 (3) ¹	26 (26) ¹
Guatemala	11 (10) ¹	2 (0) ¹	16 (16) ¹
Mexico	38 (39) ¹	28 (30) ¹	38 (38) ¹
Panama	1 (-2) ¹	1 (-2) ¹	19 (19) ¹
Peru	4 (5) ¹	2 (2) ¹	5 (5) ¹
United States	46 (48) ¹	17 (23) ¹	34 (34) ¹

Asia Pacific			
Australia	12 (12) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹	10 (10) ¹
China	10 (12) ¹	-6 (-2) ¹	6 (7) ¹
Hong Kong	8 (8) ¹	7 (7) ¹	10 (10) ¹
India	44 (44) ¹	39 (37) ¹	40 (40) ¹
Japan	16 (16) ¹	5 (5) ¹	11 (10) ¹
Singapore	-2 (1) ¹	-18 (-13) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Taiwan	20 (21) ¹	-7 (-2) ¹	2 (2) ¹

EMEA[†]			
Austria	18 (18) ¹	4 (7) ¹	21 (21) ¹
Belgium	30 (30) ¹	16 (16) ¹	30 (29) ¹
Bulgaria	9 (11) ¹	-9 (-1) ¹	11 (11) ¹
Croatia	2	-12	8
Czech Republic	10 (10) ¹	3 (5) ¹	9 (9) ¹
Finland	21 (23) ¹	8 (11) ¹	28 (26) ¹
France	35 (37) ¹	23 (28) ¹	33 (33) ¹
Germany	29 (28) ¹	17 (18) ¹	26 (26) ¹
Greece	5 (12) ¹	-17 (-2) ¹	5 (5) ¹
Hungary	10 (9) ¹	2 (1) ¹	8 (7) ¹
Ireland	32 (34) ¹	14 (19) ¹	36 (36) ¹
Israel	11 (13) ¹	-4 (1) ¹	13 (13) ¹
Italy	25 (28) ¹	16 (21) ¹	29 (29) ¹
Netherlands	39 (40) ¹	29 (31) ¹	41 (41) ¹
Norway	29 (30) ¹	14 (18) ¹	31 (30) ¹
Poland	12 (11) ¹	3 (3) ¹	7 (7) ¹
Portugal	8 (11) ¹	0 (5) ¹	6 (6) ¹
Romania	17 (21) ¹	-2 (7) ¹	22 (21) ¹
Slovakia	9 (10) ¹	-2 (2) ¹	10 (10) ¹
Slovenia	14 (13) ¹	1 (-2) ¹	14 (14) ¹
South Africa	-3 (-2) ¹	-3 (-3) ¹	9 (10) ¹
Spain	31 (32) ¹	24 (28) ¹	36 (36) ¹
Sweden	21 (25) ¹	4 (13) ¹	25 (25) ¹
Switzerland	6 (8) ¹	-4 (0) ¹	6 (6) ¹
Turkey	15 (15) ¹	4 (4) ¹	8 (8) ¹
UK	32 (32)¹	20 (20)¹	39 (39)¹



[†]EMEA – Europe, Middle East and Africa.

* Indicates unadjusted data.

1. Number in parentheses is the Net Employment Outlook when adjusted to remove the impact of seasonal variations in hiring activity. Please note that this data is not available for all countries as a minimum of 17 quarters worth of data is required.

International Comparisons – EMEA

Across 26 countries in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region, ManpowerGroup interviewed more than 20,700 employers for the survey of hiring prospects for the fourth quarter of 2021. An increase in payrolls is expected for 25 EMEA countries during the next three months, while a dip in staffing levels is forecast in one country. In 12 of the 26 countries, employers report their strongest national forecasts since the analysis was begun, including Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK.

Across the largest Eurozone economies, hiring intentions have recovered strongly following the COVID-19 pandemic, most notably in France, where the job gains forecast for all seven industry sectors and all five regions are the strongest since the survey began in 2003. Employers in France expect the strongest hiring activity in the Manufacturing and Other Production sectors. In Germany, employers expect an active labour market during the next three months, driven in part by bullish hiring plans for the Restaurants & Hotels sector and by bright hiring prospects in the Manufacturing and Wholesale & Retail Trade sectors. In five of the seven sectors and four of the eight regions, the forecasts are the strongest since the survey began in 2003.

Employers in Italy expect solid payroll growth, reporting the strongest Outlooks since the survey began in 2003 across all seven industry sectors and all four regions during the final quarter of 2021. Hiring sentiment is strongest in the Restaurants & Hotels, Finance & Business Services and Manufacturing sectors. Meanwhile, the forecast for Spain in the coming quarter reflects robust hiring plans. Employers in Spain's Restaurants & Hotels, Construction and Manufacturing sectors all report booming labour markets and their strongest hiring plans since the survey began 18 years ago.

Elsewhere in the region, employers in the UK also expect a record-breaking hiring climate, reporting their strongest forecast since analysis began more than 13 years ago.

Bullish hiring plans are reported among UK employers in the Finance & Business Services, Utilities and Transport & Communications sectors, with the strongest regional labour markets expected in London and the East Midlands.

Employers in the Netherlands anticipate the strongest hiring pace in the whole EMEA region during the upcoming quarter, in part fuelled by bullish hiring sentiment in the Other Production, Other Services and Finance & Business Services sectors. Meanwhile, employers in Belgium report healthy hiring prospects, with workforce gains expected in all six industry sectors analysed, headed by robust hiring plans in the Finance & Business Services and Wholesale & Retail Trade sectors.

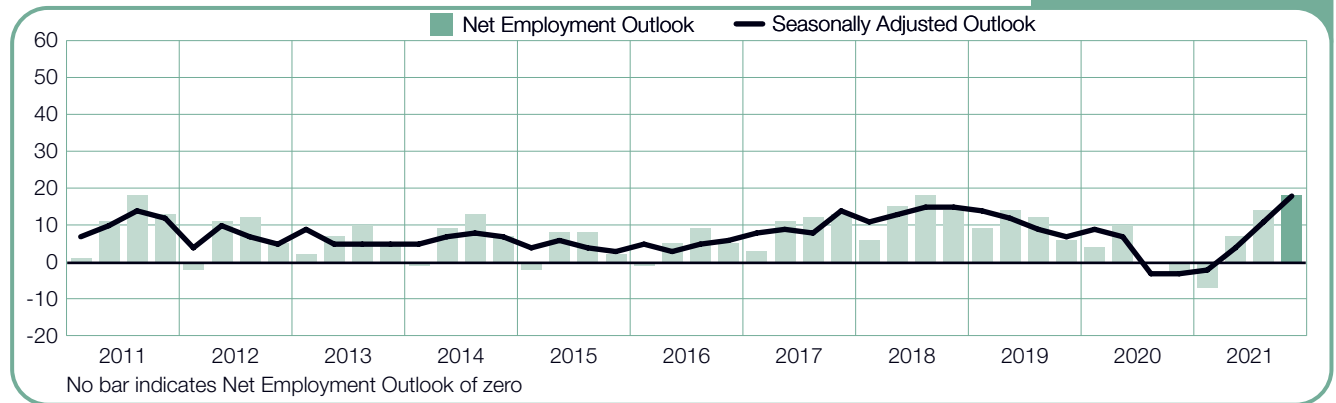
In Norway, employers anticipate an active labour market with job gains in all seven industry sectors, most notably with dynamic hiring activity forecast for the Other Production and Construction sectors. Employers in Sweden also expect workforce growth across all seven industry sectors, including the Restaurants & Hotels sector where employers anticipate a vigorous hiring pace.

In Poland, employers report respectable hiring intentions for the next three months. Improving both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, the Polish Outlook is the strongest in more than two years, reflecting positive hiring plans in all seven industry sectors. The strongest Polish labour markets are anticipated in the Construction and Manufacturing sectors.

Unlike the rest of the EMEA region, employers in South Africa expect to trim payrolls in the October to December period. While Manufacturing sector employers expect modest payroll gains during the coming quarter, employers report negative Outlooks in five of the six remaining sectors. The weakest sector labour market is anticipated in the Construction sector.

