

**ManpowerGroup
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Australian Employment Outlook

The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey for the second quarter 2017 was conducted by interviewing a representative sample of 1,511 employers in Australia.

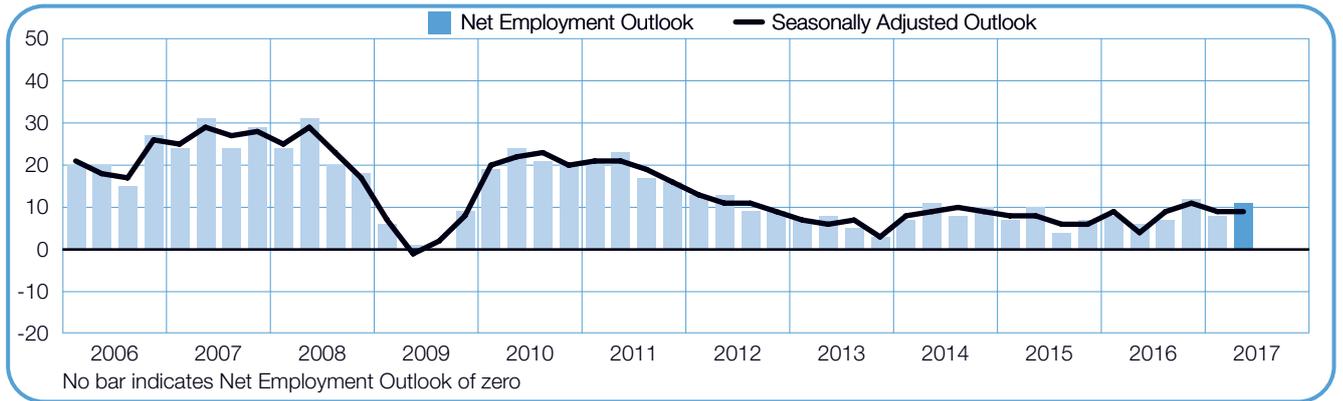
All survey participants were asked, “How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of June 2017 as compared to the current quarter?”

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Australian Employment Outlook

	Increase	Decrease	No Change	Don't Know	Net Employment Outlook	Seasonally Adjusted
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Apr-June 2017	15	4	78	3	11	9
Jan-Mar 2017	13	5	76	6	8	9
Oct-Dec 2016	18	6	75	1	12	11
July-Sep 2016	13	6	78	3	7	9
Apr-June 2016	13	7	78	2	6	4



Australian employers report hopeful hiring intentions for the April-June time frame. While 15% of employers forecast an increase in staffing levels, 4% anticipate a decrease and 78% expect no change, resulting in a Net Employment Outlook of +11%.

Once the data is adjusted to allow for seasonal variation, the Outlook stands at +9%. Hiring prospects are unchanged when compared with the previous quarter and improve by five percentage points year-over-year.

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

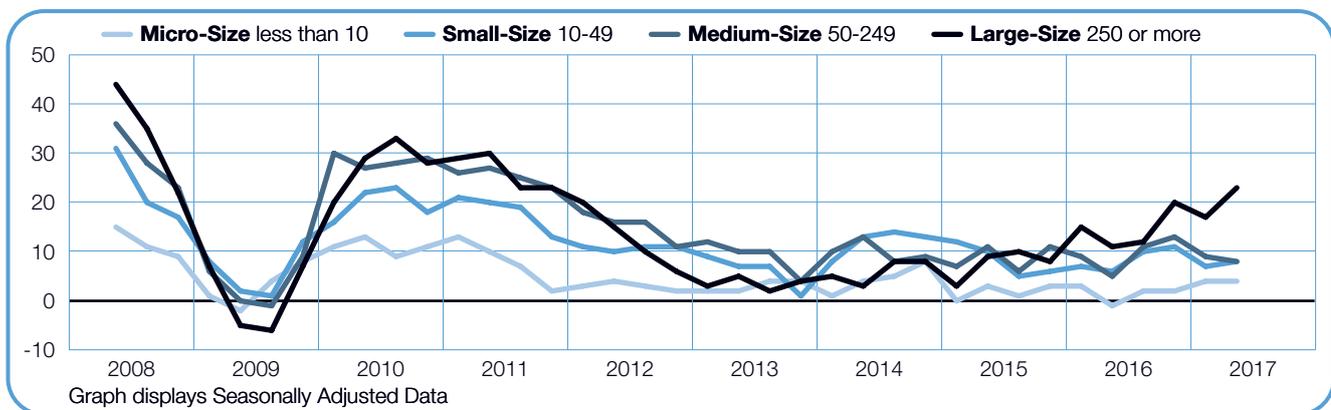
Participating employers are categorised into one of four organisation sizes: Micro businesses have less than 10 employees; Small businesses have 10-49 employees; Medium businesses have 50-249 employees; and Large businesses have 250 or more employees.

Payrolls are forecast to grow in all four organisation size categories during the coming quarter. Large employers report solid hiring intentions with a Net Employment Outlook of +23%, while some job gains are expected in both the Medium- and Small-size categories, with Outlooks of +8%. Meanwhile, Micro employers report modest hiring plans with an Outlook of +4%.

Large employers report an improvement of six percentage points when compared with the previous quarter. Elsewhere, hiring prospects are relatively stable for Small- and Medium-size employers while Micro employers report no change.

When compared with Quarter 2 2016, Large employers report a considerable increase of 12 percentage points. Micro employers report an improvement of five percentage points while Outlooks are three and two percentage points stronger for Medium- and Small-size organisations, respectively.

Organisation-Size	Increase	Decrease	No Change	Don't Know	Net Employment Outlook	Seasonally Adjusted
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Micro-Size less than 10	10	4	85	1	6	4
Small-Size 10-49	12	3	82	3	9	8
Medium-Size 50-249	15	6	76	3	9	8
Large-Size 250 or more	28	4	63	5	24	23

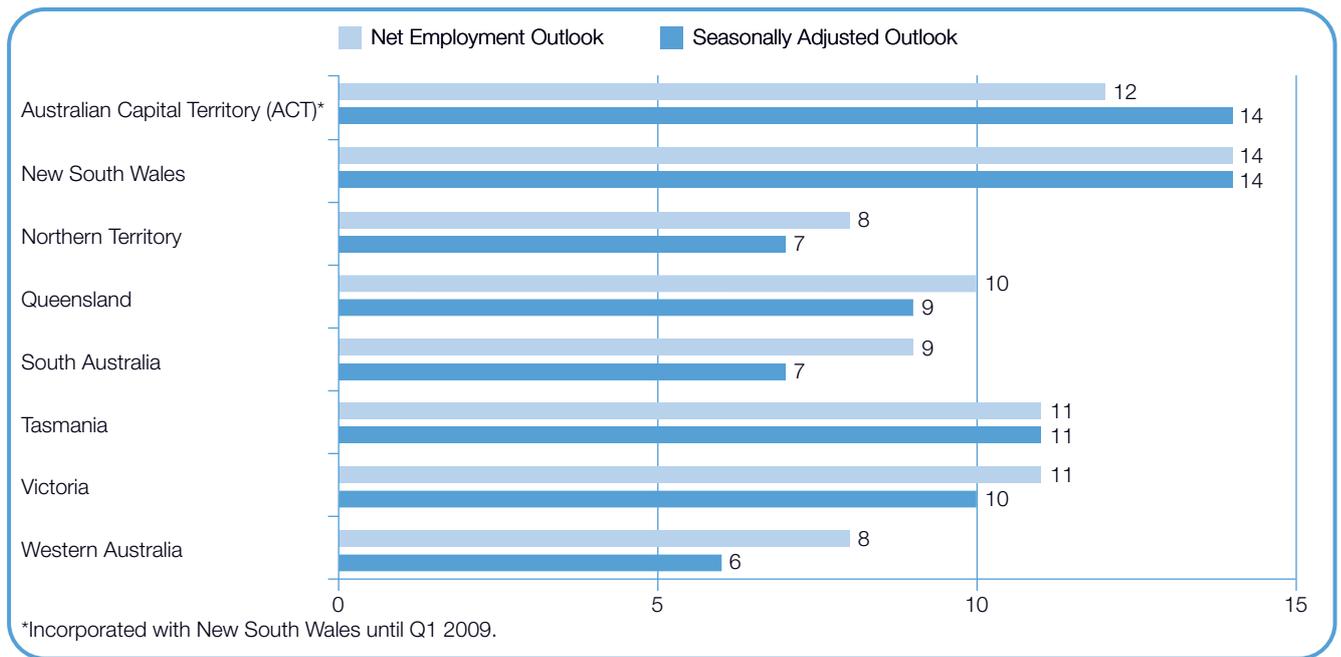


Regional Comparisons

Staffing levels are expected to grow in all eight regions during the second quarter of 2017. The strongest hiring prospects are reported in New South Wales and Australia Capital Territory (ACT), where Net Employment Outlooks stand at +14%. Elsewhere, Tasmania employers anticipate a steady hiring pace with an Outlook of +11%, while the Victoria Outlook stands at +10%. Queensland employers report a cautiously optimistic Outlook of +9%, while some payroll gains are expected in both South Australia and Northern Territory, with Outlooks of +7%. The most cautious regional Outlook of +6% is reported in Western Australia.

Quarter-over-quarter, hiring prospects strengthen in five of the eight regions. The most noteworthy improvements of five percentage points are reported in both Queensland and Tasmania, while the Outlook is four percentage points stronger in ACT. However, employers in three regions report weaker hiring intentions, including Victoria where the Outlook declines by three percentage points.

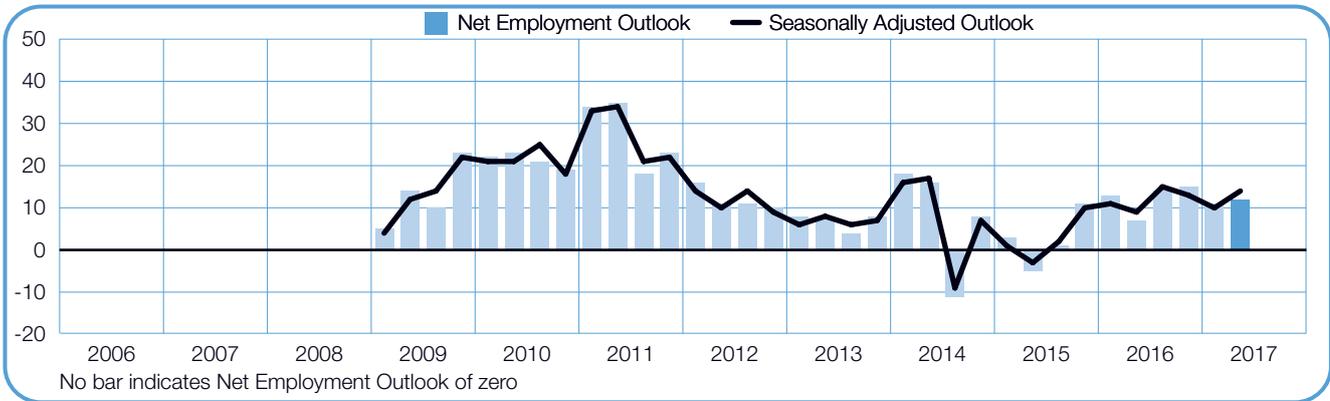
When compared with this time one year ago, hiring plans improve in seven of the eight regions, including Western Australia, where employers report a sharp increase of 21 percentage points. The Northern Territory Outlook is 10 percentage points stronger, while increases of nine and six percentage points are reported in Tasmania and Queensland, respectively. Meanwhile, employers in Victoria report a decline of two percentage points.



+12 (+14)%

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

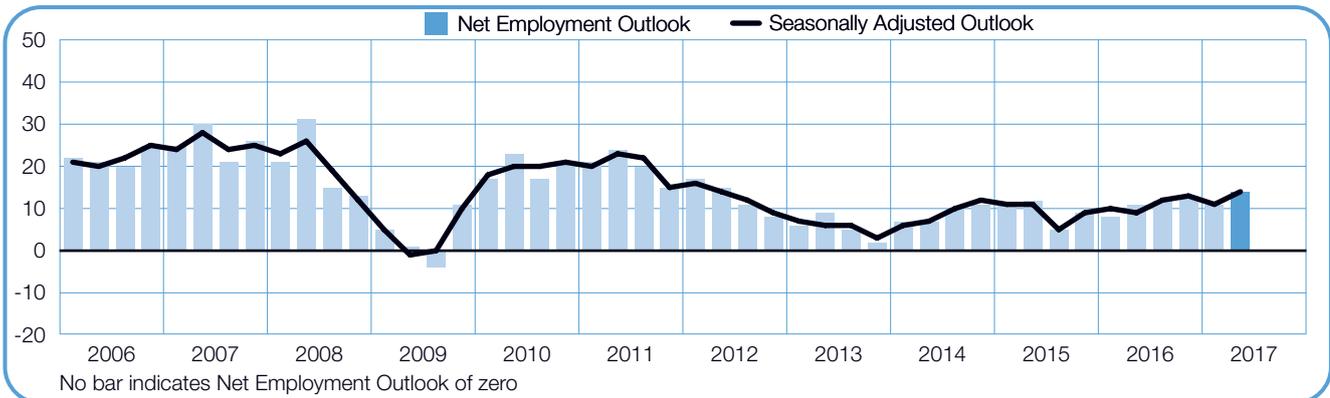
Employers forecast a favourable hiring pace in Quarter 2 2017, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +14%. Hiring plans improve by four percentage points quarter-over-quarter and are five percentage points stronger when compared with Quarter 2 2016.



+14 (+14)%

New South Wales

Steady payroll growth is anticipated in the April-June period, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +14%. Hiring intentions are three percentage points stronger when compared with the previous quarter, and improve by five percentage points year-over-year.



+8 (+7)%

Northern Territory

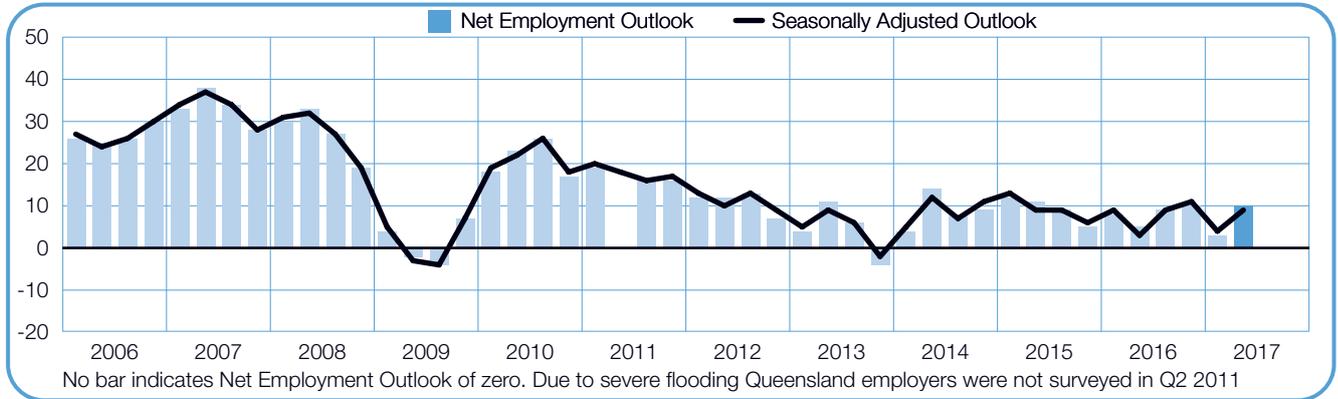
The moderate hiring pace is forecast to continue in Quarter 2 2017 with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +7%. The Outlook remains relatively stable quarter-over-quarter and is 10 percentage points stronger year-over-year.



