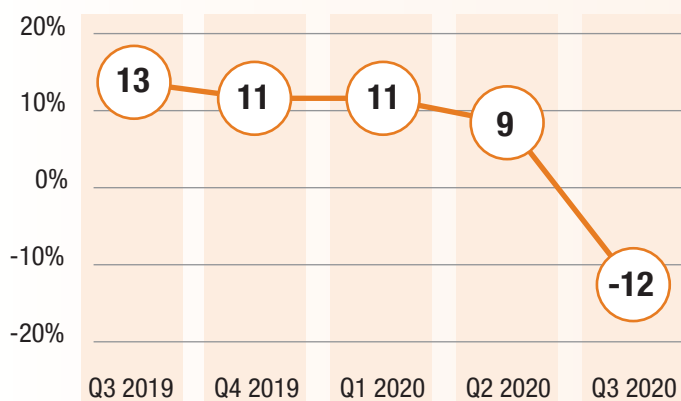


Australian employers report significant decline in hiring outlooks, yet expect a return to pre-COVID-19 staff levels by 2021

23 point drop in overall Net Employment Outlook from Q2 to Q3



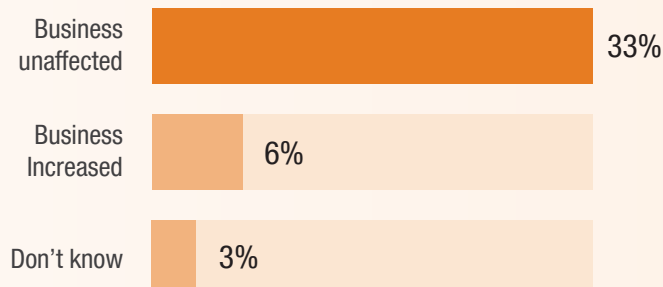
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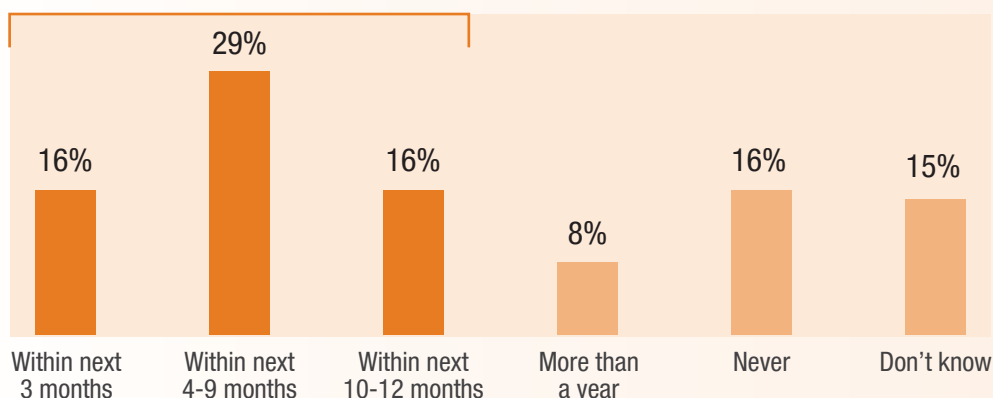
58% experienced business activity being suspended or halted by the COVID-19 outbreak.



Out of the remaining 42%, **33%** of businesses have been **unaffected** as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.



61% of employers expect hiring levels to return by 2021



Employers in **Manufacturing** and **Public Admin** and **Education** are most optimistic that hiring levels will return within three months.