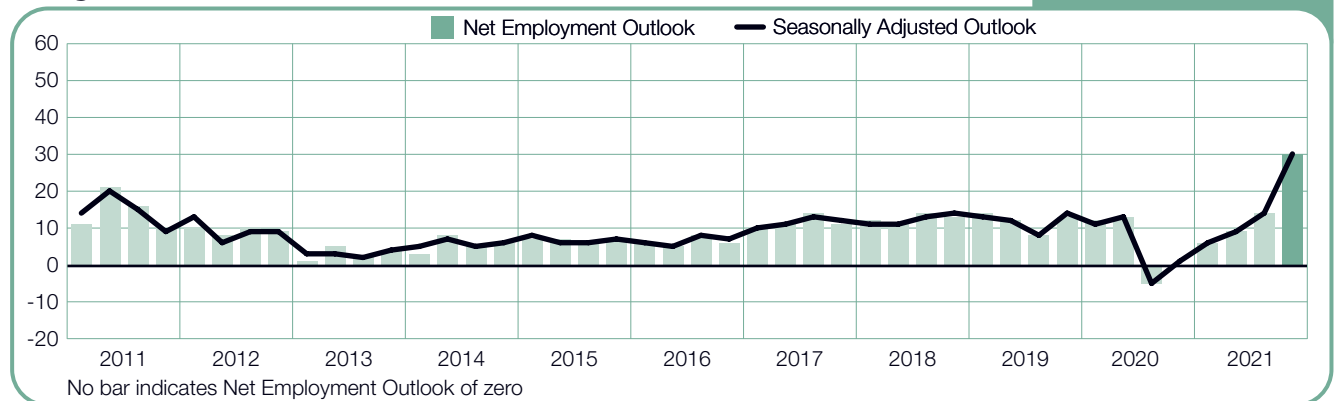
Austria

+18 (+18)%



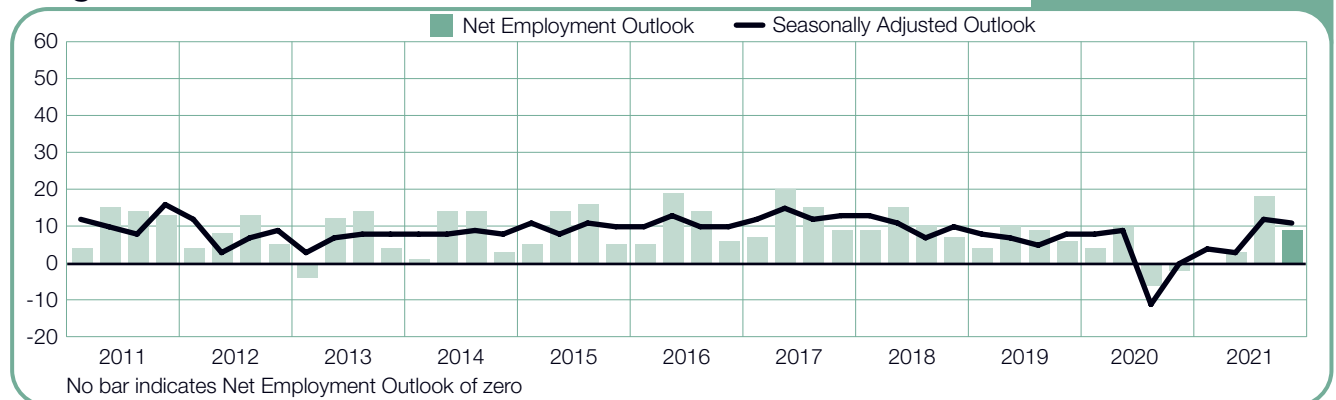
Belgium

+30 (+30)%



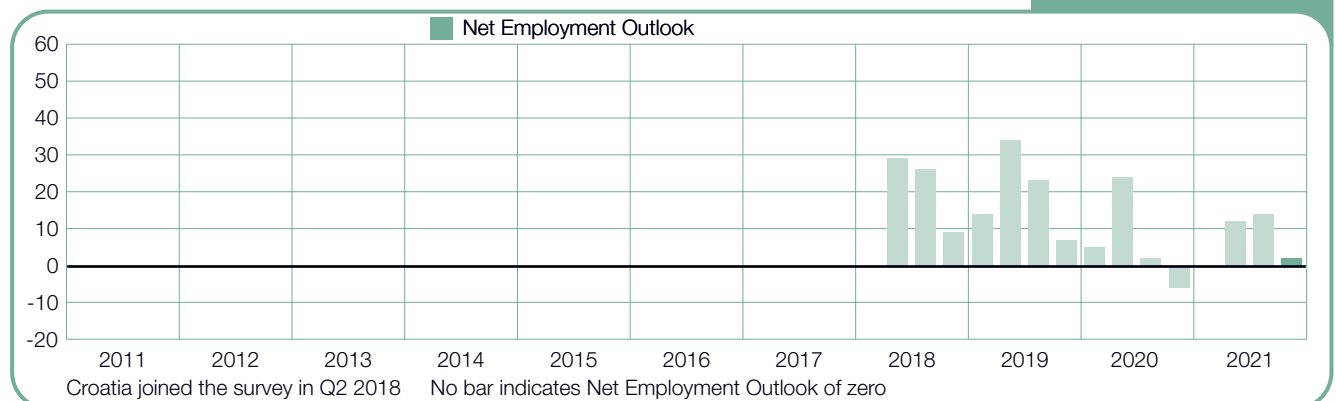
Bulgaria

+9 (+11)%



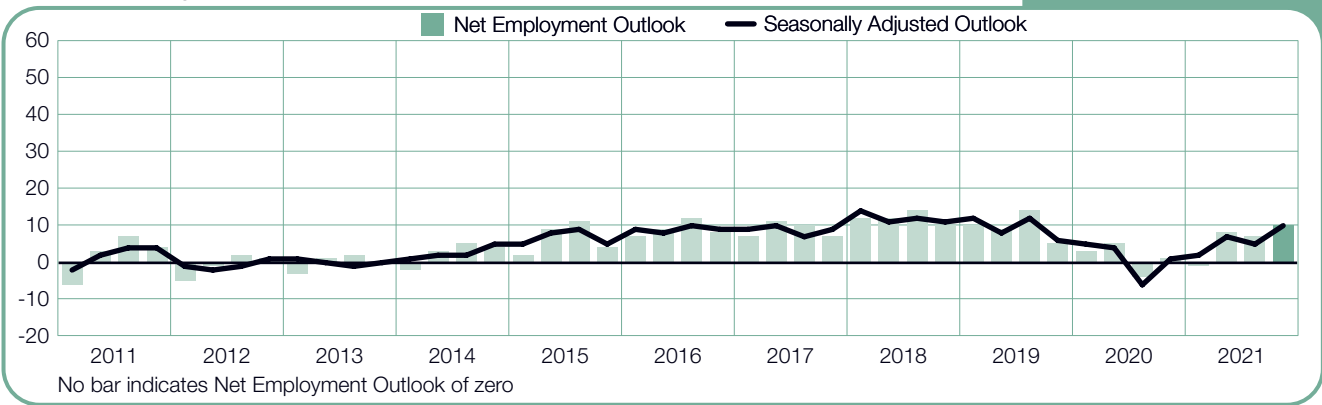
Croatia

+2%



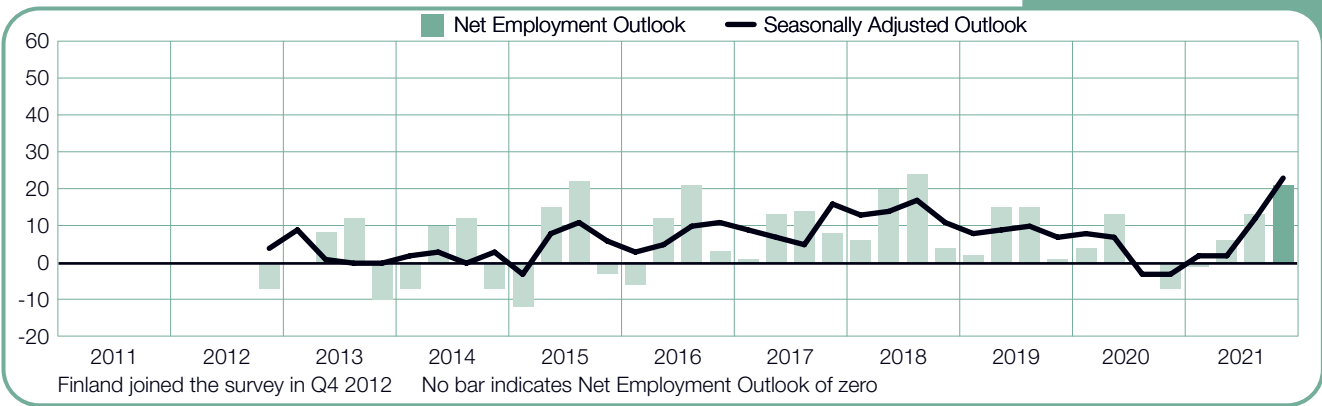
Czech Republic

+10 (+10)%



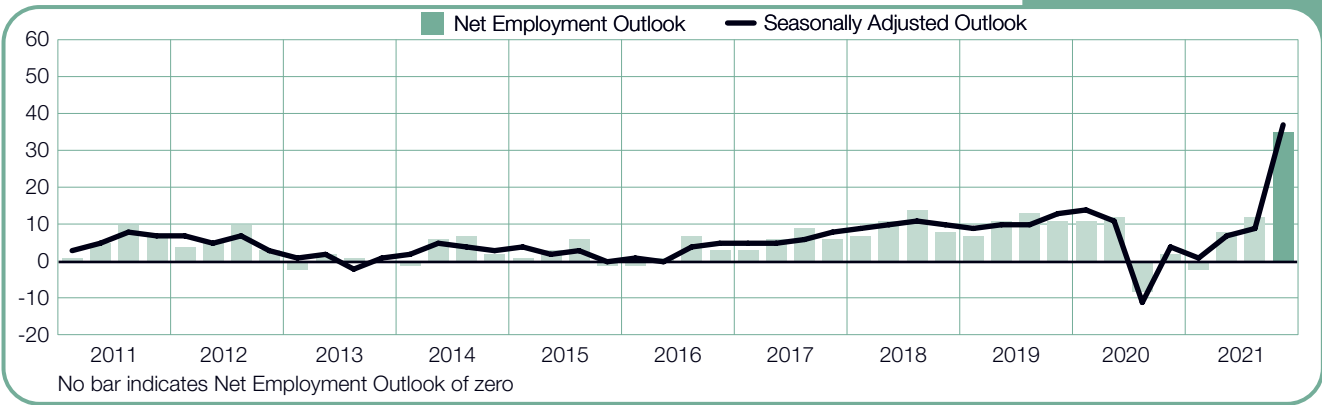
Finland

+21 (+23)%