+10 (+9)%

Queensland

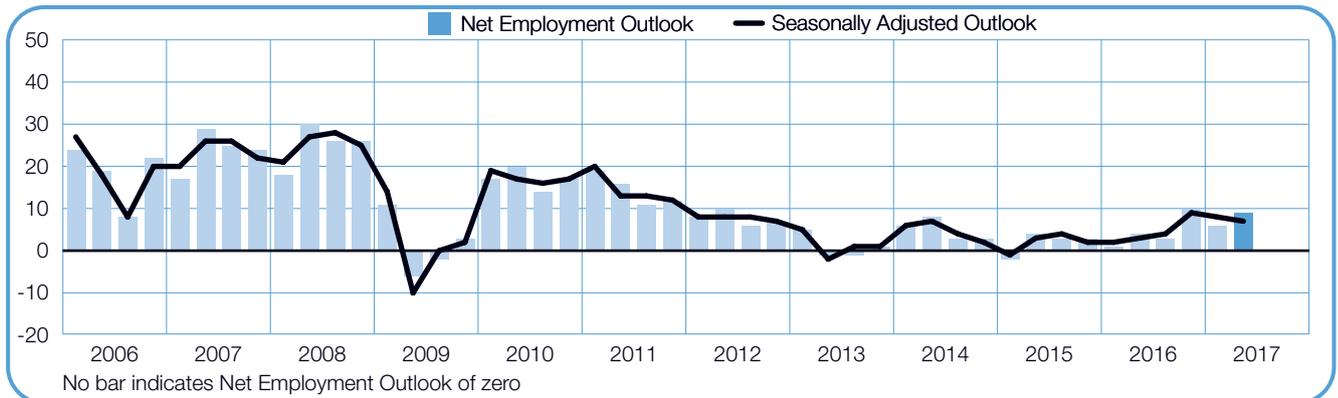
Reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +9%, employers expect a fair hiring climate in the April-June time frame. The Outlook is five percentage points stronger quarter-over-quarter and improves by six percentage points when compared with the second quarter of 2016.



+9 (+7)%

South Australia

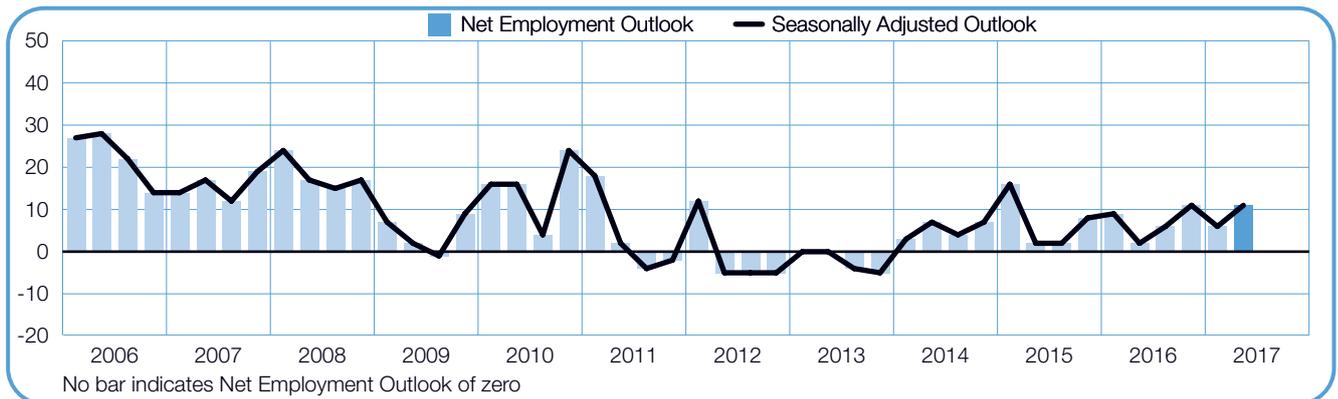
Employers continue to anticipate some payroll gains, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +7% for the coming quarter. Hiring prospects remain relatively stable when compared with Quarter 1 2017 and improve by four percentage points year-over-year.



+11 (+11)%

Tasmania

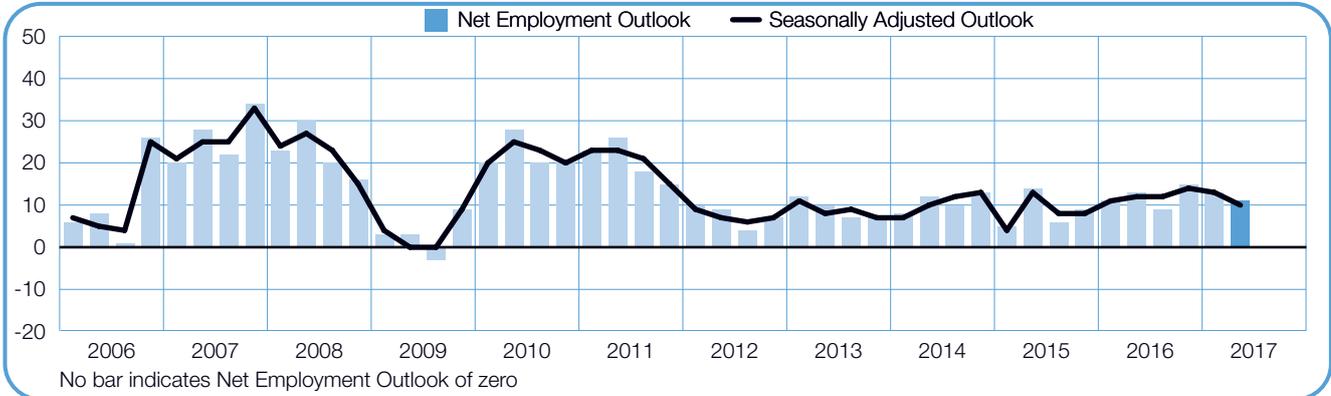
Respectable workforce gains are likely in the next three months, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +11%. Hiring intentions are five and nine percentage points stronger quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.



+11 (+10)%

Victoria

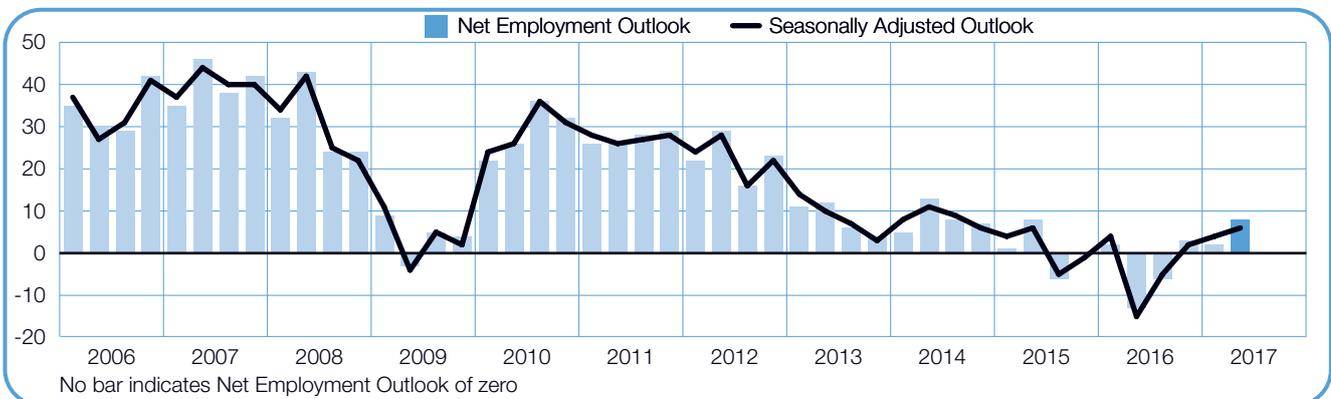
Job seekers can expect a fair hiring climate in the second quarter of 2017, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +10%. However, hiring plans decline by three percentage points when compared with the previous quarter and are two percentage points weaker year-over-year.



+8 (+6)%

Western Australia

Job seekers can expect the strongest labour market in two years during the coming quarter, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +6%. Hiring prospects improve by two percentage points quarter-over-quarter, and employers report a sharp increase of 21 percentage points when compared with this time one year ago.

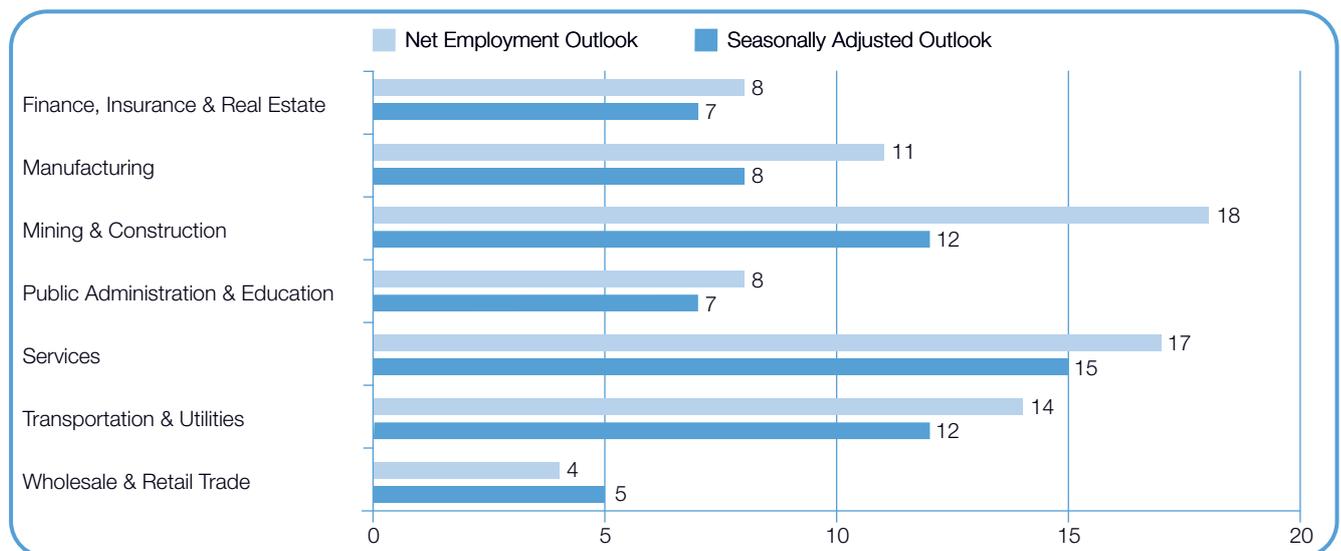


Sector Comparisons

Employers in all seven industry sectors expect to grow payrolls during Quarter 2 2017 with the strongest Net Employment Outlook of +15% reported in the Services sector. Elsewhere, employers anticipate steady hiring activity in both the Mining & Construction sector and the Transportation & Utilities sector, with Outlooks of +12%. Modest workforce gains are expected in the Manufacturing sector, with an Outlook of +8%, and in both the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector and the Public Administration & Education sector, where Outlooks stand at +7%. Meanwhile, the most cautious sector Outlook of +5% is reported by employers in the Wholesale Trade & Retail Trade sector.

When compared with the previous quarter, hiring prospects improve in four of the seven industry sectors. Outlooks are four percentage points stronger in three sectors – the Manufacturing sector, the Mining & Construction sector and the Transportation & Utilities sector. However, employers in three sectors report weaker hiring plans, including the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector where employers report a decline of four percentage points.

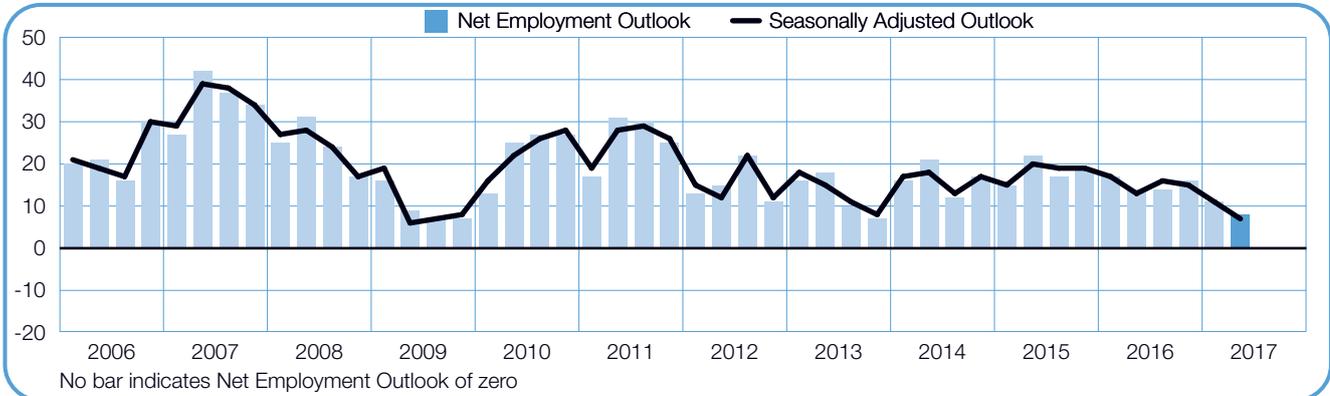
Year-over-year, Outlooks improve in six of the seven industry sectors. A considerable increase of 18 percentage points is reported in the Mining & Construction sector, while the Outlook for the Services sector is seven percentage points stronger. Improvements of five percentage points are reported in both the Manufacturing sector and the Wholesale Trade & Retail Trade sector. However, employers in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector report a decline of six percentage points.



+8 (+7)%

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

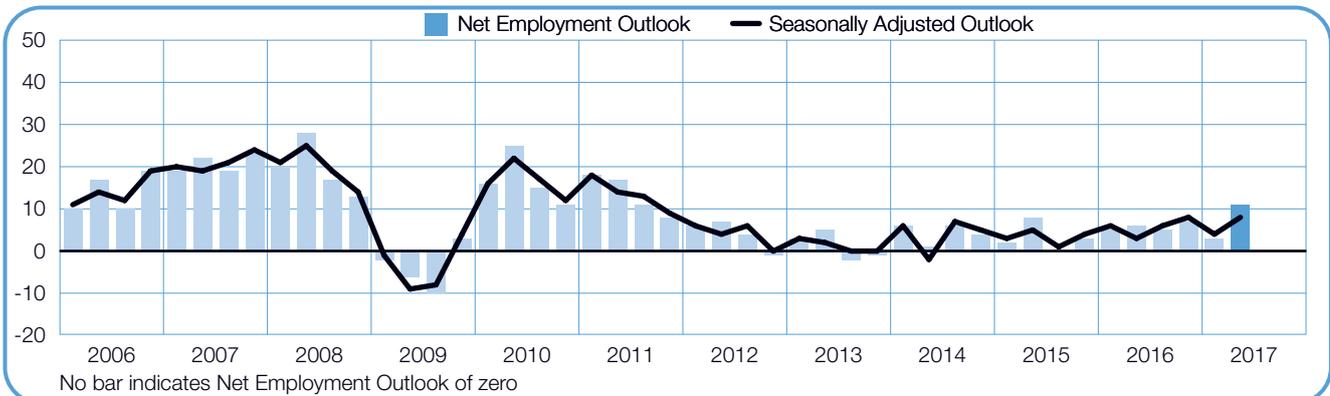
The weakest labour market in eight years is anticipated in the April-June period, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +7%. Hiring prospects are four percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter and decline by six percentage points year-over-year.



