

# WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

### ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey





looking employment survey in the world.

= Net Employment Outlook (can be positive or negative)



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## Q3 2021

#### **KEYFACTS**

#### HIRING PACE WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN **DURING THE SUMMER ... WHILE 83% OF BELGIAN EMPLOYERS REPORT DIFFICULTY FILLING JOBS.**

- +13% The Net Employment Outlook shows an optimistic value of +13%, improving for the fourth consecutive quarter.
  - 3 Employers anticipate strong hiring conditions in all three regions : + 17% in Wallonia, + 16% in Brussels and + 11% in Flanders.
  - 7 With the exception of the Hotels & Restaurants, employers in all sectors surveyed anticipate job creation during the 3rd quarter.
- +21% Employer confidence increases in line with the **company size,** with employers in large companies (≥ 250 workers) reporting the strongest Net Employment Outlook (+ 21%).
  - 42 Employment Outlooks are positive in 42 of the 43 countries and territories surveyed and in all the 26 countries surveyed in the EMEA region (Europe, Middle East & Africa).
  - 83% Talent shortages reach the highest level in 15 years, with 83% of Belgian employers reporting difficulty filling open vacancies, a spectacular increase of 24 points in comparison with 2019.

#### **BELGIUM - EVOLUTION OF STAFFING LEVELS**

|         |                 | Increase | Decrease | No<br>change | Don't<br>know | Net Employment<br>Outlook | Seasonally<br>adjusted |
|---------|-----------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
|         |                 | %        | %        | %            | %             | %                         | %                      |
| Q3 2021 | July-Sept 2021  | 25       | 11       | 59           | 5             | 14                        | 13                     |
|         | April-June 2021 | 13       | 4        | 80           | 3             | 9                         | 9                      |
|         | Jan-March 2021  | 13       | 7        | 73           | 7             | 6                         | 6                      |
|         | Oct-Dec 2020    | 11       | 11       | 73           | 5             | 0                         | 1                      |
|         | July-Sept 2020  | 11       | 16       | 62           | 11            | -5                        | -6                     |



The results of our survey confirm the strengthening of

employers' confidence in Belgium and around the

world. As vaccine rollouts gain momentum and workers prepare

regions of the country are facing talent shortages never seen

before. The covid crisis and the acceleration of digitization have put

skills under pressure. At the same time, emerging from the crisis,

individuals will be looking for new growth opportunities, a boost to

their careers or a new work life balance. Those employers that

are responsive to these new needs and can be flexible, will

be the ones able to attract and retain the best talent.

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to gradually return to their workplaces, employers in all three



the strongest Net Employment for more than two years (+16%), up 12 and 19 points in guarterly and annual comparison.

## More info: manpowergroup.be



Employers in Flanders (+11%) anticipate steady job gains during the coming quarter. The Outlook improves by 4 points when compared with the previous quarter and by 19 percentage points in comparison with 3Q 2020.



Employers in Wallonia show the greatest optimism and report a Net Employment Outlook of +17%, improving by 12 and 19 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and yearover-year, respectively.

Talent









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