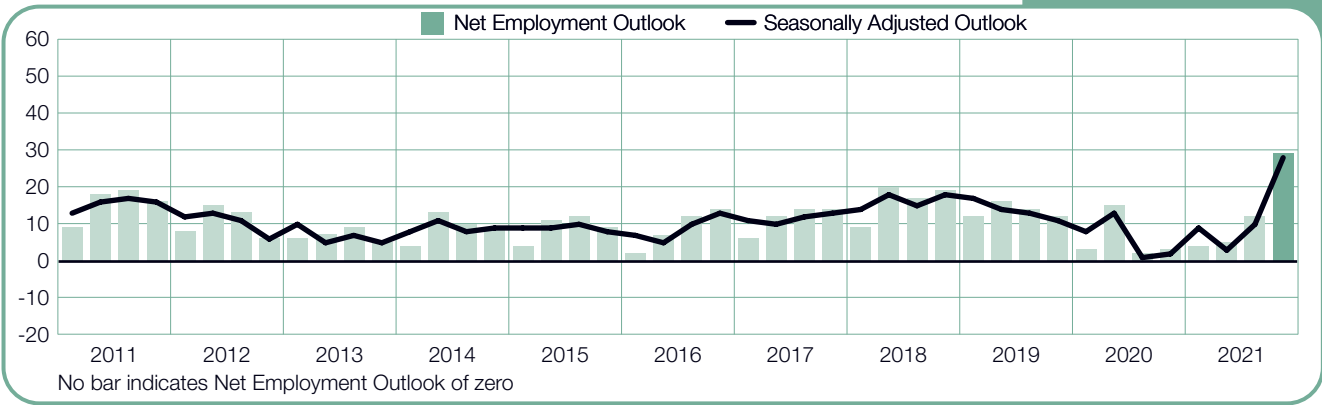
France

+35 (+37)%



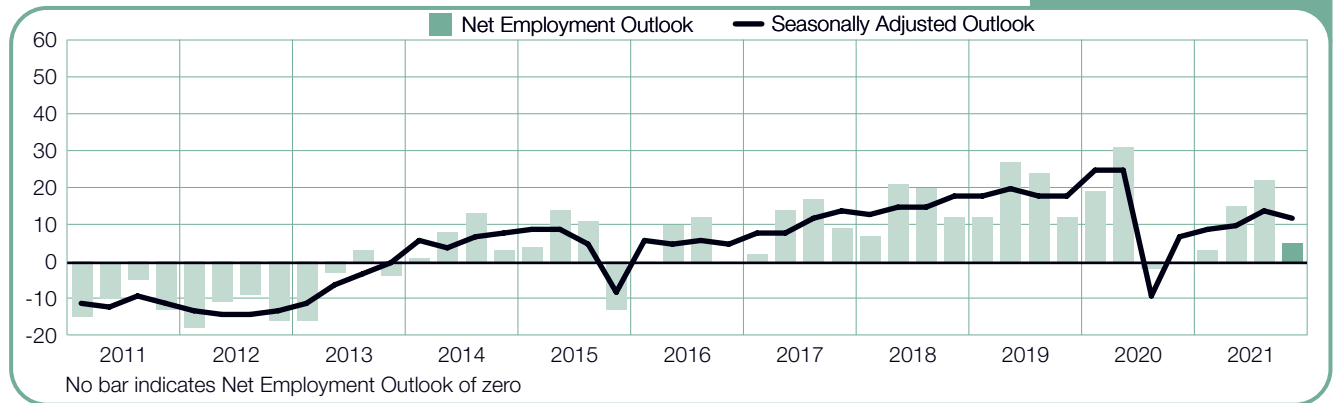
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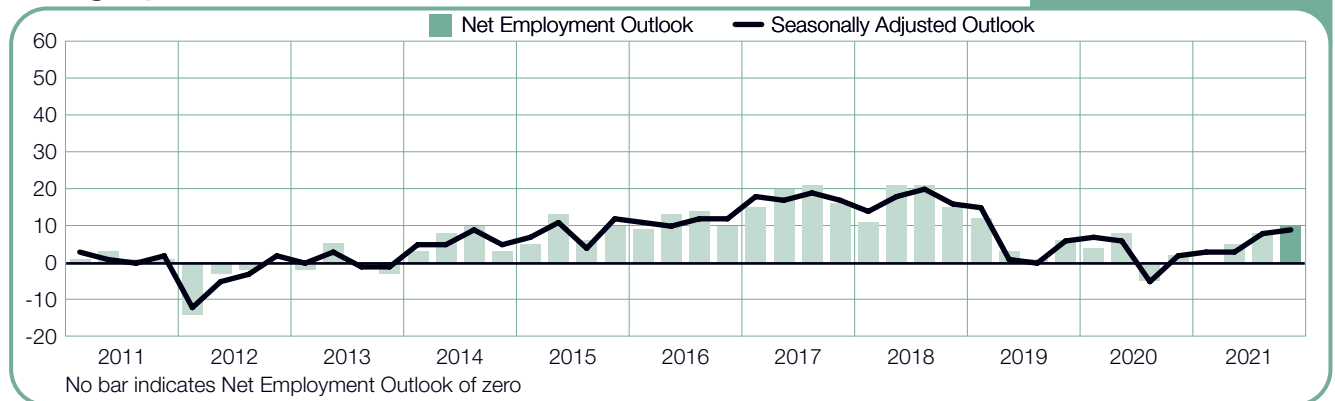
Greece

+5 (+12)%



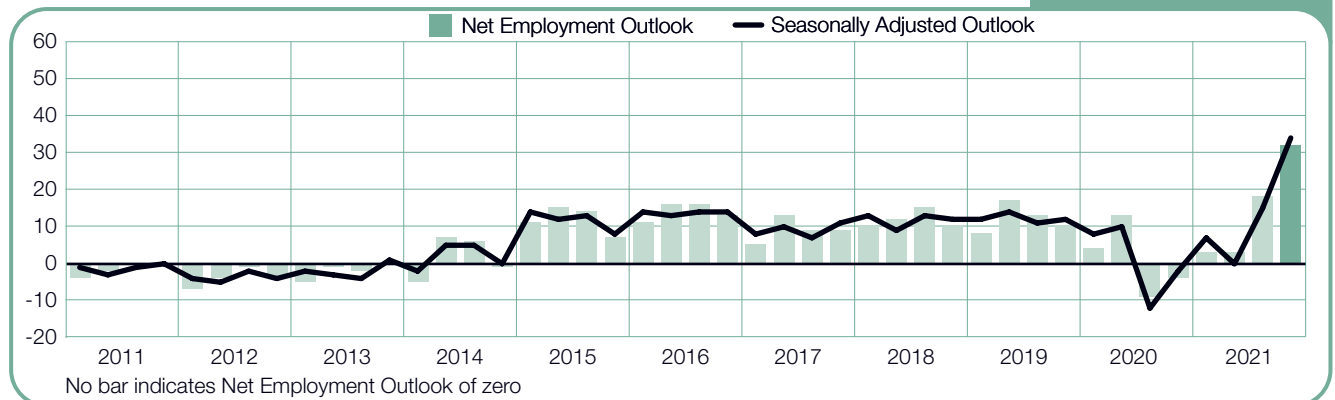
Hungary

+10 (+9)%



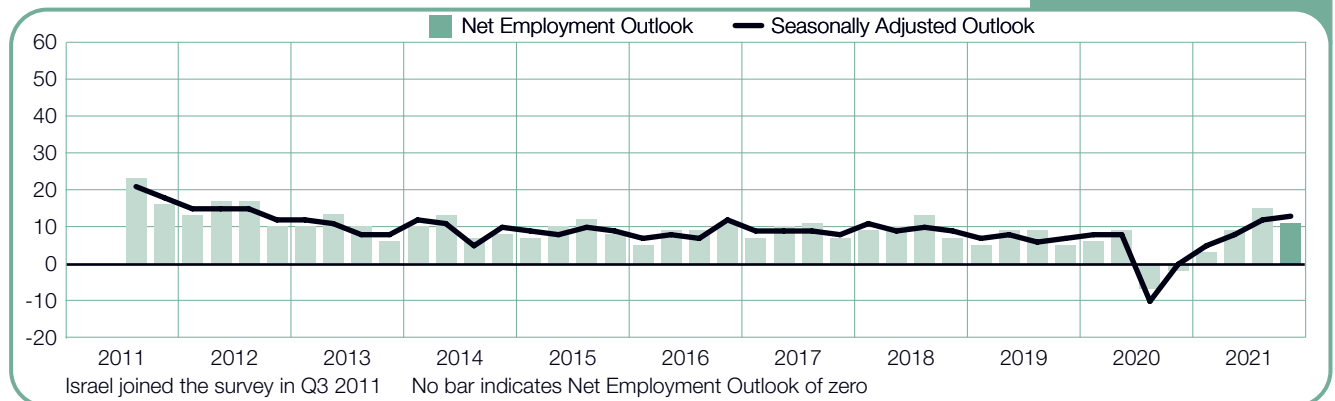
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+32 (+34)%



