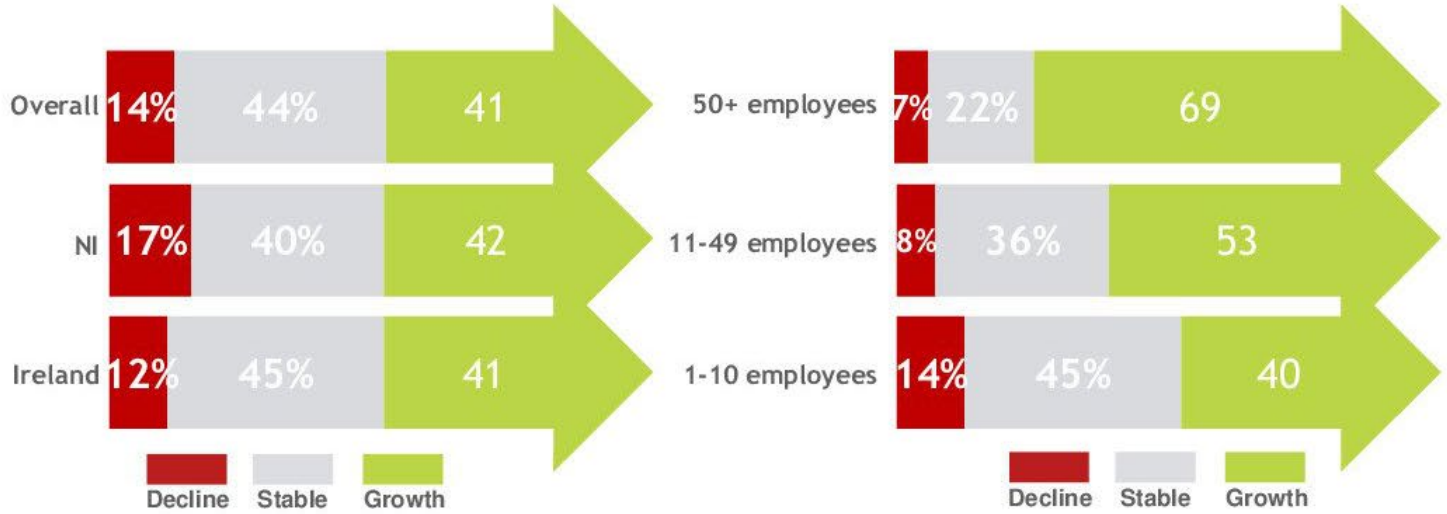


Q1 2022 BUSINESS MONITOR



BUSINESS POSITION

// Businesses were asked about their business position



Larger SMEs with 50 or more employees are bolstering economic recovery...

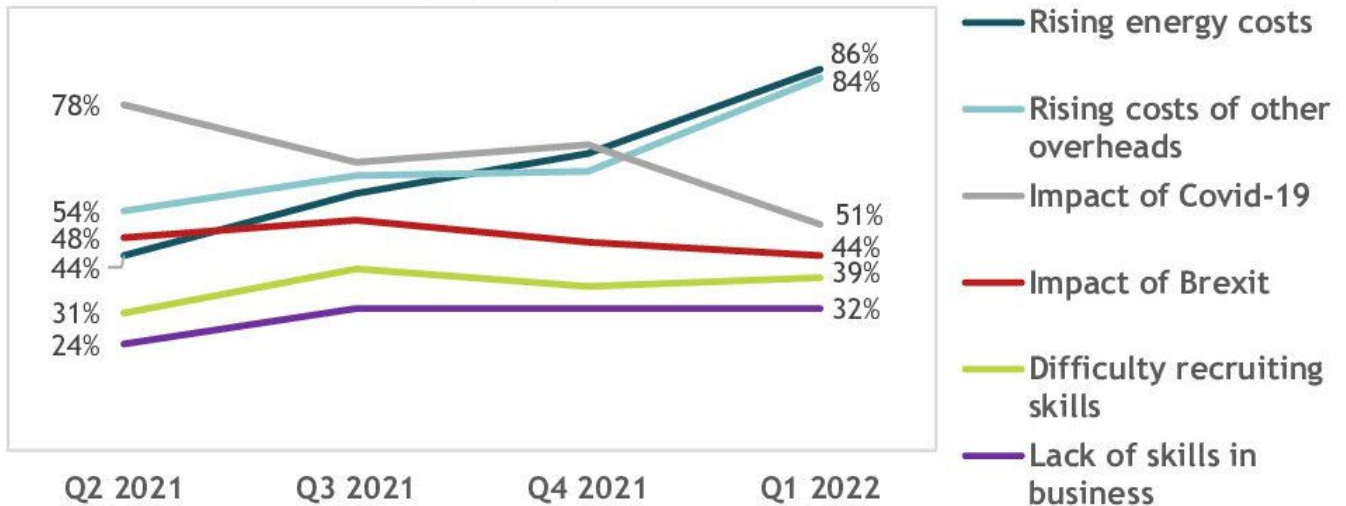
with 52% enjoying moderate to rapid growth expansion



BUSINESS ISSUES

// Businesses were asked about their current business issues

% RATING AS AN ISSUE (rating 3, 4, 5 out of 5)



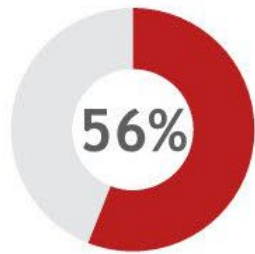
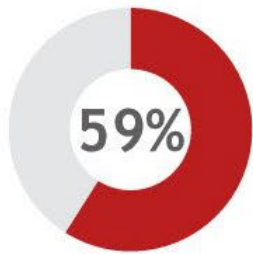
Labour and skills challenges now outrank the impact of Brexit and Covid-19 for larger SMEs with 65% having difficulty recruiting appropriate skills and 59% lacking the appropriate skills in their workforce

% RATING COSTS AS A HUGE ISSUE (rating 5 out of 5)

Energy costs

Other overheads





Over half of all firms consider rising costs as a huge issue, the highest these concerns have been ranked in InterTradelreland's Business Monitor in over a decade.