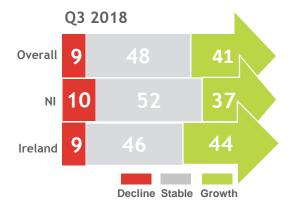
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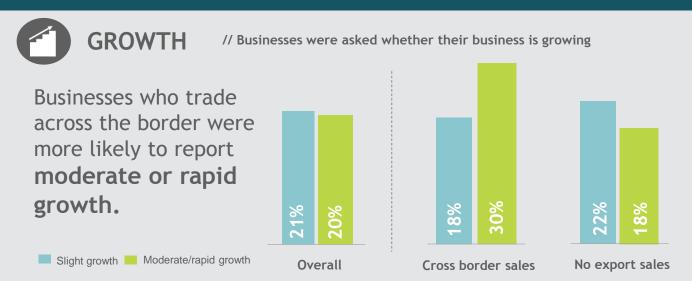




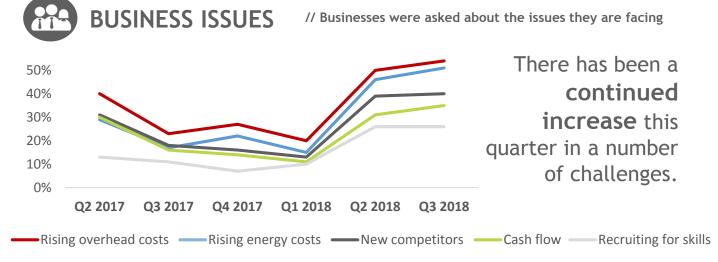
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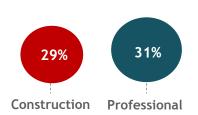
SMEs are experiencing difficulty with rising overhead costs, whilst larger businesses are having trouble recruiting for skills.

Up to 10 employees





Overall

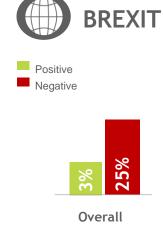


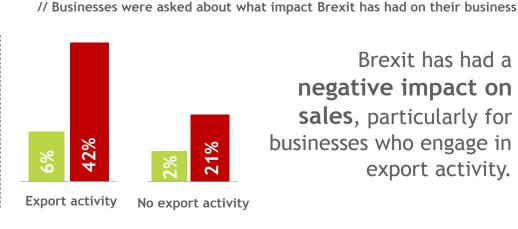
11-49 employees

Businesses in the **construction** and professional sectors are also experiencing difficulty recruiting for skills.

Overhead costs are affecting a number of sectors, including those in manufacturing and leisure.







Brexit has had a negative impact on sales, particularly for businesses who engage in export activity.

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