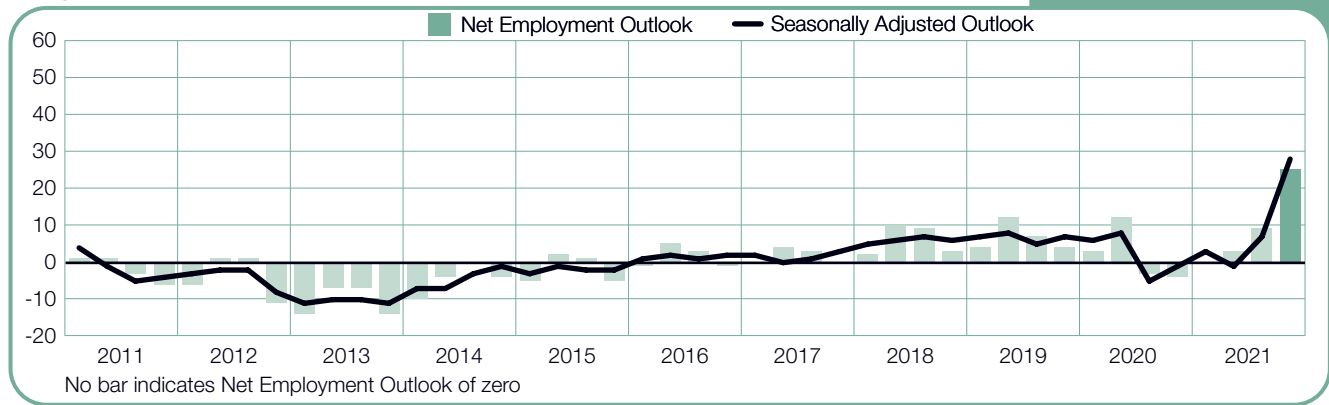
Israel

+11 (+13)%



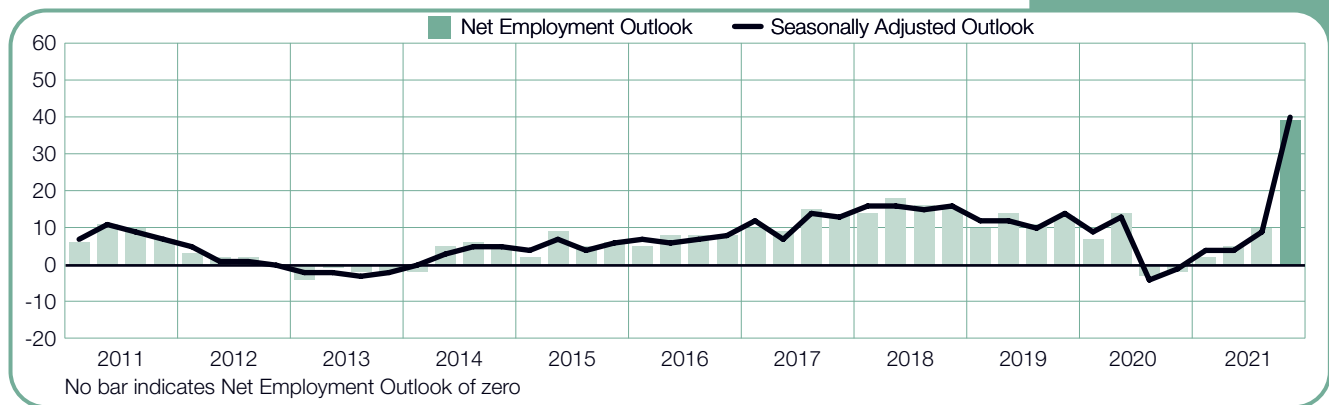
Italy

+25 (+28)%



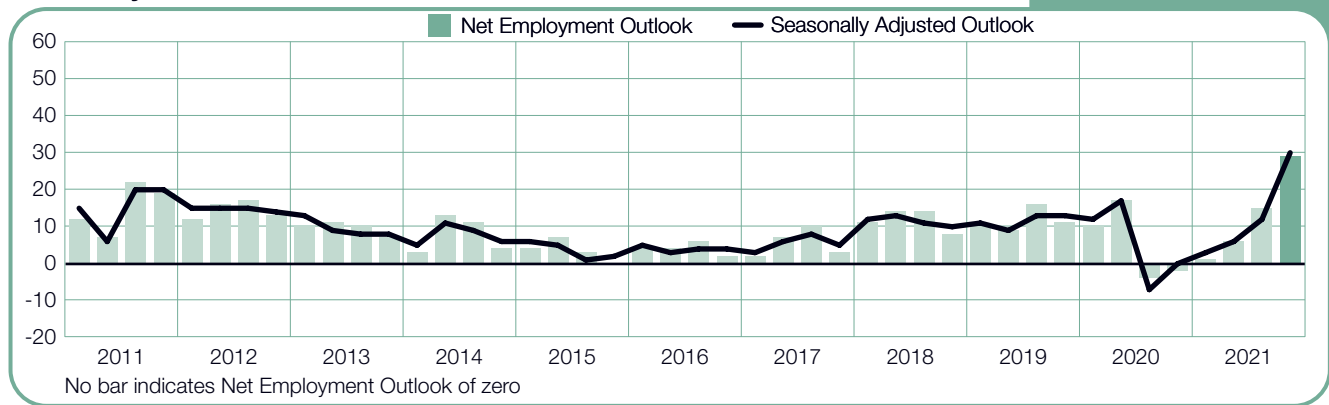
Netherlands

+39 (+40)%



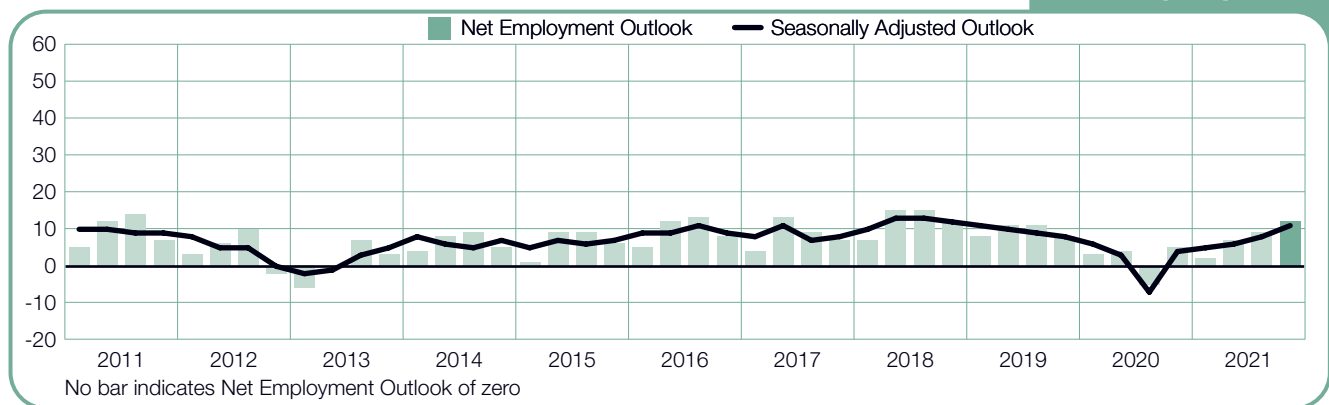
Norway

+29 (+30)%



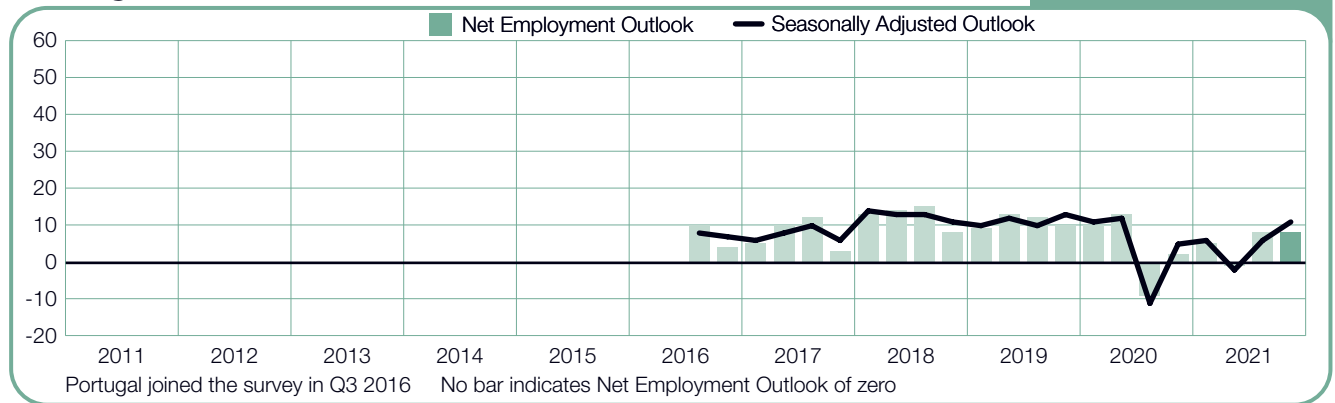
Poland

+12 (+11)%



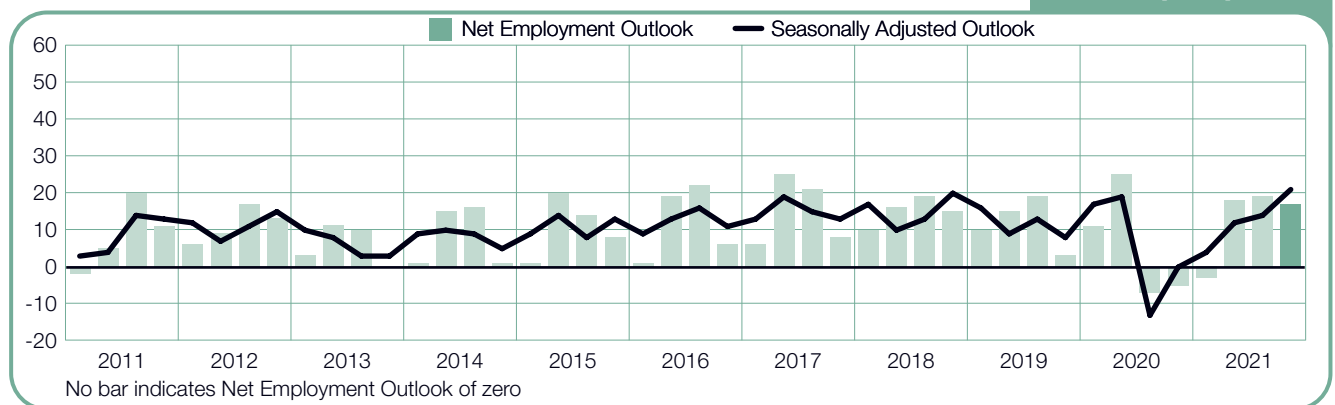
Portugal

+8 (+11)%



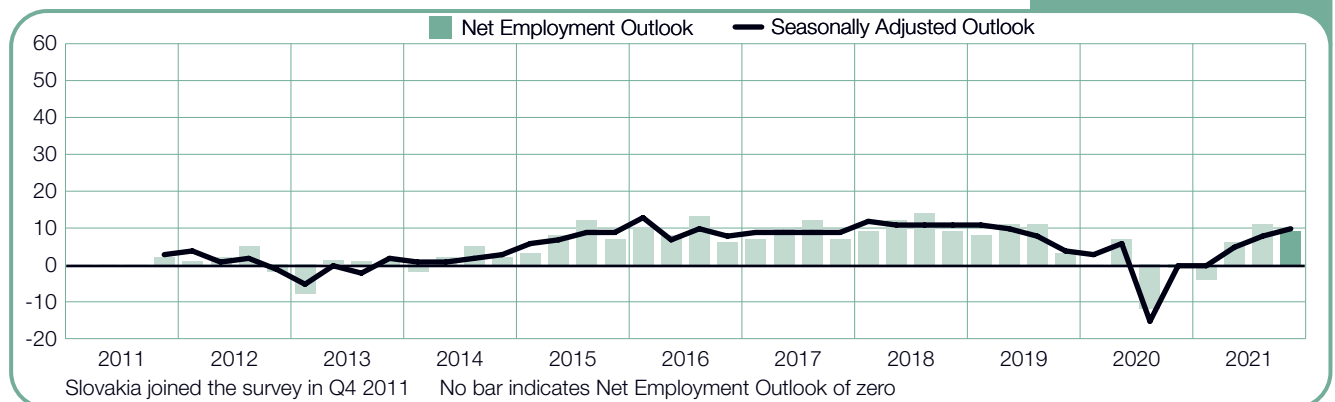
Romania

+17 (+21)%



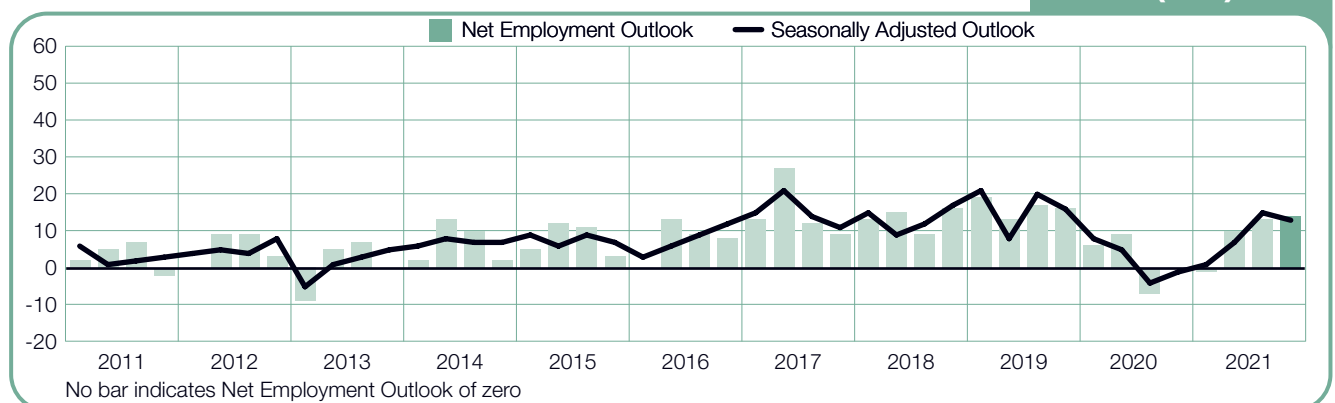
Slovakia

+9 (+10)%



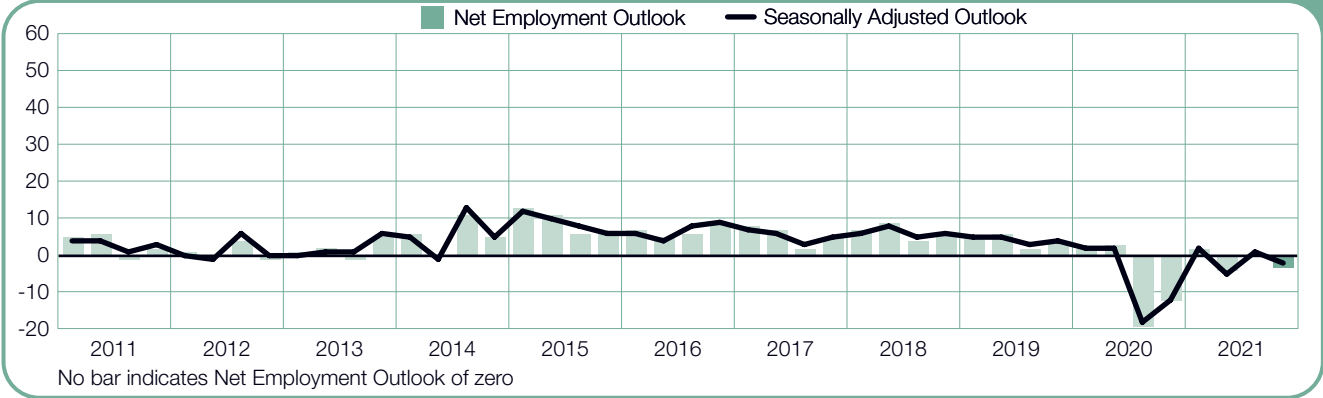
Slovenia

+14 (+13)%



South Africa

-3 (-2)%



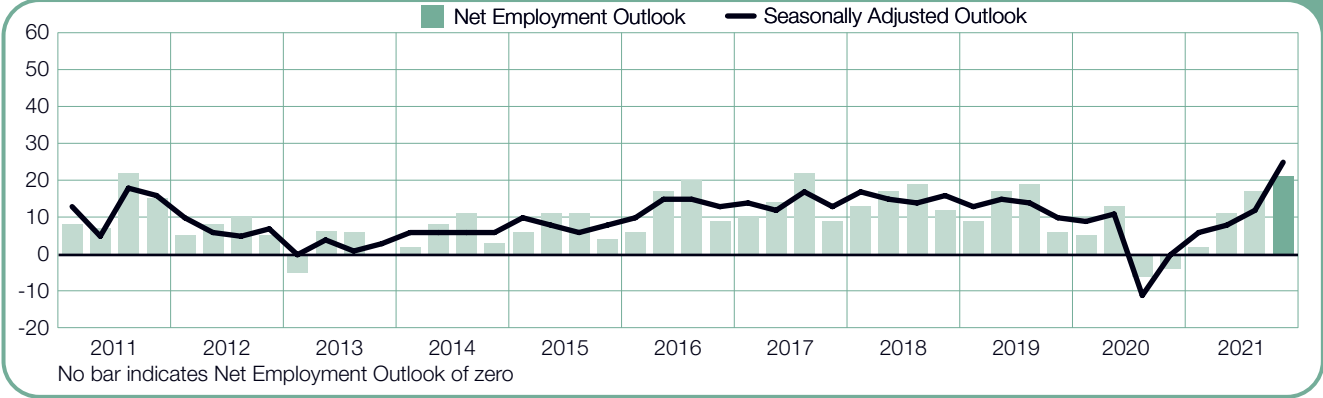
Spain

+31 (+32)%



Sweden

+21 (+25)%



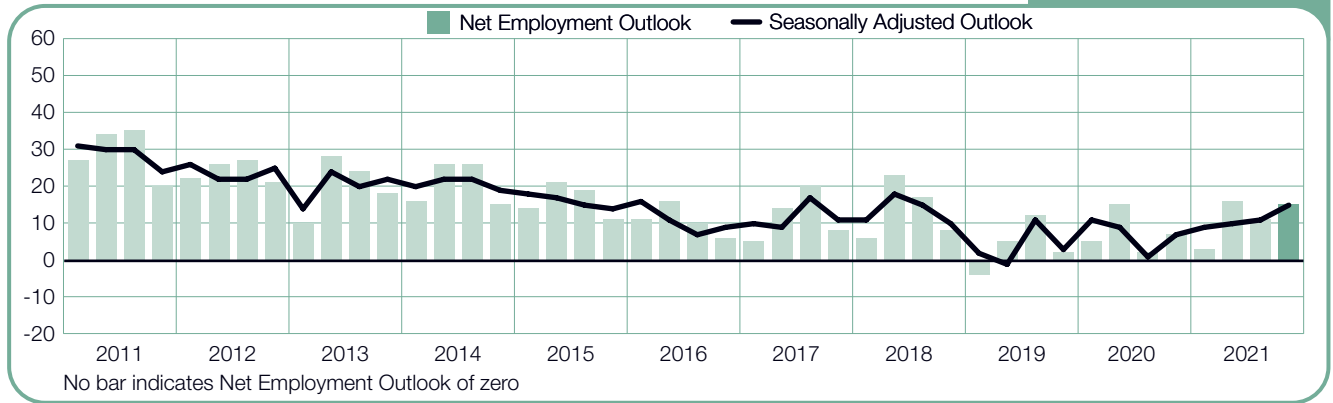
Switzerland

+6 (+8)%



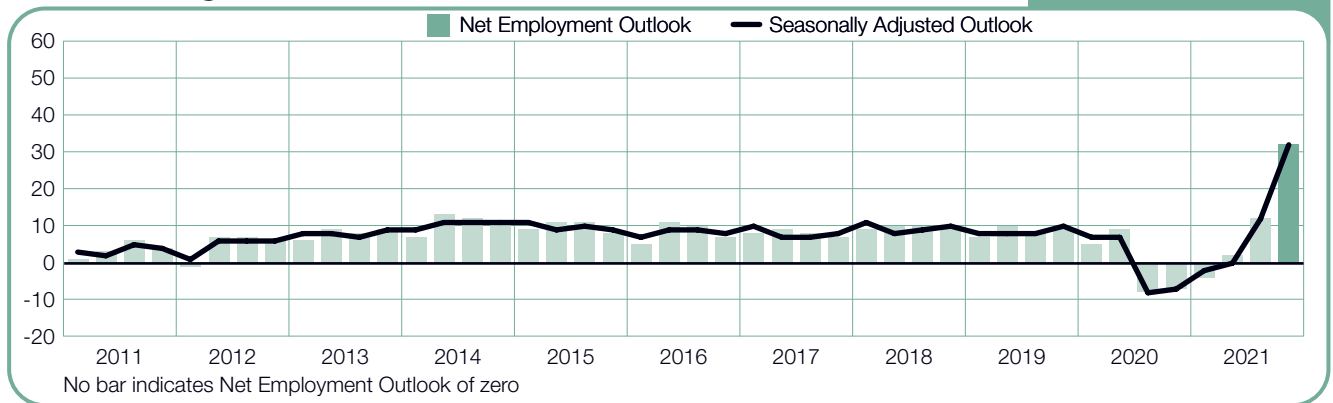
Turkey

+15 (+15)%



United Kingdom

+32 (+32)%



International Comparisons – Americas

In the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey for the final quarter of 2021, more than 12,600 employers were interviewed across 10 countries in North, Central and South America about hiring plans for the upcoming quarter. Employers in nine of the 10 Americas countries anticipate job gains in the next three months, although a dip in payrolls is anticipated in one country.

As in the third quarter of 2021, employers in the U.S. report the strongest hiring sentiment of all 43 countries and territories for the October to December period. With almost six in ten U.S. employers surveyed expecting to add to payrolls, the U.S. Outlook is the strongest since the survey began four decades ago. The booming labour market will likely be driven in part by vigorous hiring activity in the Information, Financial Activities, Transportation & Utilities and Construction sectors, and record-breaking levels of hiring are forecast for all four U.S. regions.

Hiring sentiment in Canada is also the strongest since the survey began, in 1978, with employers anticipating hiring activity across all industry sectors and regions. Bullish labour markets are forecast in the Manufacturing – Durables and Construction sectors, and dynamic hiring activity is expected in both the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and Manufacturing – Non-Durables sectors.

In Mexico, employers forecast a prosperous hiring pace for the upcoming quarter – the strongest since the survey was first carried out in 2002. Workforce gains are expected across all seven regions, with notably bullish hiring plans in the North West and the North, while Outlooks reflect booming hiring plans in two Mexican industry sectors – Manufacturing and Construction.