+11 (+8)%

Manufacturing

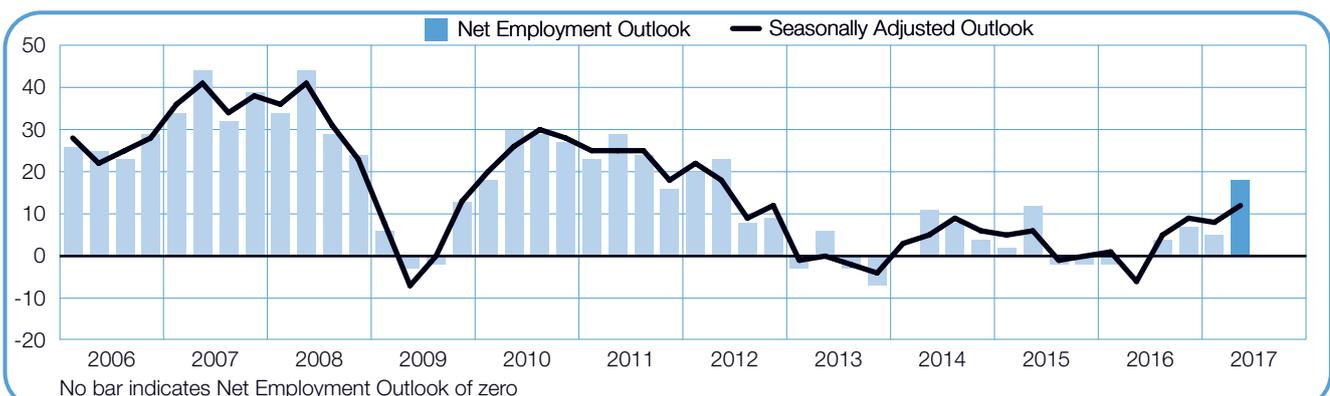
Job seekers can expect a cautiously optimistic hiring pace in the coming quarter, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +8%. Hiring intentions improve by four percentage points quarter-over-quarter and are five percentage points stronger when compared with this time a year ago.



+18 (+12)%

Mining & Construction

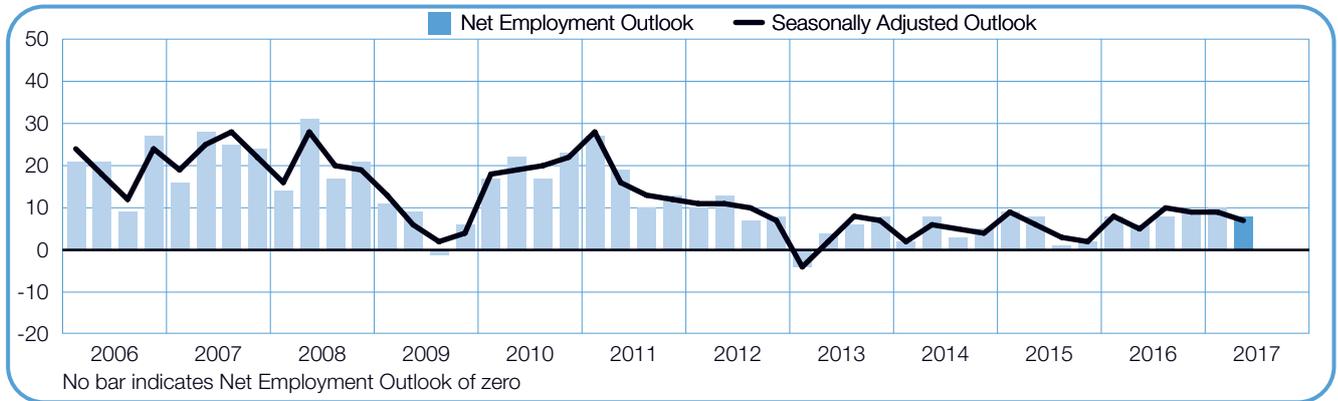
Employers forecast the strongest hiring pace in more than four years during Quarter 2 2017, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +12%. The Outlook is four percentage points stronger when compared with Quarter 1 2017 and employers report a considerable increase of 18 percentage points year-over-year.



+8 (+7)%

Public Administration & Education

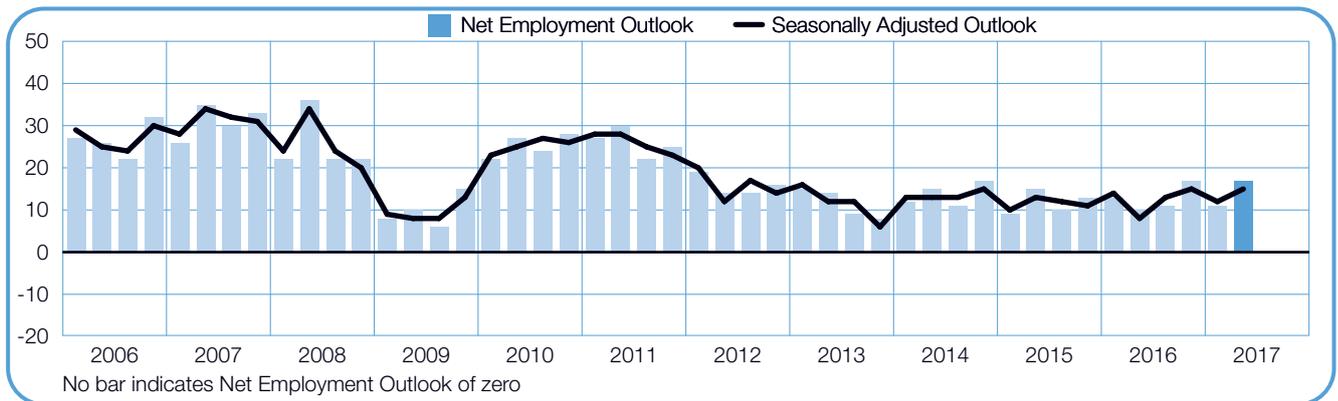
Modest payroll gains are anticipated in the next three months with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +7%. Hiring plans decline by two percentage points quarter-over-quarter but improve by two percentage points when compared with Quarter 2 2016.



+17 (+15)%

Services

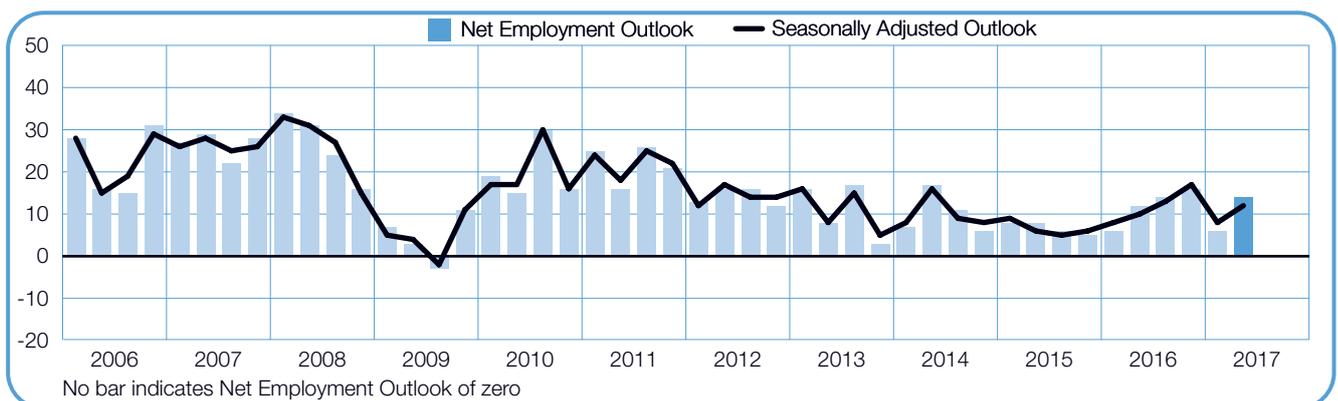
Reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +15%, employers forecast a steady hiring pace in the second quarter of 2017. The Outlook improves both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, increasing by three and seven percentage points, respectively.



+14 (+12)%

Transportation & Utilities

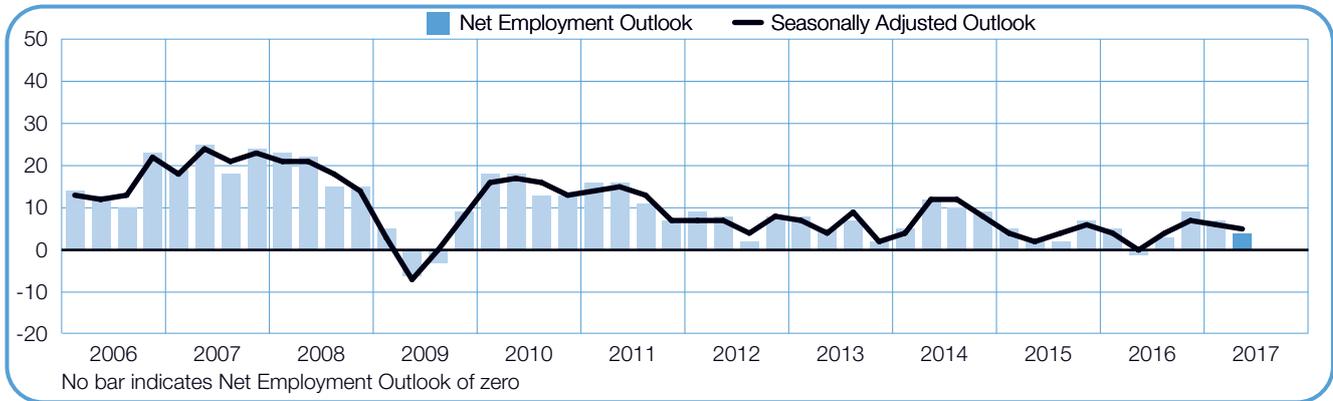
Respectable workforce gains are expected in Quarter 2 2017, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +12%. Hiring intentions are four percentage points stronger when compared with the previous quarter and improve by two percentage points year-over-year.



+4 (+5)%

Wholesale & Retail Trade

Employers anticipate a mild hiring climate in the forthcoming quarter, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +5%. The Outlook remains relatively stable quarter-over-quarter and is five percentage points stronger when compared with this time one year ago.

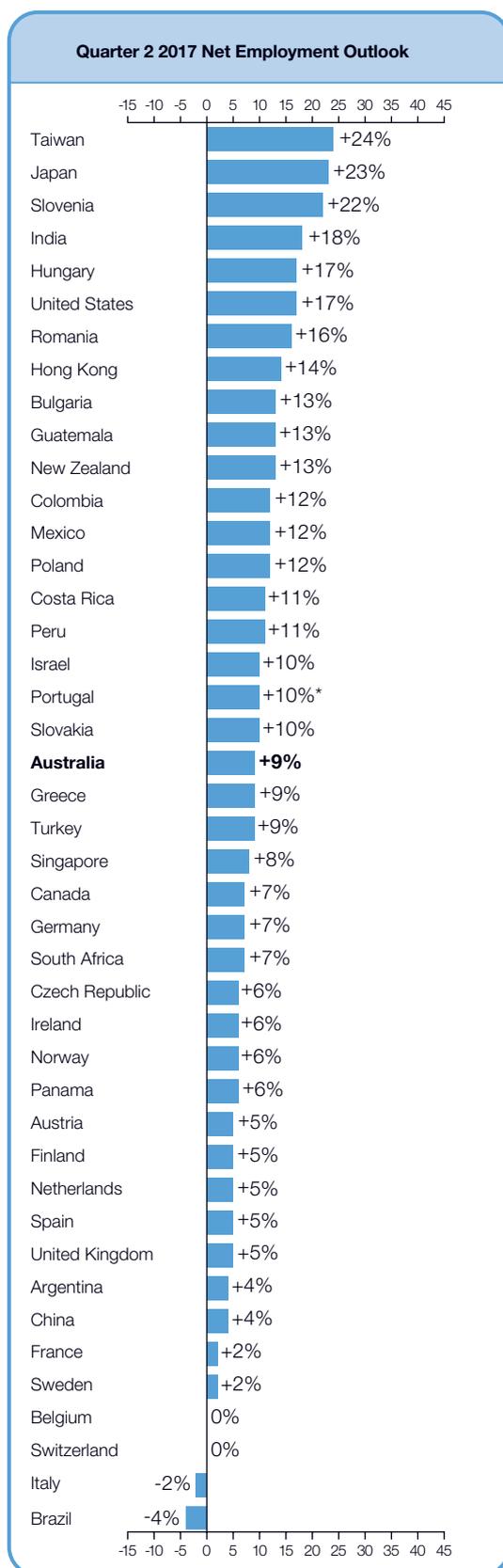


Global Employment Outlook

	Quarter 2 2017	Qtr on Qtr Change Q1 2017 to Q2 2017	Yr on Yr Change Q2 2016 to Q2 2017
	%		
Americas			
Argentina	6 (4) ¹	-1 (-2) ¹	0 (0) ¹
Brazil	0 (-4) ¹	8 (4) ¹	5 (6) ¹
Canada	10 (7) ¹	4 (-3) ¹	0 (0) ¹
Colombia	14 (12) ¹	8 (3) ¹	-5 (-5) ¹
Costa Rica	12 (11) ¹	-4 (-1) ¹	-5 (-2) ¹
Guatemala	14 (13) ¹	-2 (-3) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹
Mexico	14 (12) ¹	2 (-2) ¹	0 (0) ¹
Panama	6 (6) ¹	-2 (-1) ¹	-7 (-4) ¹
Peru	13 (11) ¹	6 (3) ¹	3 (2) ¹
United States	19 (17) ¹	6 (1) ¹	1 (1) ¹

Asia Pacific			
Australia	11 (9)¹	3 (0)¹	5 (5)¹
China	4 (4) ¹	0 (0) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹
Hong Kong	14 (14) ¹	1 (1) ¹	0 (-1) ¹
India	18 (18) ¹	-3 (-5) ¹	-21 (-20) ¹
Japan	30 (23) ¹	8 (0) ¹	1 (1) ¹
New Zealand	14 (13) ¹	-1 (-2) ¹	4 (4) ¹
Singapore	8 (8) ¹	0 (-1) ¹	-2 (-2) ¹
Taiwan	24 (24) ¹	4 (0) ¹	3 (3) ¹

EMEA†			
Austria	7 (5) ¹	4 (-2) ¹	4 (4) ¹
Belgium	1 (0) ¹	-5 (-6) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹
Bulgaria	20 (13) ¹	13 (1) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Czech Republic	6 (6) ¹	5 (4) ¹	2 (4) ¹
Finland	9 (5) ¹	8 (0) ¹	4 (4) ¹
France	1 (2) ¹	0 (0) ¹	2 (3) ¹
Germany	6 (7) ¹	2 (1) ¹	3 (3) ¹
Greece	14 (9) ¹	12 (2) ¹	4 (4) ¹
Hungary	20 (17) ¹	5 (0) ¹	7 (7) ¹
Ireland	7 (6) ¹	3 (1) ¹	0 (1) ¹
Israel	10 (10) ¹	3 (0) ¹	1 (2) ¹
Italy	0 (-2) ¹	2 (-1) ¹	-2 (-2) ¹
Netherlands	5 (5) ¹	0 (0) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Norway	7 (6) ¹	4 (2) ¹	4 (3) ¹
Poland	13 (12) ¹	9 (4) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Portugal	10	5	-
Romania	25 (16) ¹	19 (0) ¹	6 (5) ¹
Slovakia	10 (10) ¹	3 (1) ¹	2 (2) ¹
Slovenia	27 (22) ¹	14 (4) ¹	14 (14) ¹
South Africa	7 (7) ¹	-1 (0) ¹	2 (2) ¹
Spain	7 (5) ¹	6 (2) ¹	4 (4) ¹
Sweden	4 (2) ¹	-2 (-5) ¹	-5 (-5) ¹
Switzerland	3 (0) ¹	6 (1) ¹	0 (-1) ¹
Turkey	14 (9) ¹	9 (-1) ¹	-2 (-2) ¹
UK	5 (5) ¹	-1 (-2) ¹	-2 (-2) 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.