Employers in the three Central American countries surveyed report contrasting expectations for the fourth quarter of 2021. Hiring prospects in Costa Rica improve for the fourth consecutive quarter, and now stand at their strongest in more than three years, reflecting upbeat hiring sentiment in the Transport & Communication and Services sectors. Meanwhile,

hiring sentiment in Guatemala holds steady, with moderate job growth forecast for the second consecutive quarter, buoyed in part by the strongest Manufacturing sector Outlook in four years. However, the labour market in Panama is likely to struggle, with employers anticipating a dip in payrolls for the upcoming quarter, despite encouraging signs for job seekers in the country's Construction sector.

Employers in Brazil anticipate their strongest labour market since 2013 in the forthcoming quarter, fuelled in part by the strongest Wholesale & Retail Trade sector Outlook in eight years and the strongest Services sector forecast since 2015. Labour markets have also strengthened in Brazil's Agriculture, Fishing & Mining, Manufacturing and Construction sectors when compared with both the third quarter of 2021 and the same period one year ago.

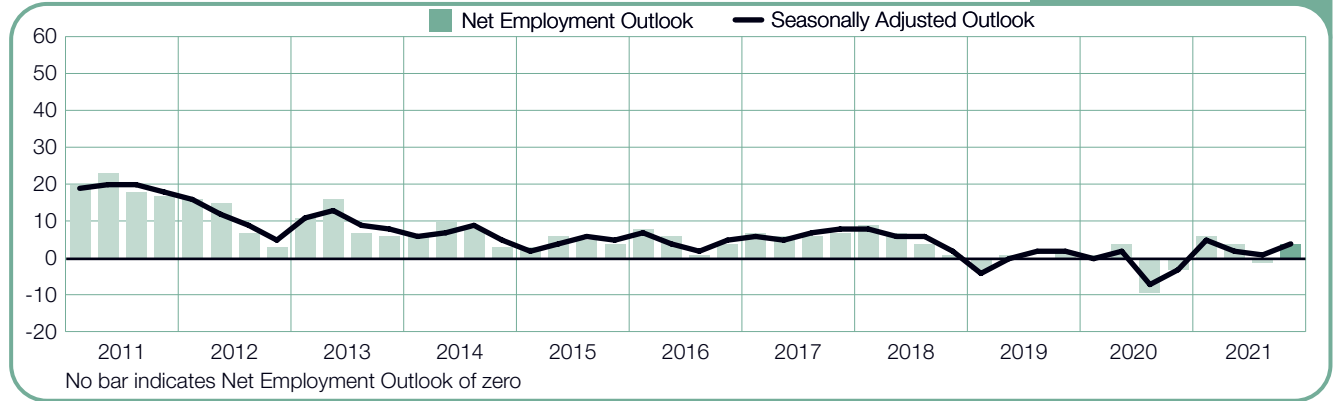
Hiring sentiment in Colombia is the strongest reported in five years, with payrolls expected to grow across all nine industry sectors during the October to December period. Colombia's Manufacturing sector employers report their most optimistic hiring intentions since the survey began in 2008, and solid job gains are forecast for the Construction sector, where the Outlook is the strongest in five years.

In Peru, employers report a slight uptick in hiring prospects when compared with the prior quarter. Overall, modest payroll growth is expected in the next three months, with payrolls expected to climb in seven of nine industry sectors. However, hiring intentions in both the Construction and Services sectors remain subdued, with employers in both sectors expecting to trim payrolls.

Employers in Argentina expect slow-paced payroll gains during the coming quarter, with hiring plans strengthening across six of nine industry sectors in comparison with the prior quarter. Hiring sentiment is strongest in the Agriculture & Fishing and Construction sectors, but labour markets are expected to remain subdued in both the Services and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sectors.

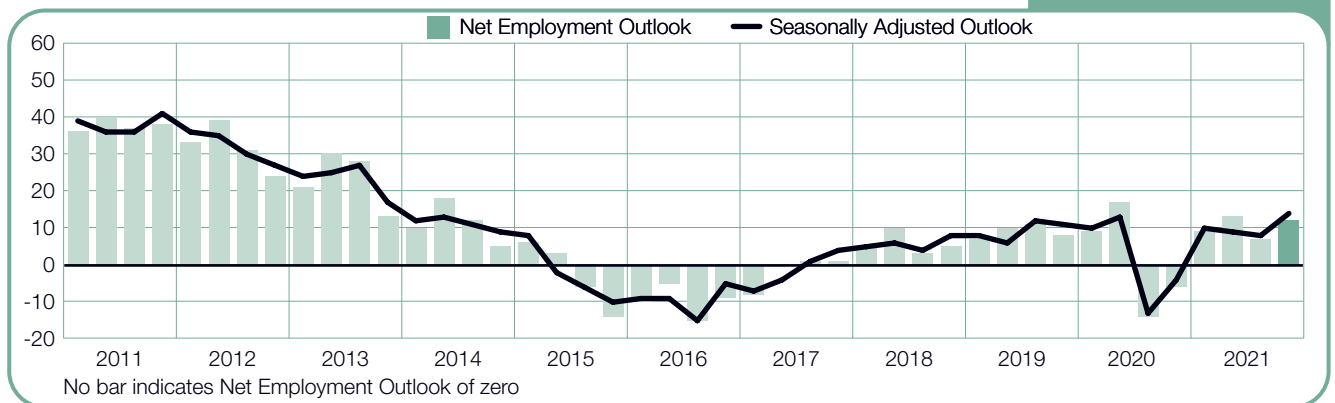
Argentina

+4 (+4)%



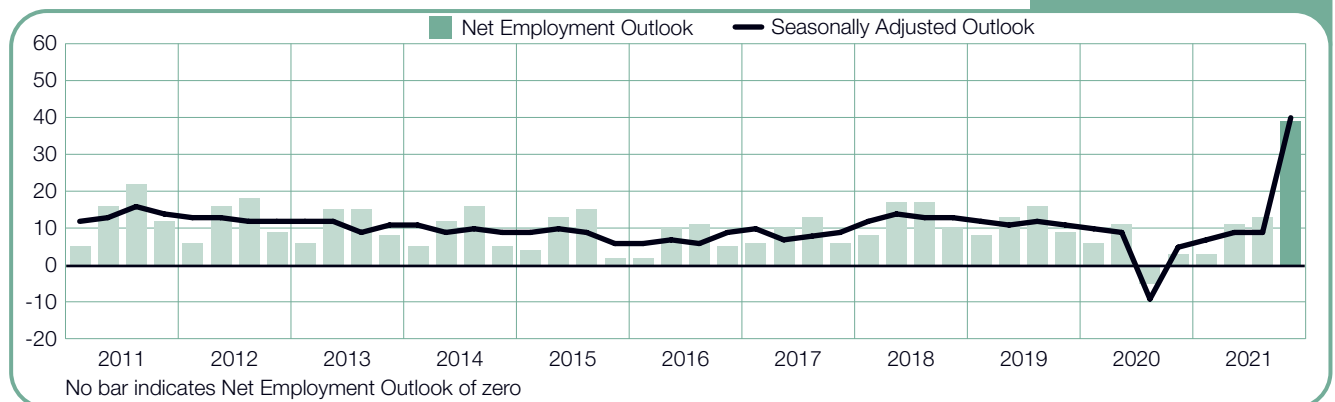
Brazil

+12 (+14)%



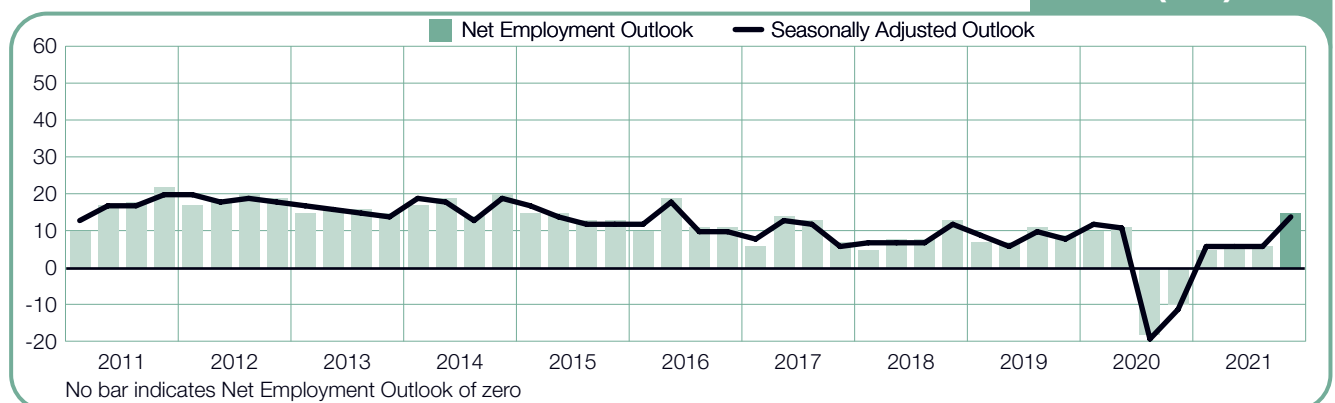
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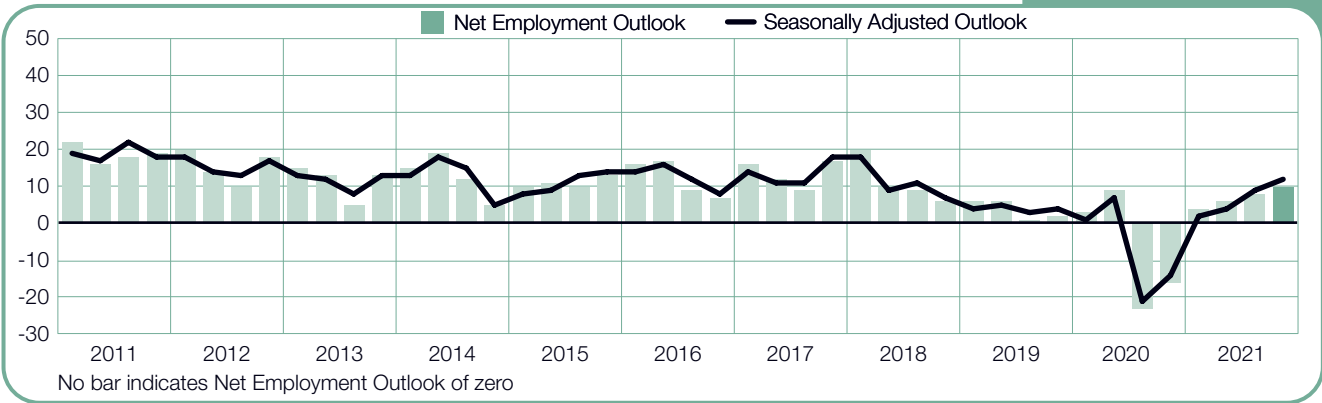
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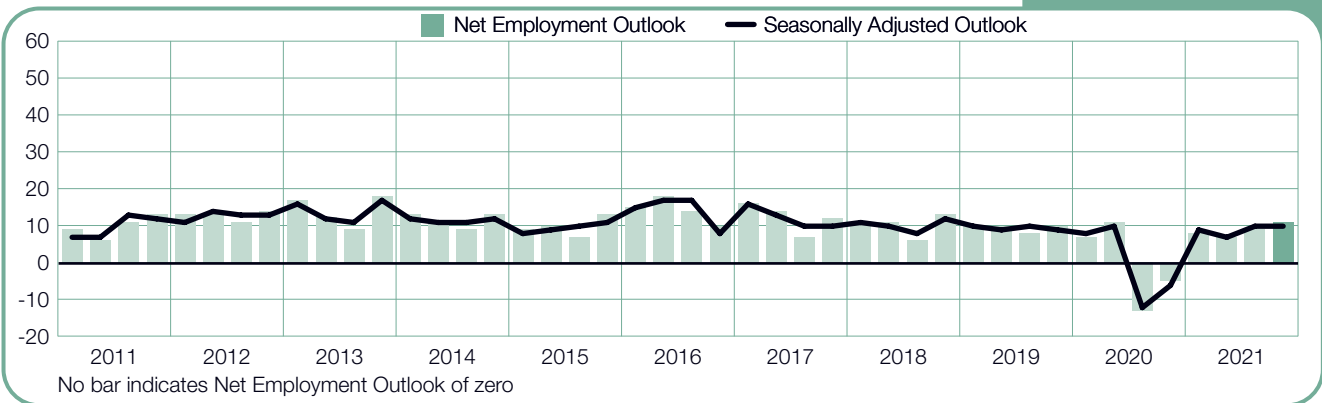
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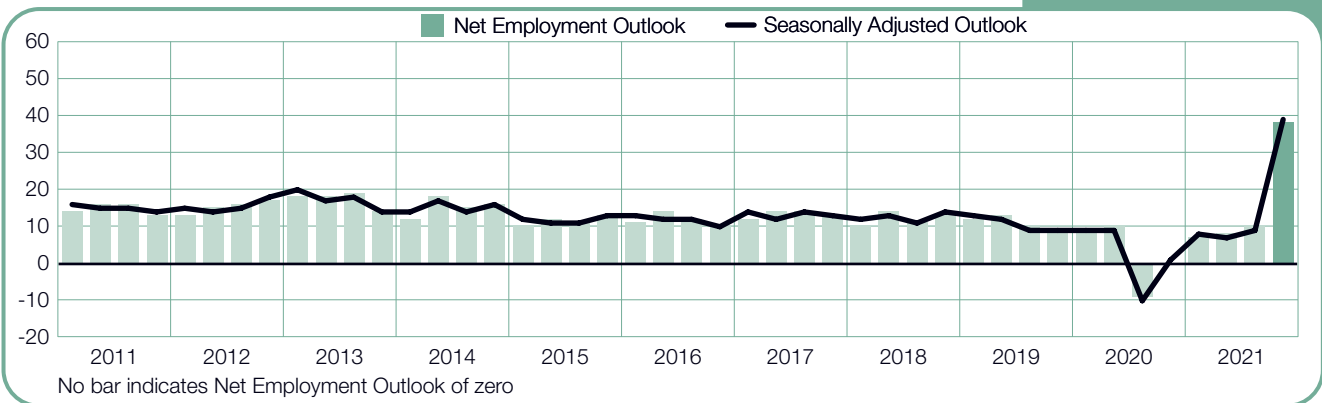
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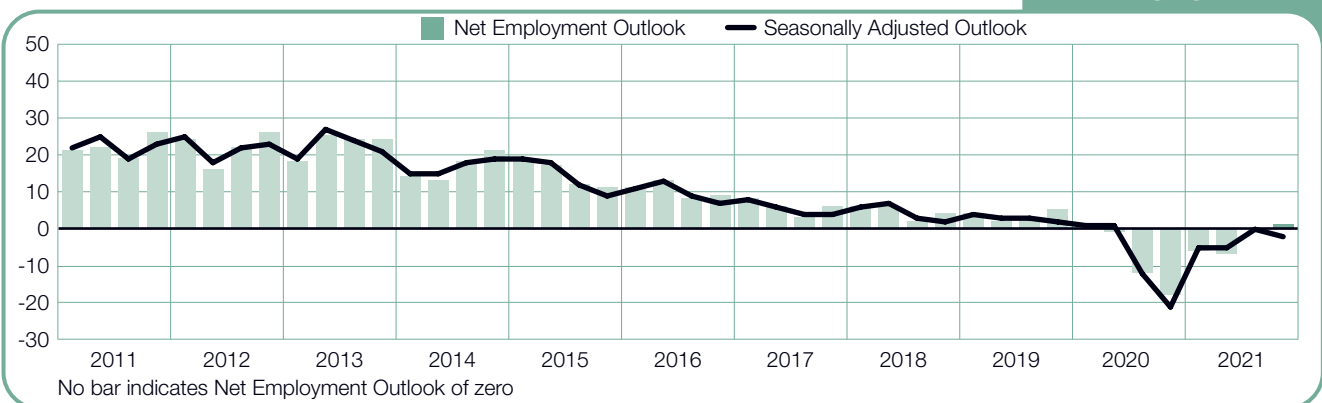
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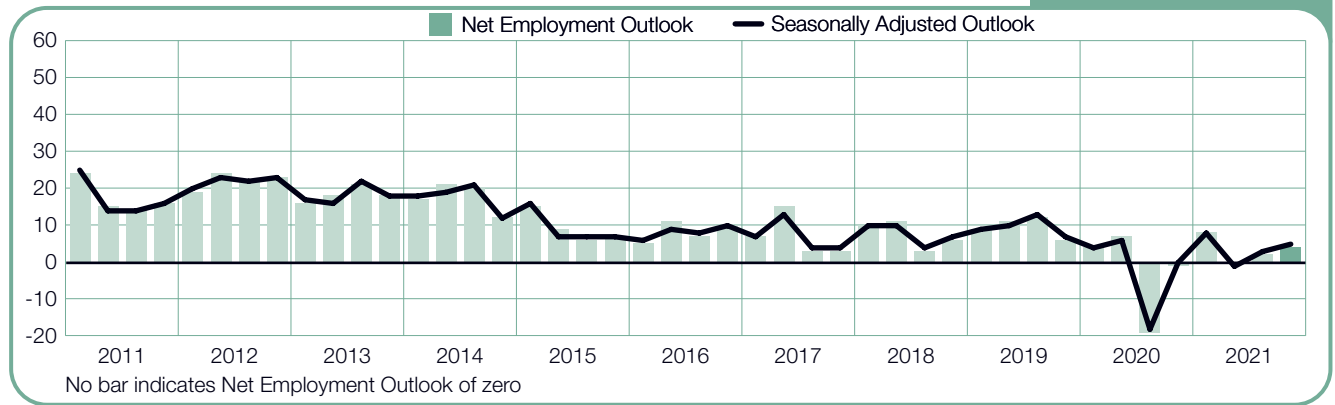
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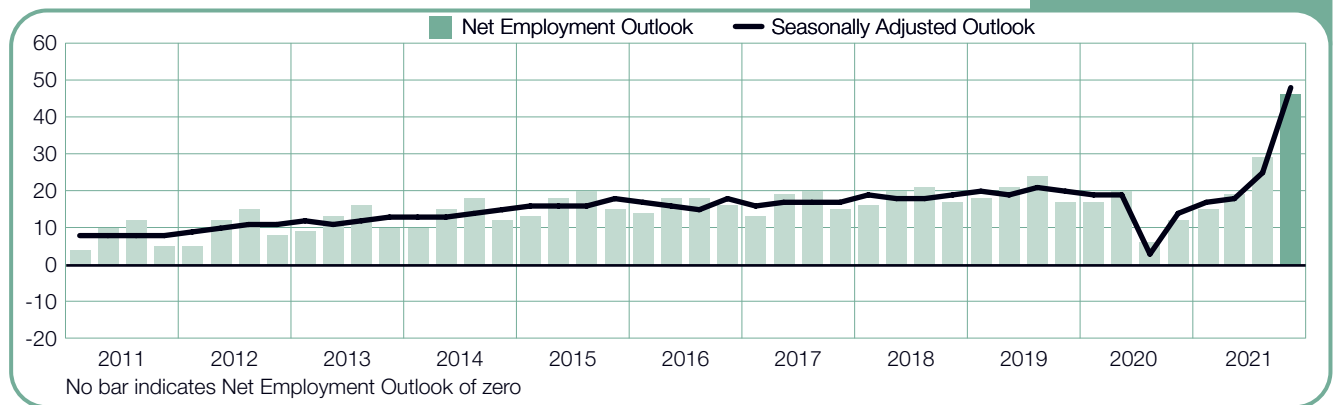
Peru