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey is ManpowerGroup's quarterly index of employer hiring confidence.

ManpowerGroup interviewed over 58,000 employers across 43 countries and territories to forecast labour market activity in Quarter 2 2017. All participants were asked, "How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of June 2017 as compared to the current quarter?"

ManpowerGroup's second-quarter research reveals that employers in 39 of 43 countries and territories intend to add to their payrolls by varying degrees in the April-June time frame.* Overall, opportunities for job seekers are expected to remain similar to those available in the first three months of 2017, with employers in most countries and territories signalling that they are content to either maintain current staffing levels or engage in modest levels of payroll growth while they monitor ongoing developments in the marketplace.

Hiring plans improve in 17 of 43 countries and territories when compared quarter-over-quarter, decline in 15, and are unchanged in 11. The year-over-year trend reveals a more pronounced uptick with Outlooks strengthening in 25 countries and territories, weakening in 14, and remaining unchanged in three.** Second-quarter hiring confidence is strongest in Taiwan, Japan, Slovenia and India. The weakest forecasts are reported in Brazil, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland.

Staffing levels are expected to grow in 22 of 25 countries in the Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) region. Outlooks improve in 12 countries quarter-over-quarter, weaken in six and are unchanged in seven. In a year-over-year comparison, Outlooks improve in 18 countries and decline in only six. Job seekers in Slovenia, Hungary and Romania stand to benefit from the strongest employer hiring plans in the EMEA region. Additionally, employers in Slovenia, as well as their counterparts in Bulgaria, report their most optimistic hiring plans since their surveys were launched. The weakest forecasts are reported in Italy, Belgium and Switzerland.

Payrolls are expected to increase in all eight Asia Pacific countries and territories. When compared to the prior quarter, Net Employment Outlooks decline in three countries and territories, are unchanged in four, and improve in only one. In a year-over-year comparison the hiring pace is expected to improve by varying margins in four countries and territories and decline in the remaining four. For the second consecutive quarter, employers in Taiwan report the most optimistic forecast in the region – as well as across the globe – while for the fourth consecutive quarter employers in China report the region's weakest forecast.

Positive Outlooks are reported in nine of the 10 countries surveyed in the Americas. Hiring confidence strengthens in four countries and declines in six when compared to the first three months of 2017. Year-over-year, hiring prospects improve in three countries, weaken in four and are unchanged in three. For the third consecutive quarter employers in the United States report the strongest hiring plans in the Americas, and for the ninth consecutive quarter employers in Brazil report the weakest.

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

www.manpowergroup.com/meos

The next ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey will be released on 13 June 2017 and will detail expected labour market activity for the third quarter of 2017.

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

** Portugal launched the survey in Quarter 3 2016 and has no year-over-year trend data to compare at this point.

International Comparisons – Asia Pacific

Over 14,000 employers were interviewed in eight countries and territories in the Asia Pacific region. Employers in each intend to add to their workforces over the next three months. However the hiring pace is expected to vary widely across the region.

For the second consecutive quarter, employer confidence in Taiwan is the strongest in the region as well as across all of the countries and territories participating in the survey worldwide. Nearly three of every 10 employers surveyed said they plan to add to their payrolls in the April-June period with the most robust hiring pace expected in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector.

Japanese employers continue to anticipate a solid hiring environment over the next three months. Job prospects are expected to be bright in the Transportation & Utilities sector where the forecast is the strongest reported since Quarter 2 2008. Similarly, employers in the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector report their most optimistic hiring plans in 10 years.

In India, hiring expectations have declined steadily for five consecutive quarters, and India's Outlook dips to its least optimistic level since the survey began in Quarter 3 2005. Additionally, second-quarter forecasts in four of India's seven industry sectors are the weakest reported to date.

Mixed signals are evident in Australia's latest forecast. The overall Outlook is unchanged from the prior quarter, but hiring expectations in two key sectors are on opposite trajectories. The Finance, Insurance & Real

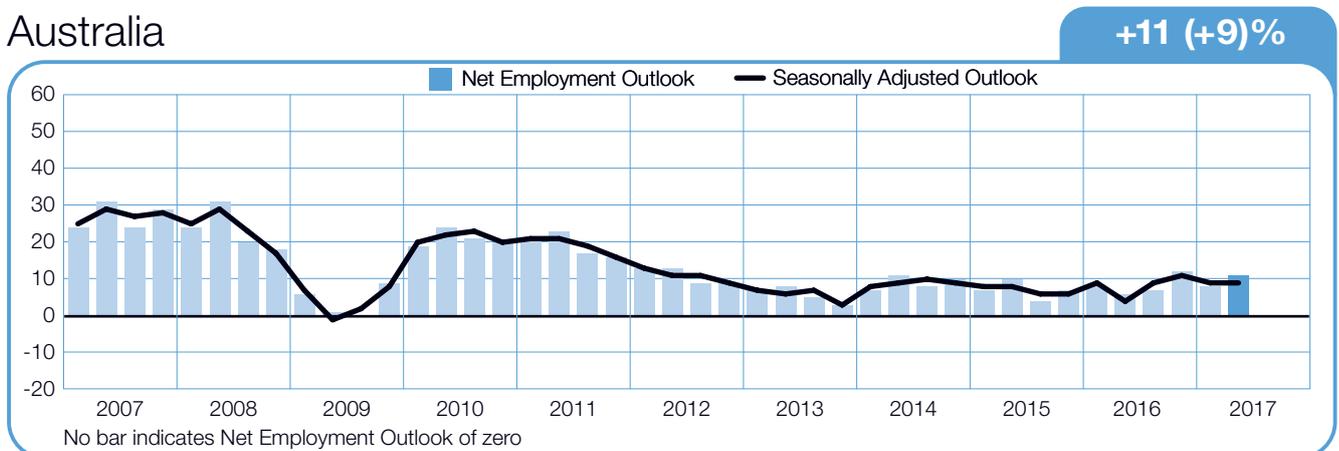
Estate sector Outlook dips to its weakest level since Quarter 3 2009. In contrast, hiring projections in the Mining & Construction sector continue to rebound with employers reporting their strongest hiring plans since Quarter 4 2012.

Outlooks remain uniformly positive in New Zealand. The most active hiring pace is expected in the Mining & Construction sector. In contrast, some opportunities for job seekers are expected in the Transportation & Utilities sector, but the forecast drops sharply in comparison to the prior quarter as employers may have satisfied their workforce needs following the strong first-quarter forecast.

Elsewhere across the region, employers in Hong Kong anticipate a steady second-quarter hiring pace and the Outlook remains relatively stable in comparison to the prior quarter and last year at this time. Similarly, employers in Singapore expect some payroll gains over the next three months despite the second consecutive quarter of negative forecasts reported in the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector.

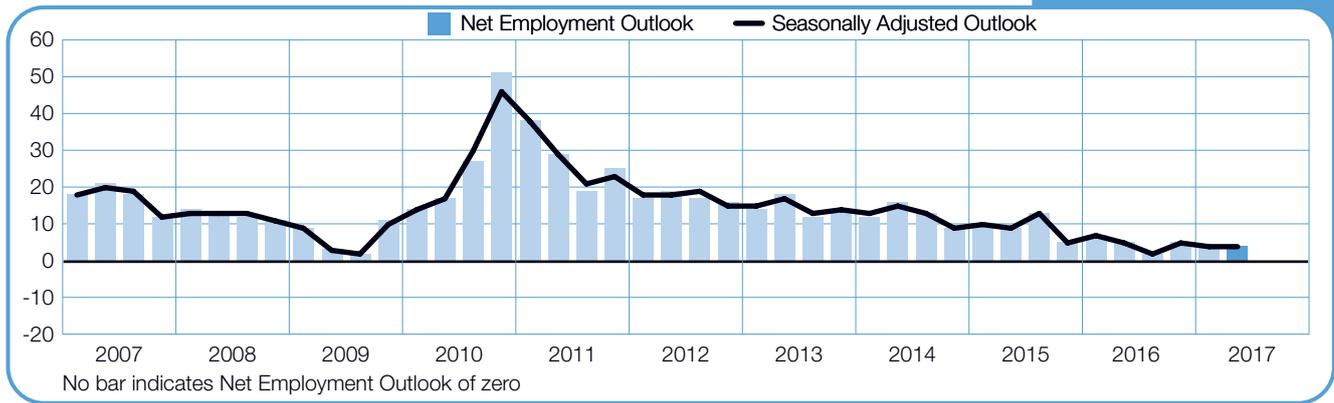
The Outlook in China remains cautiously optimistic with modest levels of workforce growth expected in all industry sectors and regions. However, China's ongoing transition to a services-oriented economy may be contributing to a growing level of uncertainty among its employers, and nearly two thirds of the employers surveyed were unsure how their payrolls may change over the next three months.

Australia



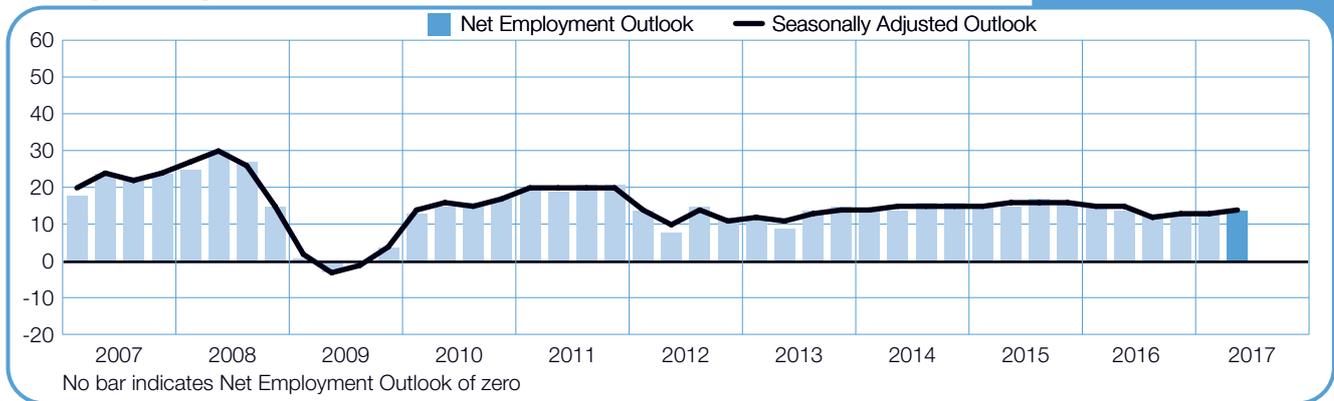
China

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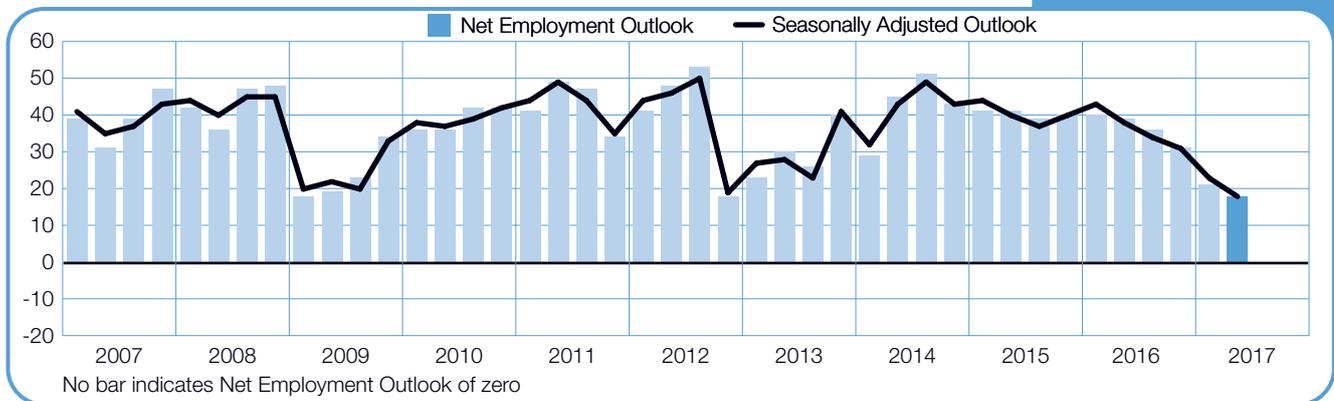
Hong Kong

+14 (+14)%



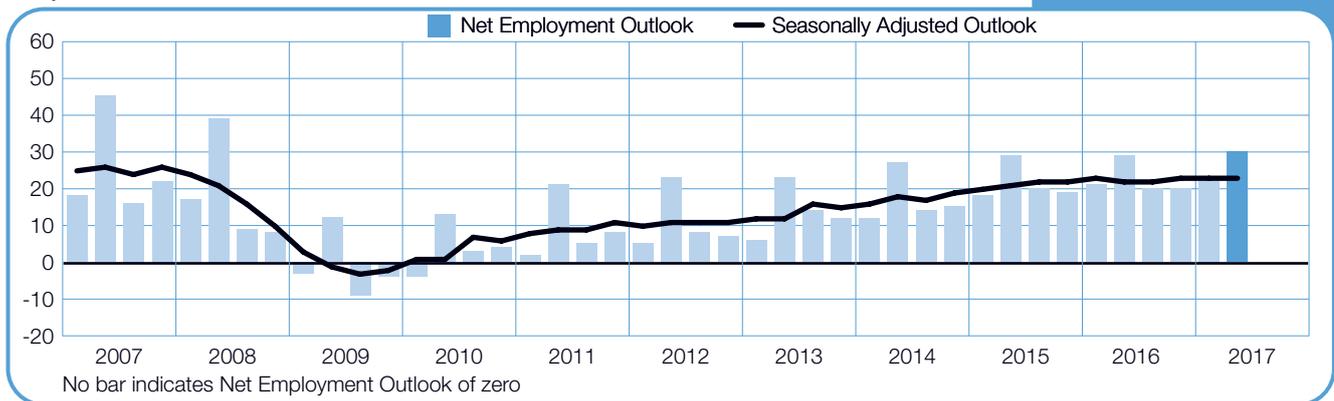
India

+18 (+18)%



Japan

+30 (+23)%



New Zealand

+14 (+13)%



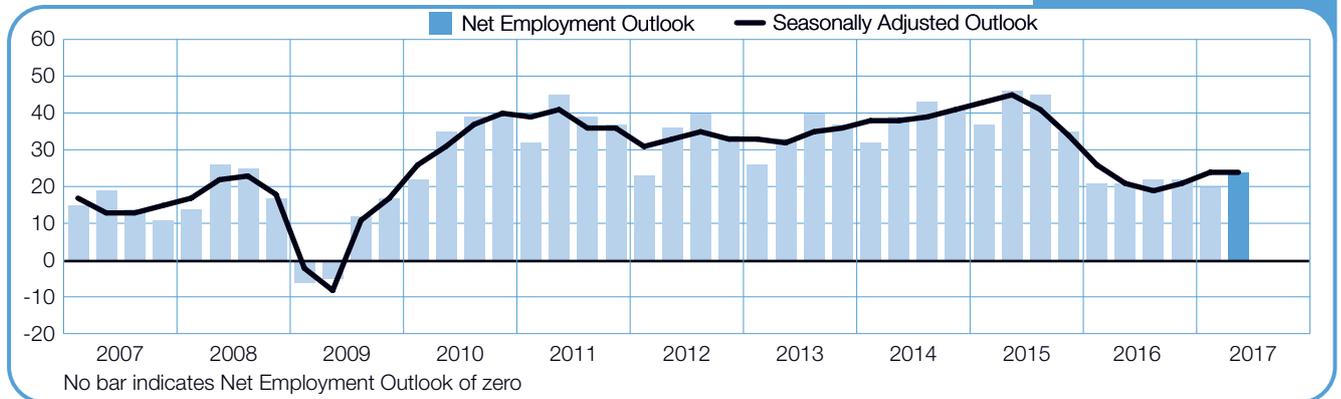
Singapore

+8 (+8)%



Taiwan

+24 (+24)%



International Comparisons – Americas

Over 23,000 employers from 10 countries throughout North, Central and South America were interviewed for the Quarter 2 2017 survey. Payrolls are expected to grow in all countries except Brazil.