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United States of America

+46 (+48)%



International Comparisons – Asia Pacific

ManpowerGroup interviewed more than 11,500 employers in seven Asia Pacific countries and territories on hiring prospects for the fourth quarter of 2021. Payrolls are forecast to grow in all seven countries and territories during the coming quarter, although hiring plans have weakened in four when compared with the July to September period.

For the final quarter of 2021, India's employers report a return of bullish hiring sentiment not seen in the survey since 2014, with sharp improvements in comparison to the prior quarter and last year at this time. The most dynamic hiring activity is anticipated in the Services, Manufacturing and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sectors while steep year-over-year increases are reported in all seven sectors.

Employers in Japan also expect a measure of recovery in the labour market, reporting their strongest hiring sentiment since before the Covid-19 outbreak in March 2020. Job gains are expected in all seven Japanese industry sectors, with the strongest hiring activity anticipated in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate, Mining & Construction and Services sectors.

In the region's largest labour market, employers in China expect the steady hiring pace to continue during the fourth quarter of 2021. While the overall Outlook for China's labour market is slightly weaker when compared with the previous quarter, hiring plans remain stronger than this time one year ago in all nine regions. Employers in the Services and Manufacturing sectors anticipate an upbeat hiring pace reporting the strongest hiring activity across the seven sectors during the next three months.

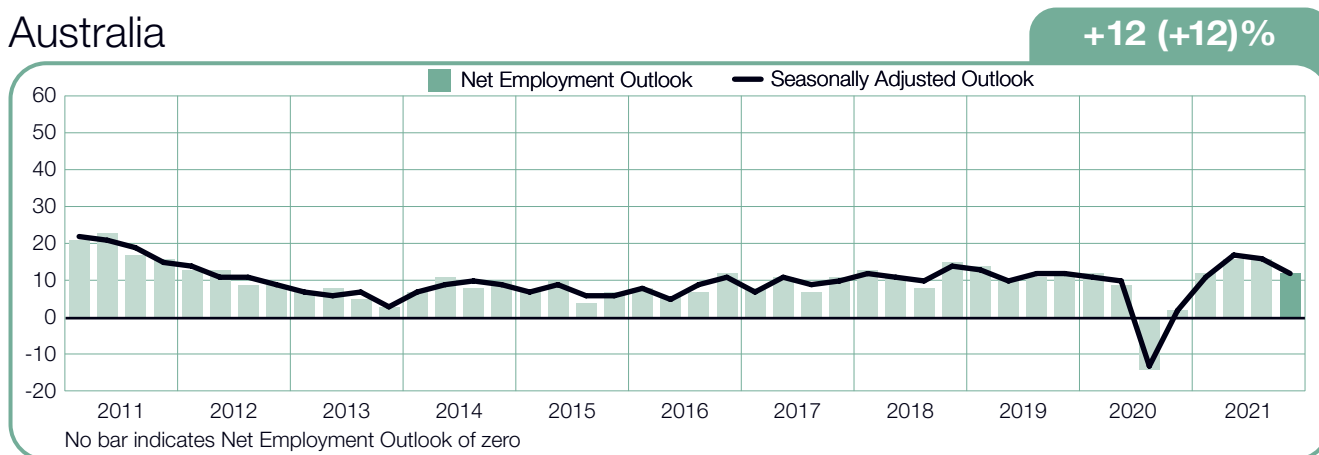
Employers in Hong Kong report their strongest hiring intentions since the start of 2020, anticipating a fair hiring climate in the forthcoming quarter. The Outlook is moderately stronger quarter-over-quarter and improves considerably when compared with this time one year ago, in part fuelled by an upbeat hiring pace in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector and encouraging signs in the Services sector labour markets.

The labour market in Taiwan is forecast to maintain healthy levels of hiring during the next three months – particularly in the Manufacturing and Mining & Construction sectors – although hiring prospects have weakened in six of seven industry sectors quarter-over-quarter, and also dip in five sectors when compared with this time one year ago.

Meanwhile, a more uncertain hiring pace is anticipated in Singapore, with employers reporting weaker hiring plans across all seven industry sectors in comparison with the prior quarter. While Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector employers expect the healthy hiring pace to hold steady, employers in five sectors expect to trim headcount during the next three months, including a particularly gloomy Outlook for the Services sector.

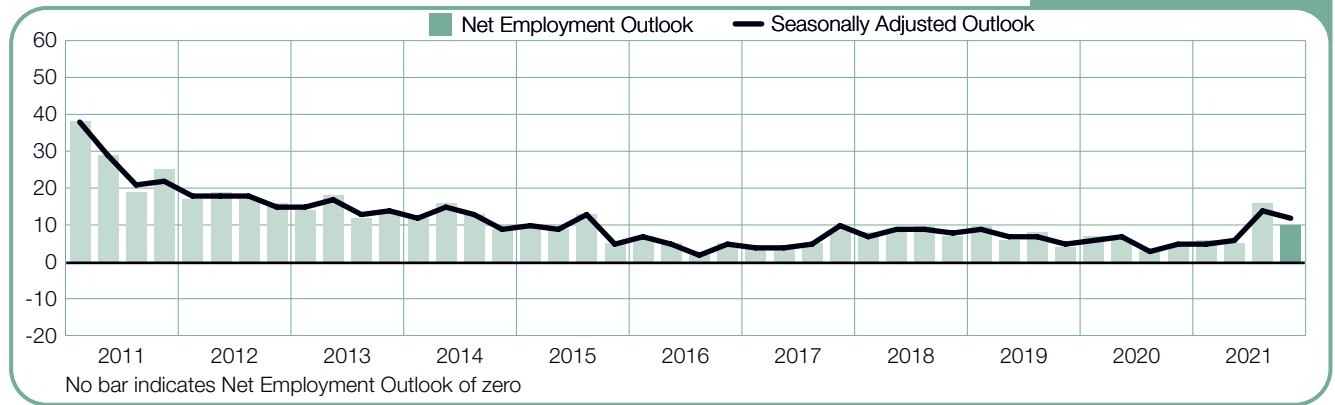
Employers in Australia also report weaker hiring sentiment in comparison with the third quarter of 2021, although workforce gains are still expected in all seven industry sectors, most notably the Mining & Construction, Services and Transportation & Utilities sectors. Payroll growth is also expected in all eight Australian regions, including Northern Territory, where hiring plans are the strongest in 10 years.

Australia



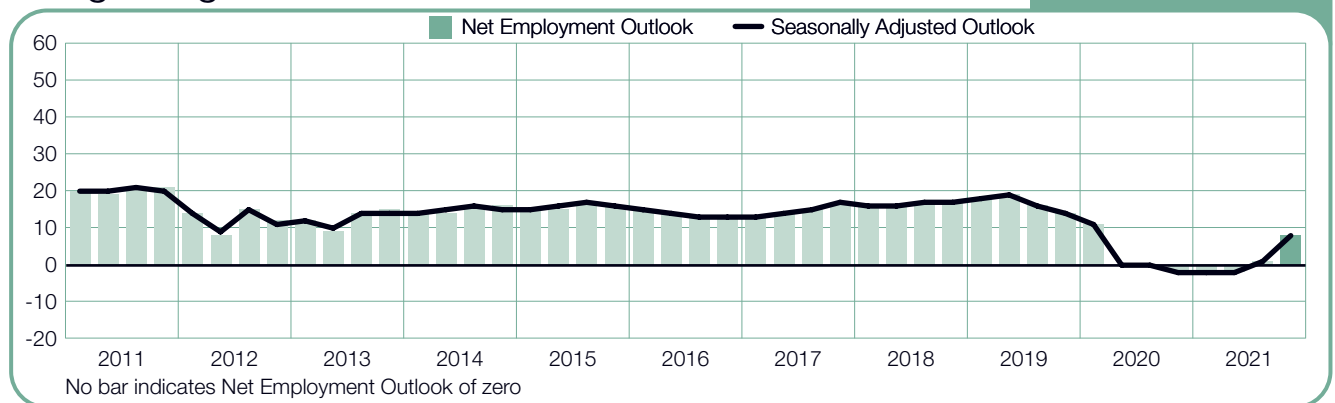
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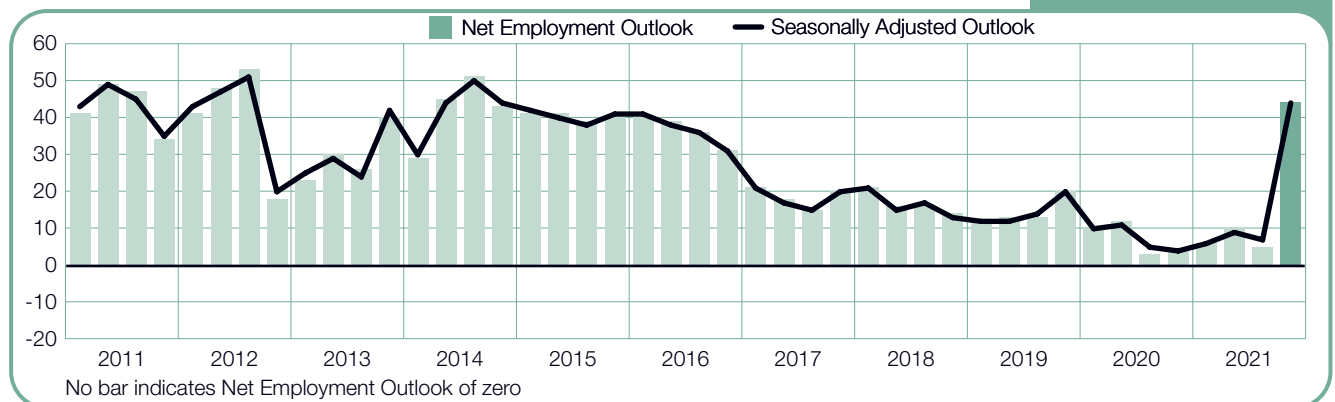
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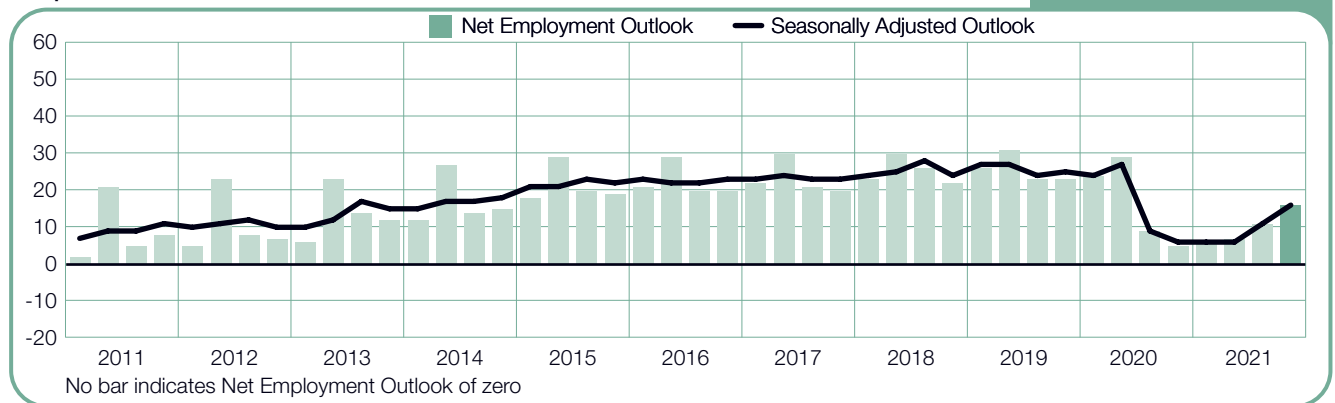
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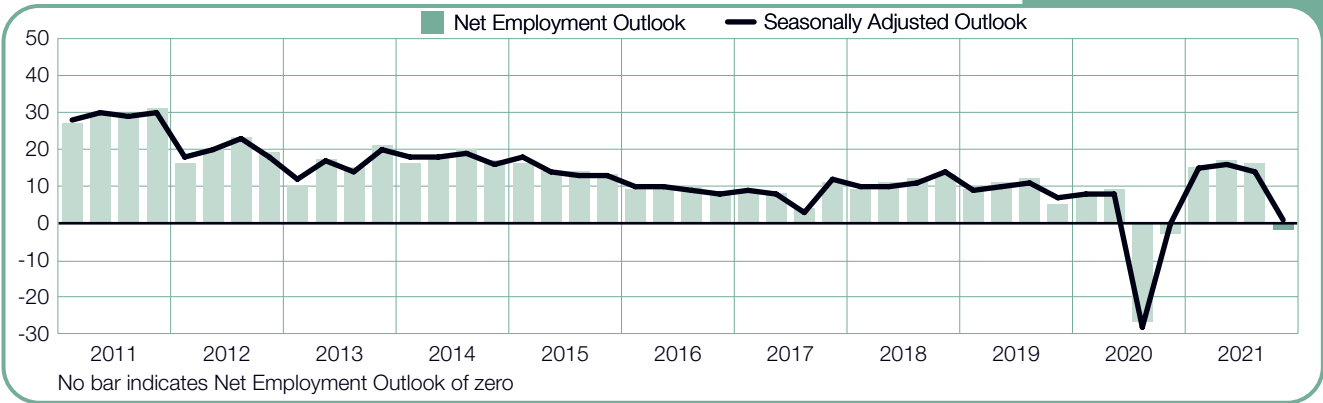
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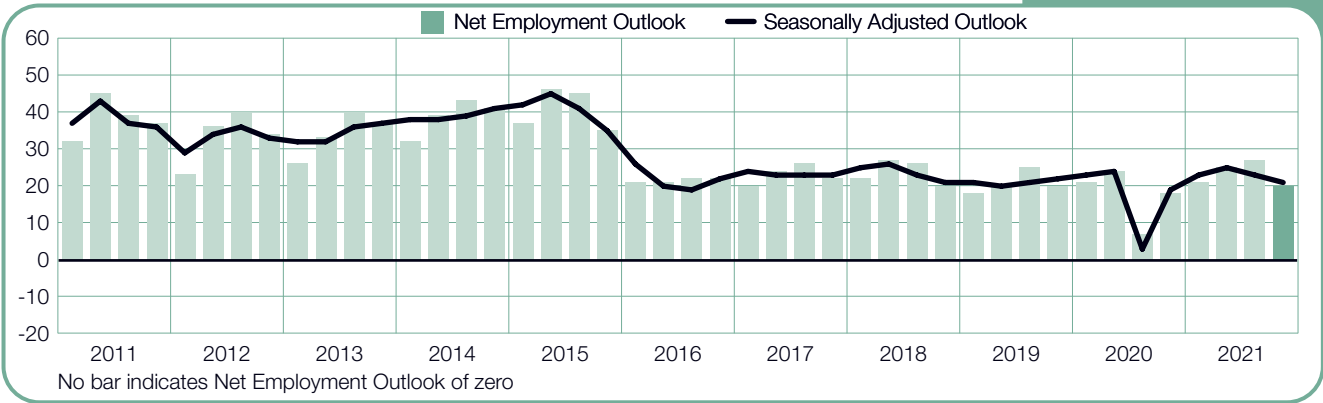
Singapore

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Taiwan

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About the Survey

The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey is conducted quarterly to measure employers' intentions to increase or decrease the number of employees in their workforces during the next quarter.

ManpowerGroup's comprehensive forecast of employer hiring plans has been running for more than 55 years and is one of the most trusted surveys of employment activity in the world. Various factors underpin the success of the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey:

Unique: It is unparalleled in its size, scope, longevity and area of focus.

Projective: The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey is the most extensive, forward-looking employment survey in the world, asking employers to forecast employment over the next quarter. In contrast, other surveys and studies focus on retrospective data to report on what occurred in the past.

Independent: The survey is conducted with a representative sample of employers from throughout the countries and territories in which it is conducted. The survey participants are not derived from ManpowerGroup's customer base.

Robust: For Quarter 4 2021, sample sizes are smaller than other quarters, reflecting the impact of the global health emergency so total number of interviews is significantly lower than normal in some countries. The survey is based on interviews with almost 45,000 public and private employers across 43 countries and territories to measure anticipated employment trends each quarter. This sample allows for analysis to be performed across specific sectors and regions to provide more detailed information.

Focused: For more than five decades the survey has derived all of its information from a single question:

For the Quarter 4 2021 research, all employers participating in the survey worldwide are asked the same question, "How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of December 2021 as compared to the current quarter?"

Methodology

The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey is conducted using a validated methodology, in accordance with the highest standards in market research. The survey has been structured to be representative of each national economy. The margin of error for almost all national, regional and global data is not greater than +/- 5%.

Net Employment Outlook

Throughout this report, we use the term "Net Employment Outlook." This figure is derived by taking the percentage of employers anticipating an increase in hiring activity and subtracting from this the percentage of employers expecting to see a decrease in employment at their location in the next quarter. The result of this calculation is the Net Employment Outlook. Net Employment Outlooks for countries and territories that have accumulated at least 17 quarters of data are reported in a seasonally adjusted format unless otherwise stated.

Seasonal adjustments have been applied to the data for all participating countries except Croatia. ManpowerGroup intends to add seasonal adjustments to the data for Croatia in the future, as more historical data is compiled.

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