U.S. hiring plans remain upbeat. The forecast is relatively stable when compared to the prior quarter and last year at this time with more than one of every five employers expecting to add to their payrolls over the next three months. Job prospects are again strongest in the Leisure & Hospitality sector, with employers in the Transportation & Utilities and the Wholesale & Retail Trade sectors also expecting active second-quarter labour markets.

A similarly steady hiring pace is expected in Mexico with employers planning workforce gains in all industry sectors and regions. The most opportunities for job seekers are expected in the Manufacturing sector where nearly a quarter of all employers surveyed said they plan to add to their payrolls in the April-June time frame.

Employers in each of Canada's industry sectors and regions anticipate some degree of second-quarter payroll growth, but the overall hiring pace is expected to soften from three months ago. The strongest hiring plans are reported by Public Administration sector employers, with similarly upbeat forecasts reported in the Manufacturing-Durables and Wholesale & Retail Trade sectors.

Payroll gains are expected in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama. However, the hiring pace in each country is expected to slow down when compared to last year's second-quarter results. Guatemalan employers report the most favourable second-quarter hiring plans with the strongest job growth expected in the Transport

& Communications sector. Costa Rican job seekers will likely find the most opportunities in the Manufacturing sector where employers forecast steady hiring. Meanwhile, Panama's Outlook is the weakest reported since Panama launched the survey in Quarter 2 2010. Forecasts in Panama's Manufacturing and Services sectors are also the weakest reported since the survey launched.

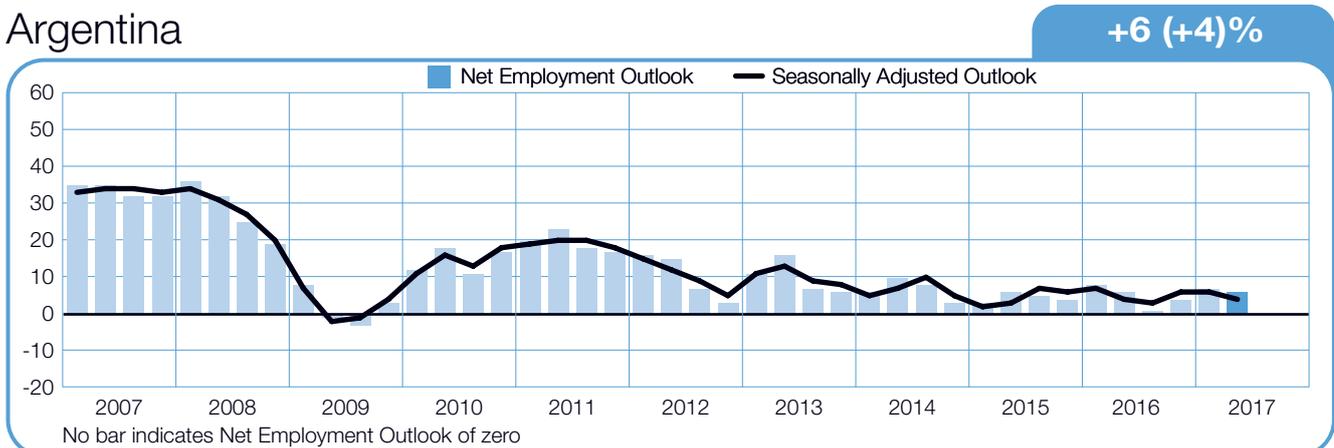
Peruvian employers anticipate steady payroll gains over the next three months with staffing levels projected to increase in each of the country's industry sectors and regions. The most optimistic forecasts are reported in the Construction and Agricultural sectors.

Prospects for Colombia's job seekers are expected to strengthen slightly from three months ago, and forecasts improve by varying margins in most industry sectors and regions. Construction sector employers anticipate the most robust hiring activity with approximately a third of those surveyed planning to add to their payrolls in the April-June time frame.

Argentine employers continue to anticipate modest payroll gains in the second quarter across all industry sectors despite the uncertainty associated with ongoing high inflation and its impact on consumer purchasing power. The most favourable job prospects are reported in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector.

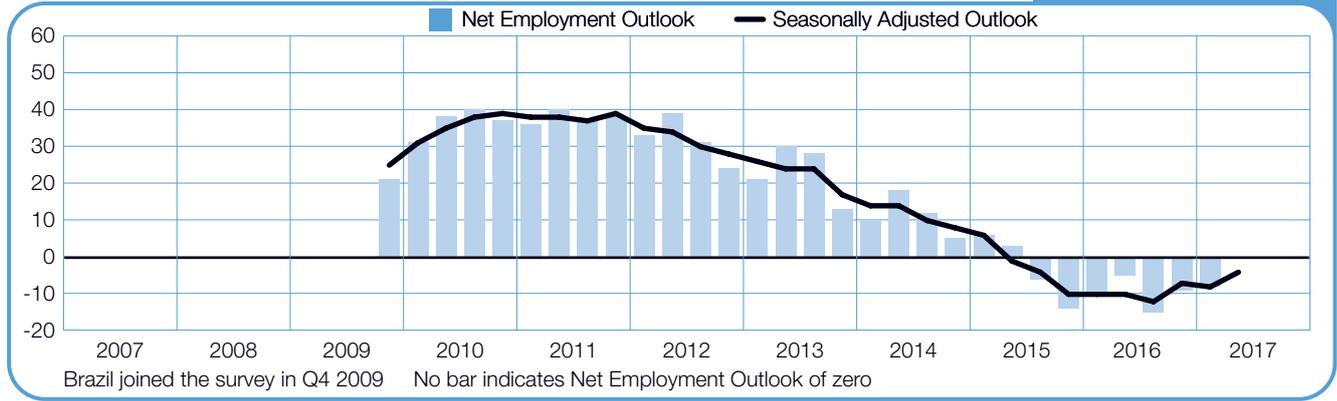
Despite expectations of continuing weakness in Brazil's labour market, the overall Outlook – as well as forecasts in most of its industry sectors and regions – improves slightly when compared to Quarter 1 2017 and by a moderate margin when compared to last year at this time.

Argentina



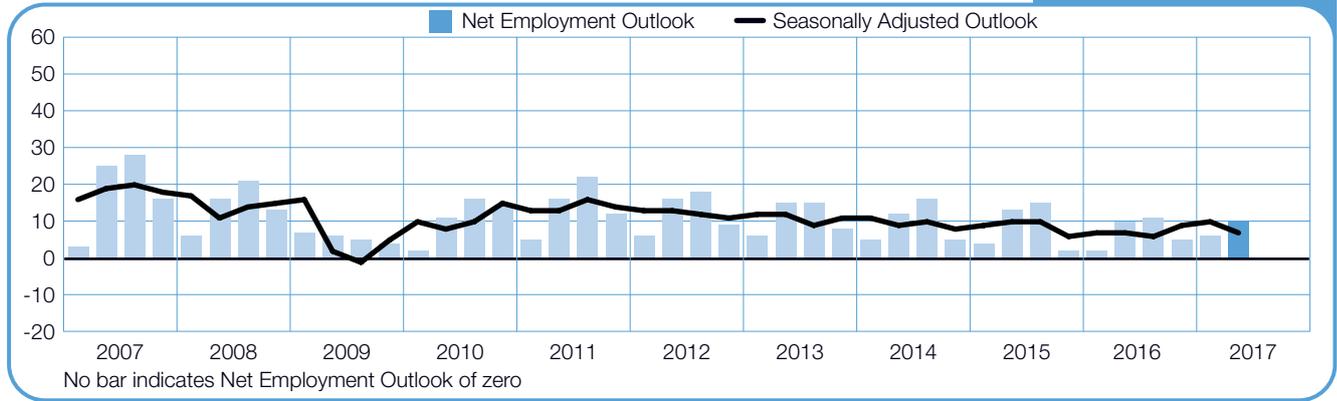
Brazil

0 (-4)%



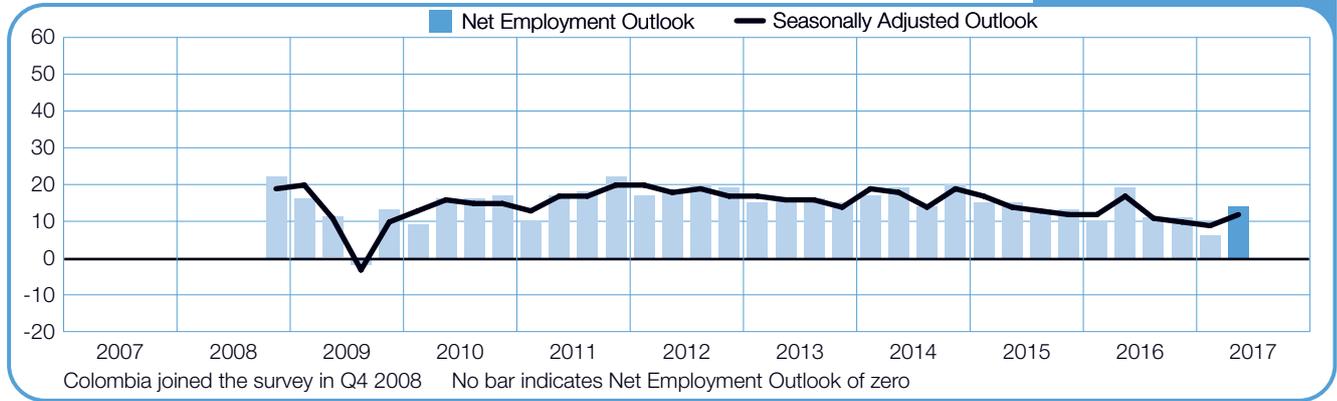
Canada

+10 (+7)%



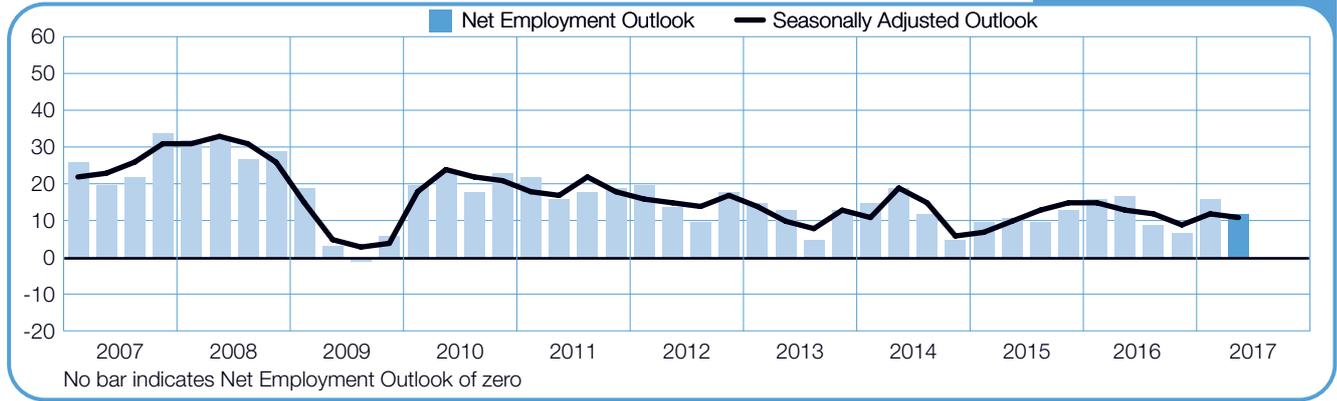
Colombia

+14 (+12)%



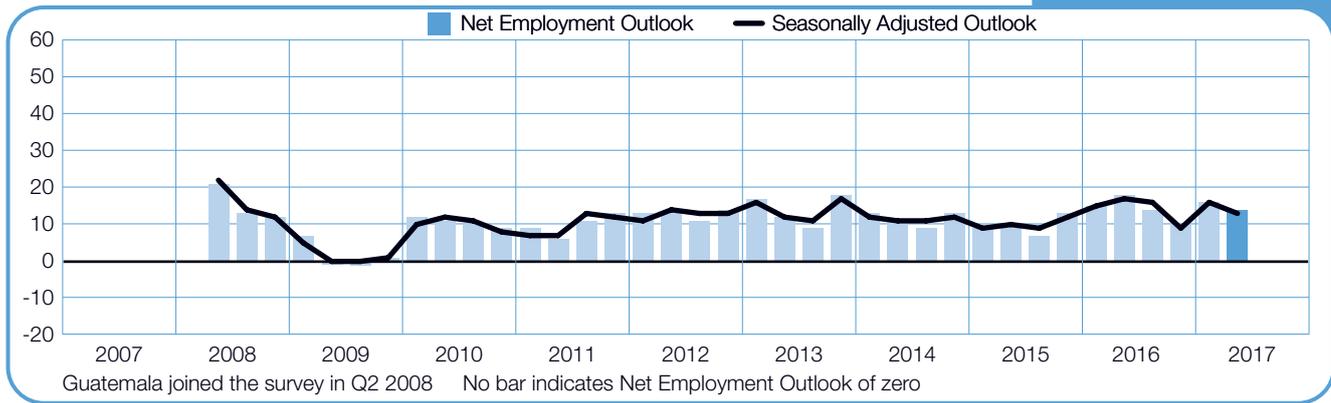
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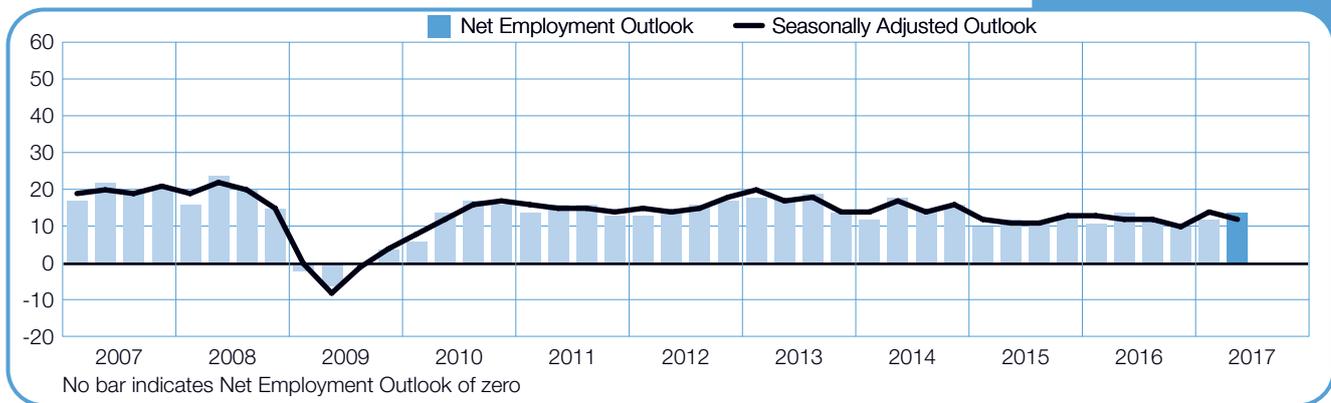
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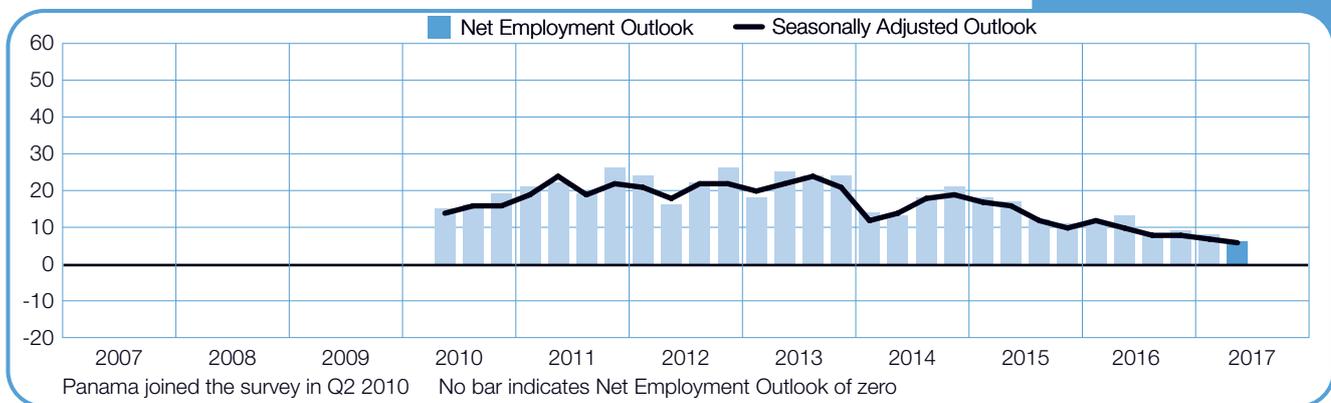
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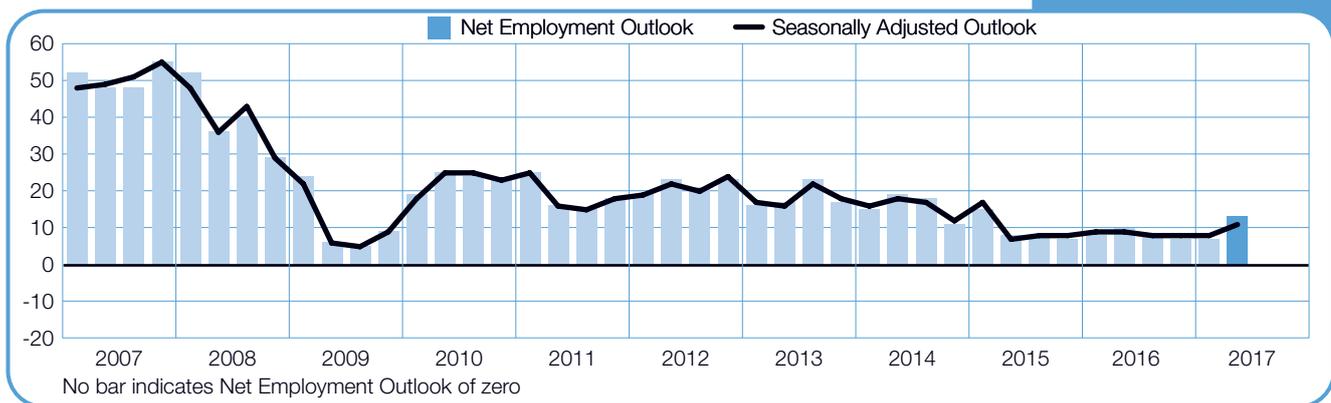
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Peru

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United States of America

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International Comparisons – EMEA

Opportunities for job seekers are mixed across the region based on interviews with nearly 21,000 employers in 25 countries. The research reveals that employers in 22 of 25 countries plan to add to their payrolls by varying degrees during the April-June time frame.

Most of the region’s second-quarter forecasts remain modest, but there are some signs that employer confidence may gradually be gaining traction with Outlooks improving in 18 of 24 countries* when compared to last year at this time.

For instance, hiring activity throughout much of Eastern Europe is expected to pick up noticeably in the next three months, particularly in Slovenia and Bulgaria where employers report their most optimistic forecasts since their respective surveys were launched. Upbeat second-quarter forecasts are also reported in Hungary, Romania, Poland and Slovakia. Job seekers in the Czech Republic are also likely to benefit from a moderate uptick in labour market activity, especially in the Construction and the Transport, Storage & Communications sectors where employers report the most optimistic forecasts since the survey was launched in Quarter 2 2008.

Elsewhere, Germany’s labour market appears to be gaining momentum and the current forecast, buoyed by upbeat hiring projections in the Construction and Finance sectors, is the most optimistic reported since Quarter 2 2012. Similarly, job prospects in Spain are the strongest reported since Quarter 1 2008, while Norway’s forecast is the most optimistic in four years.

Dutch employers continue to report cautiously optimistic hiring plans with the most job growth expected in the Finance & Business Services sector. The Dutch Outlook is among the strongest reported since Quarter 1 2009.

Austrian employers anticipate some payroll gains in the months ahead. Most hiring activity is expected in the Manufacturing sector, but employers anticipate staffing levels will also grow in nine of 10 industry sectors and eight of nine regions.

Cautiously optimistic hiring plans are also reported by employers in Israel, buoyed by the strongest Outlook in the Agricultural sector since the country joined the survey in Quarter 4 2011. The near-term forecast in Greece, South Africa and Finland also points to the likelihood of modest payroll growth.

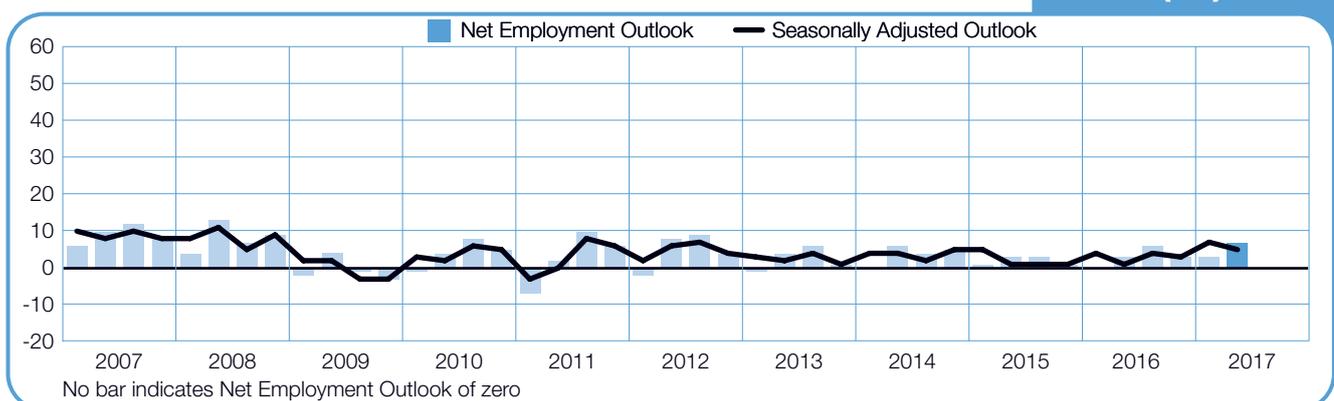
A more challenging environment is expected to await job seekers elsewhere. UK employers anticipate some payroll gains in the next three months, but Outlooks in most industry sectors and regions soften in both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons. Hiring expectations in Sweden also remain cautiously optimistic, but dip moderately in both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons.

Opportunities may be even more limited for job seekers in France where, despite Construction sector employers reporting the strongest forecast in nearly 11 years, only modest job growth is projected in the months ahead. Hiring activity is expected to remain flat in Switzerland, as well as in Belgium where employers appear satisfied to maintain their current payrolls following the first quarter’s modest hiring gains. Meanwhile Italian employers appear even more reluctant to hire as the Outlook remains downbeat for the second consecutive quarter and is the only negative forecast reported among the 25 countries in the EMEA region.

* Portugal launched the survey in Quarter 3 2016 and has no year-over-year trend data to compare at this point.

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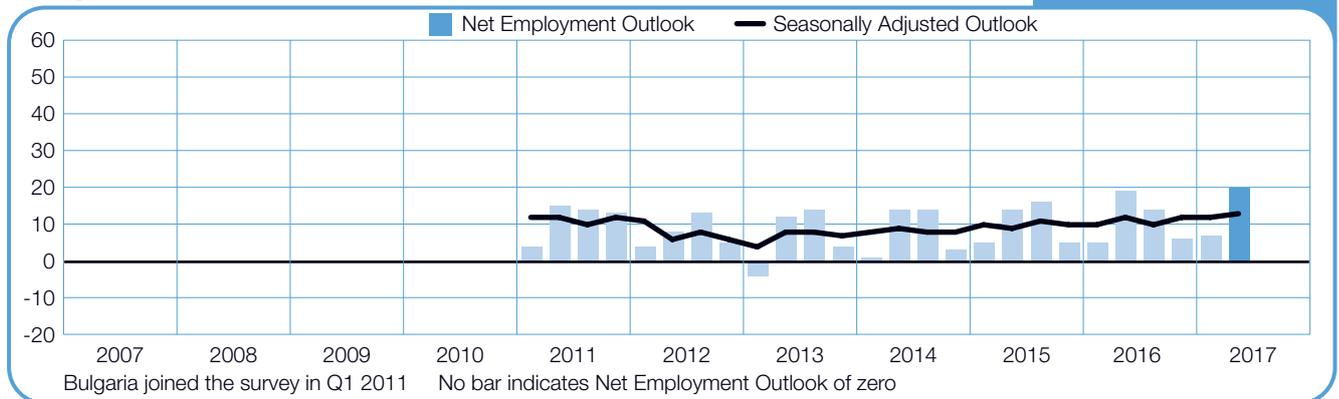
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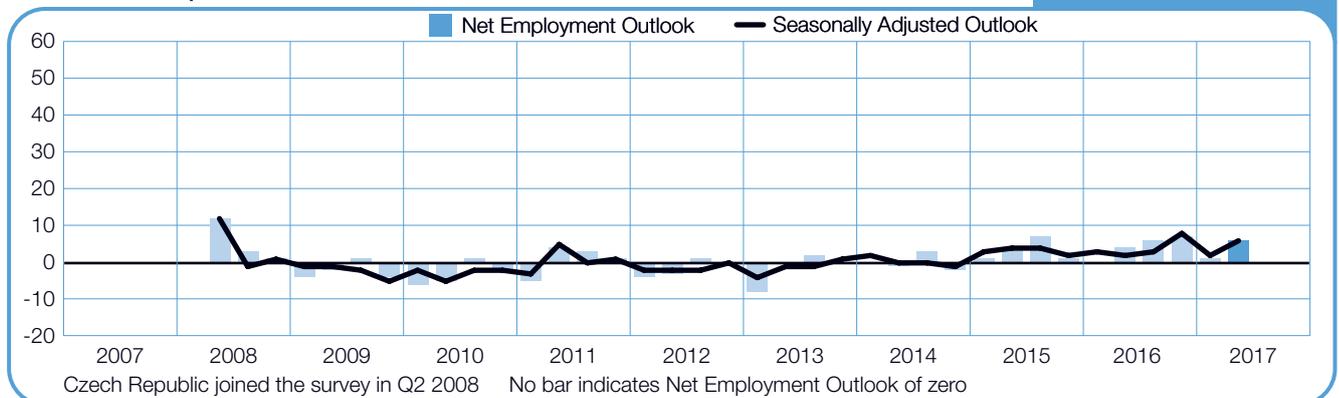
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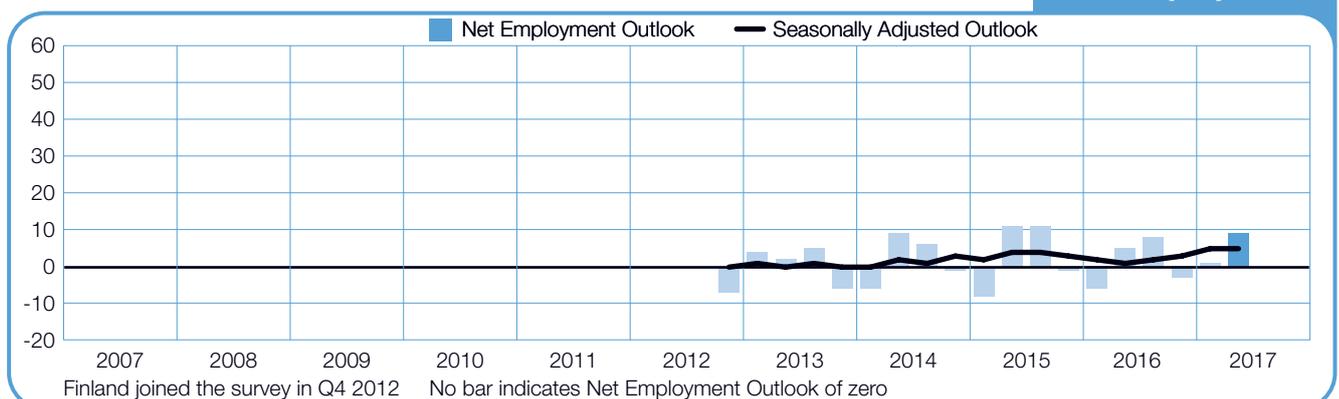
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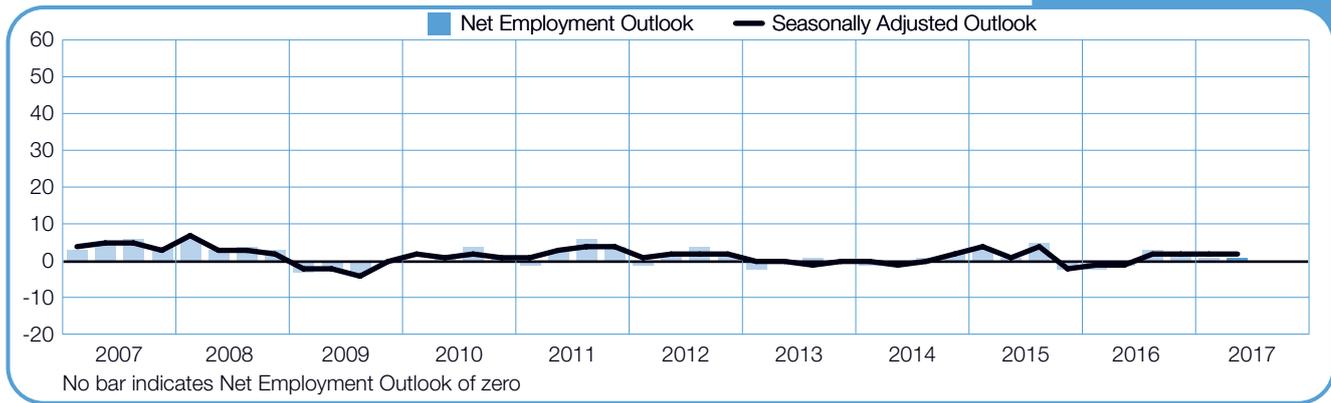
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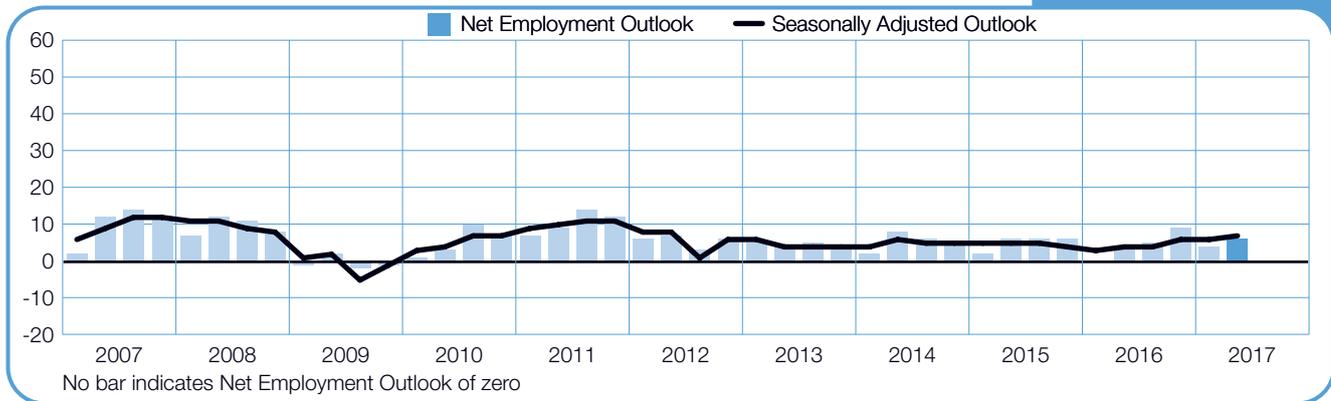
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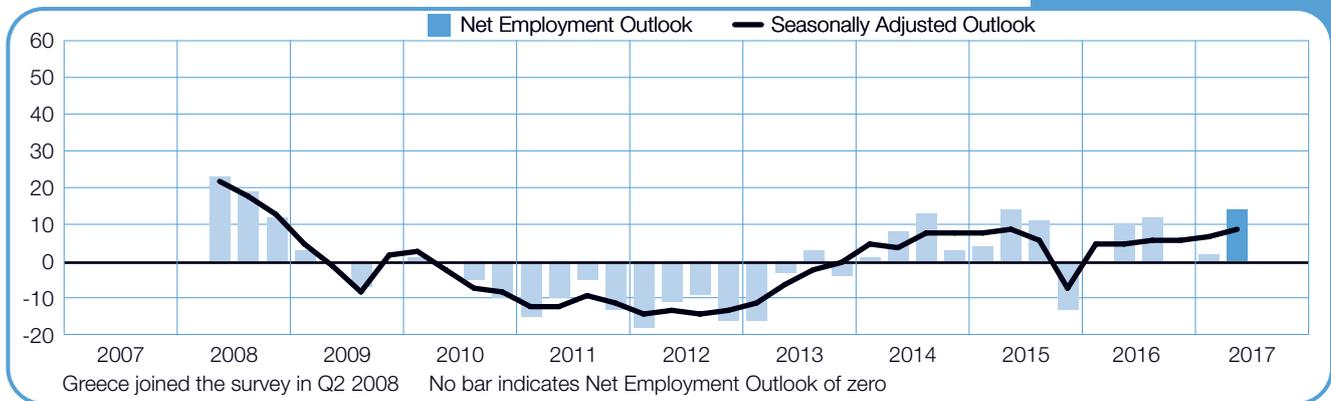
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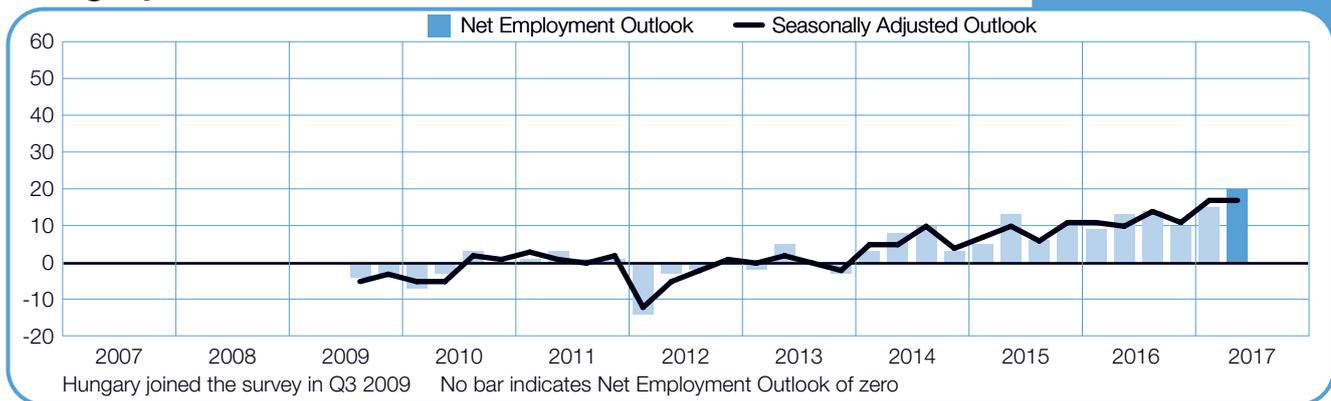
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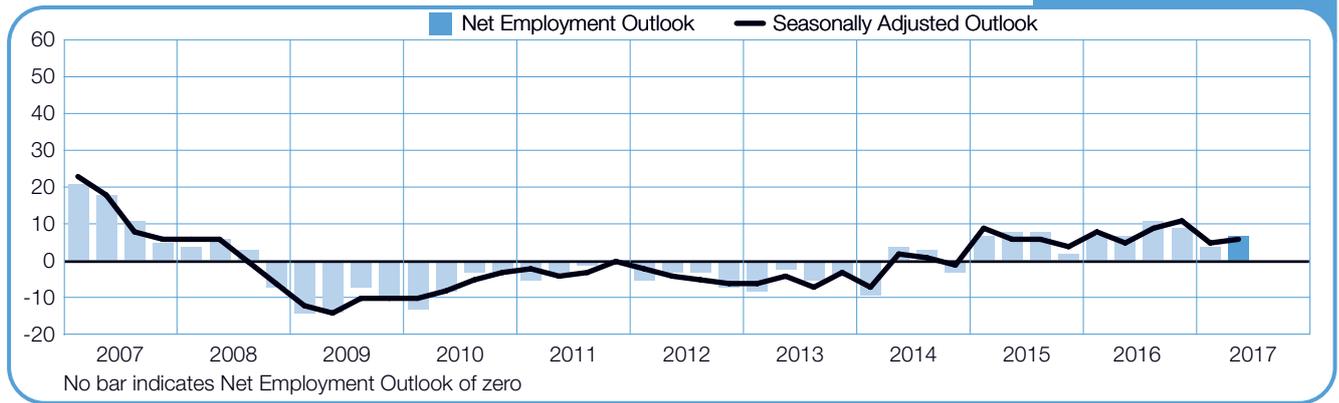
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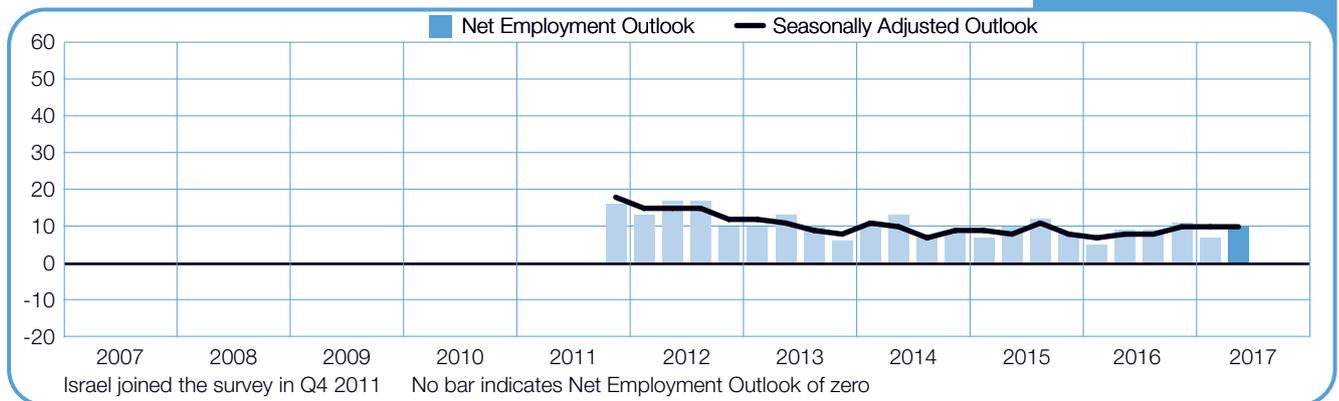
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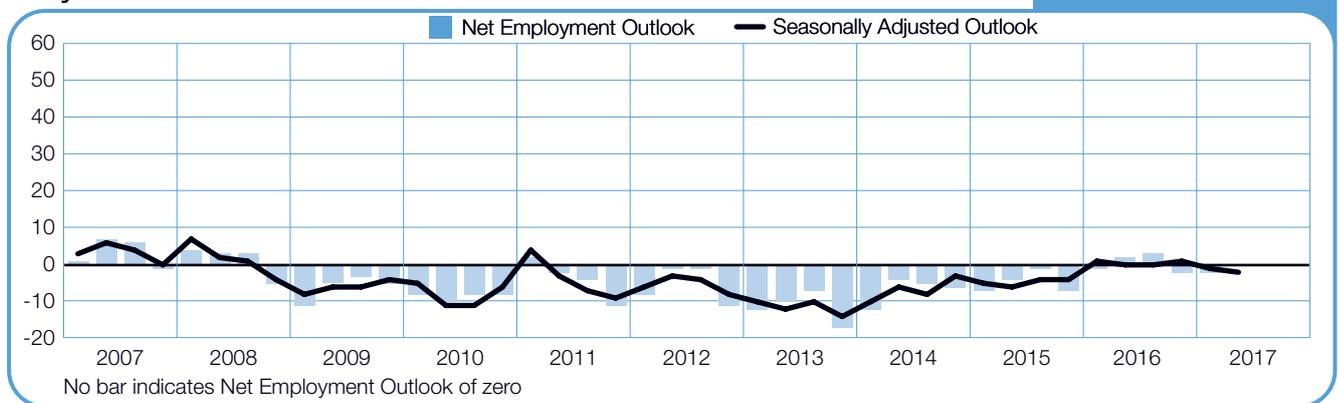
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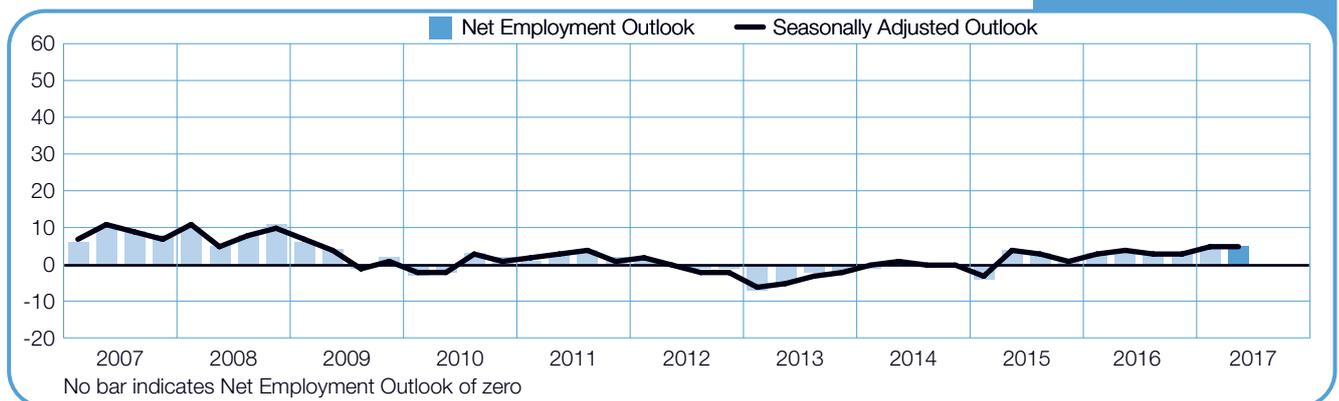
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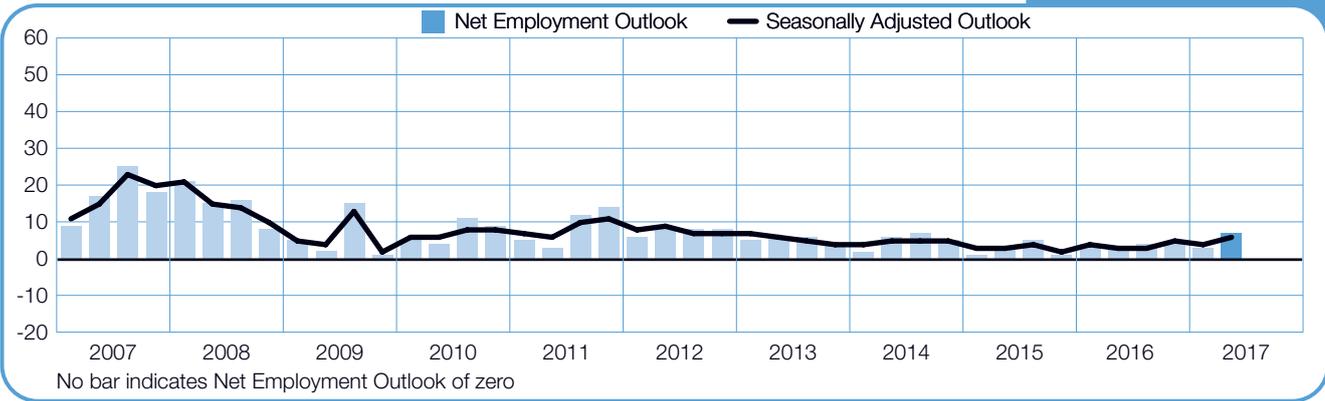
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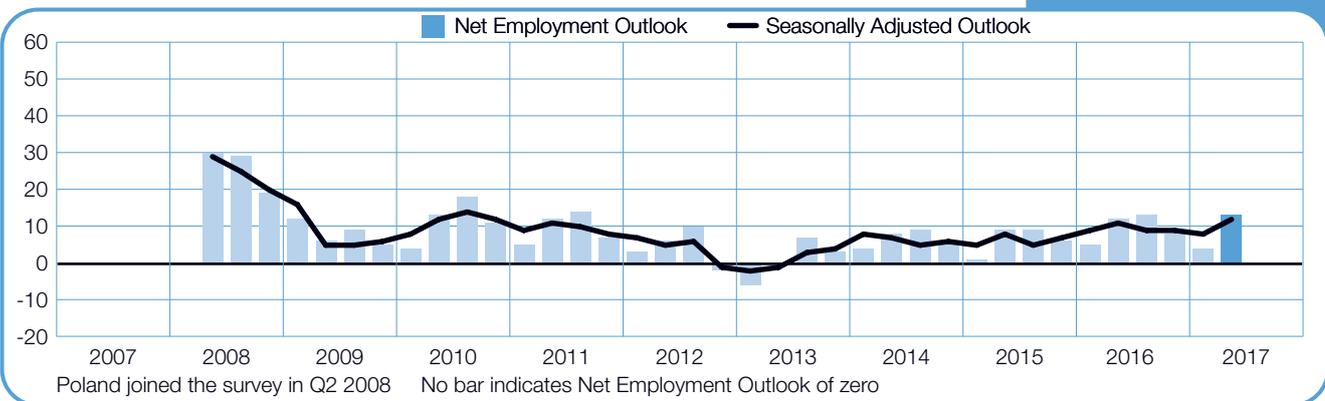
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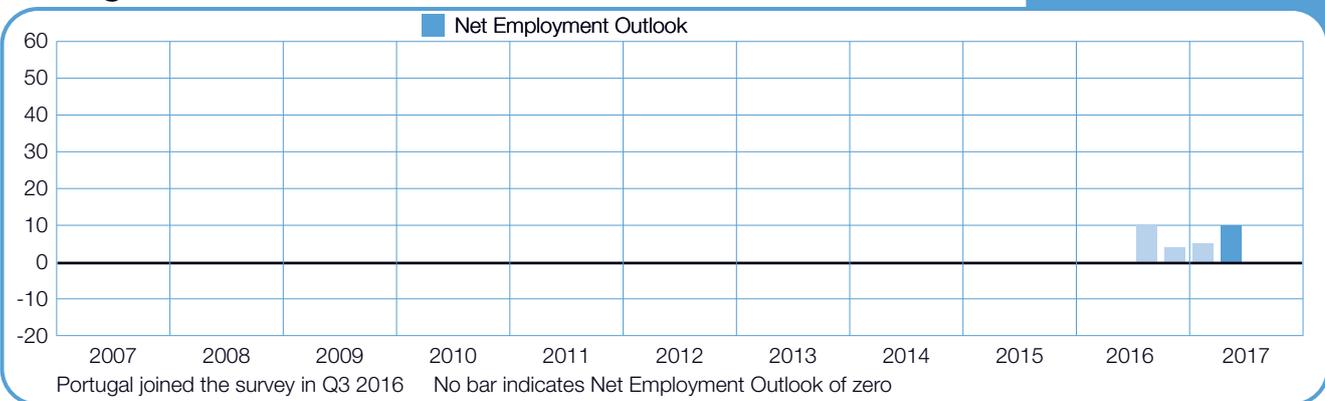
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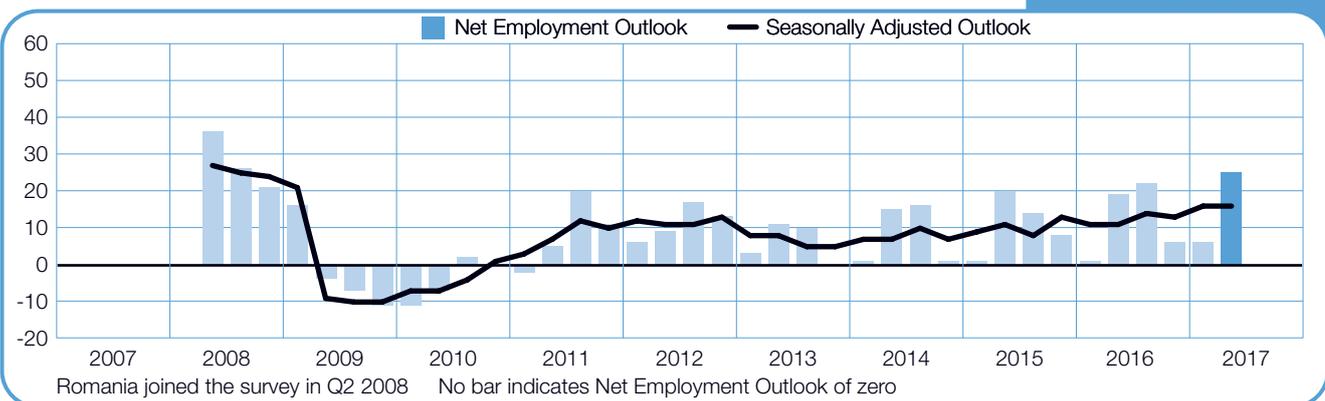
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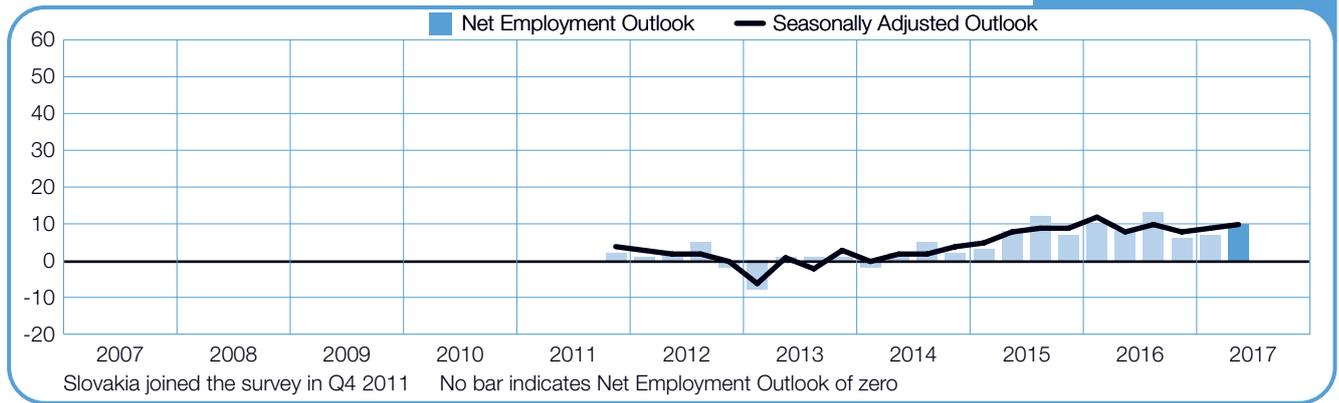
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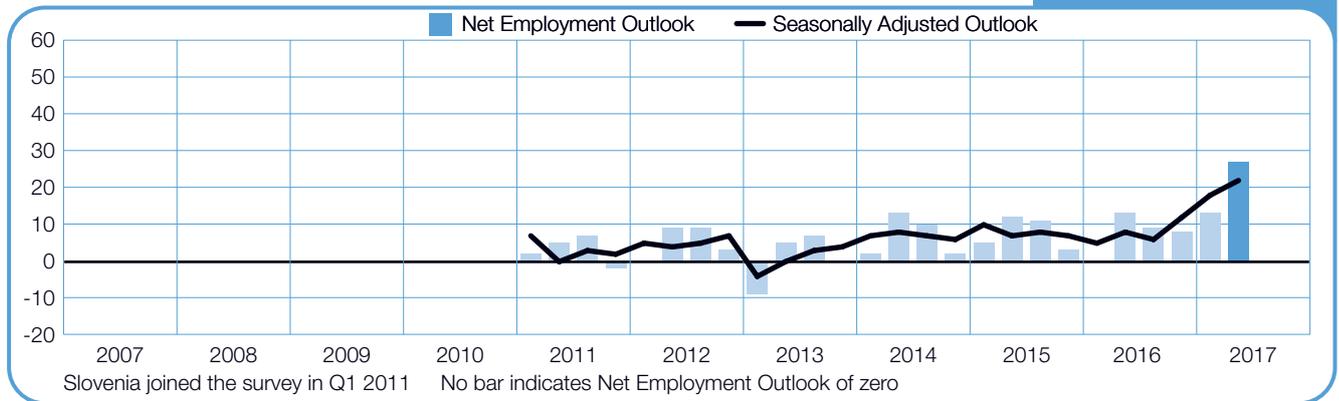
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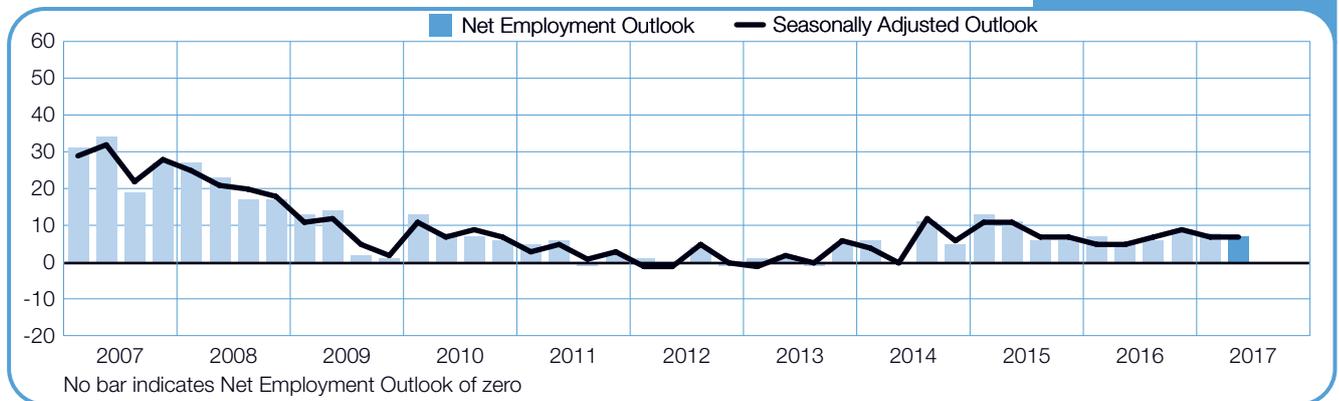
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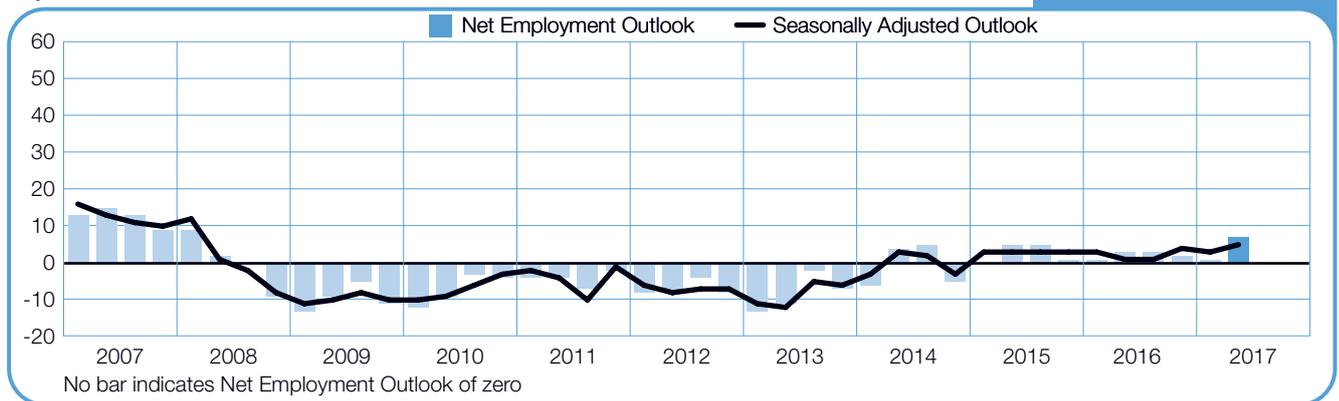
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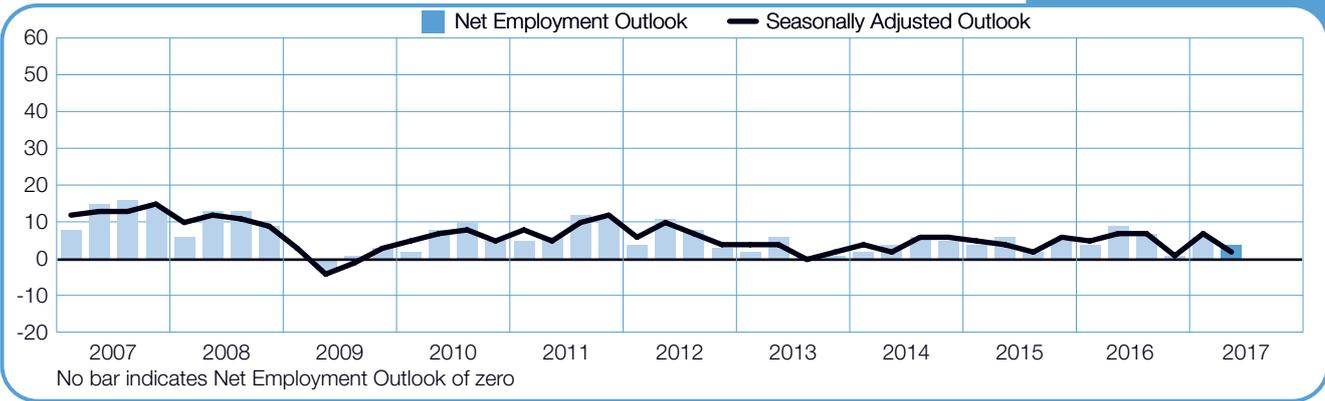
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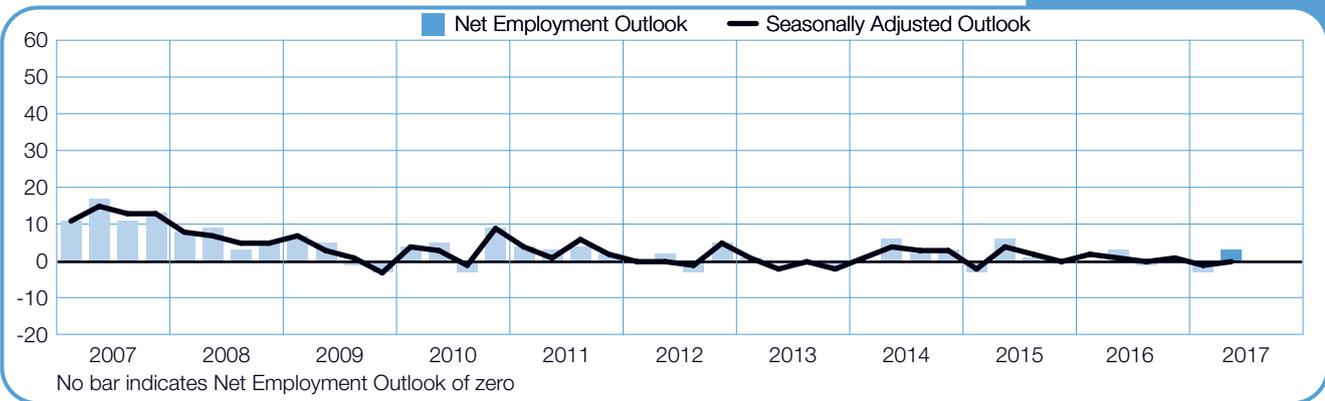
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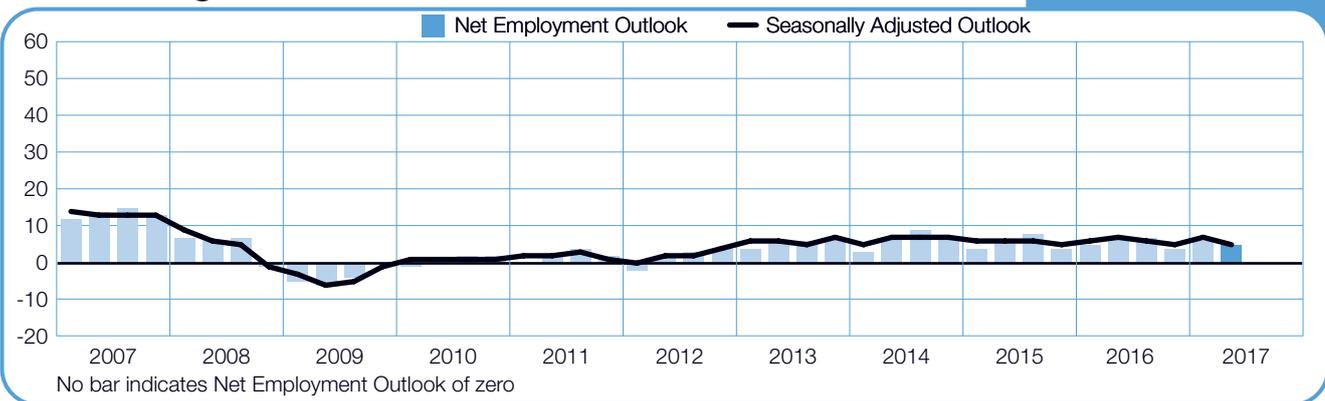
Turkey

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United Kingdom

+5 (+5)%



About the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook 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 50 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: The survey is based on interviews with over 58,000 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 2 2017 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 June 2017 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 all national, regional and global data is not greater than +/- 3.9%.

In Australia, the national survey is conducted by external surveyors and includes 1,511 employers. With this number of interviews, the margin of error for the Australian Survey is +/- 2.5%.

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 Portugal. ManpowerGroup intends to add seasonal adjustments to the Portuguese data in the future, as more historical data is compiled. Note that in Quarter 2 2008, ManpowerGroup adopted the TRAMO-SEATS method of seasonal adjustment for data.

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