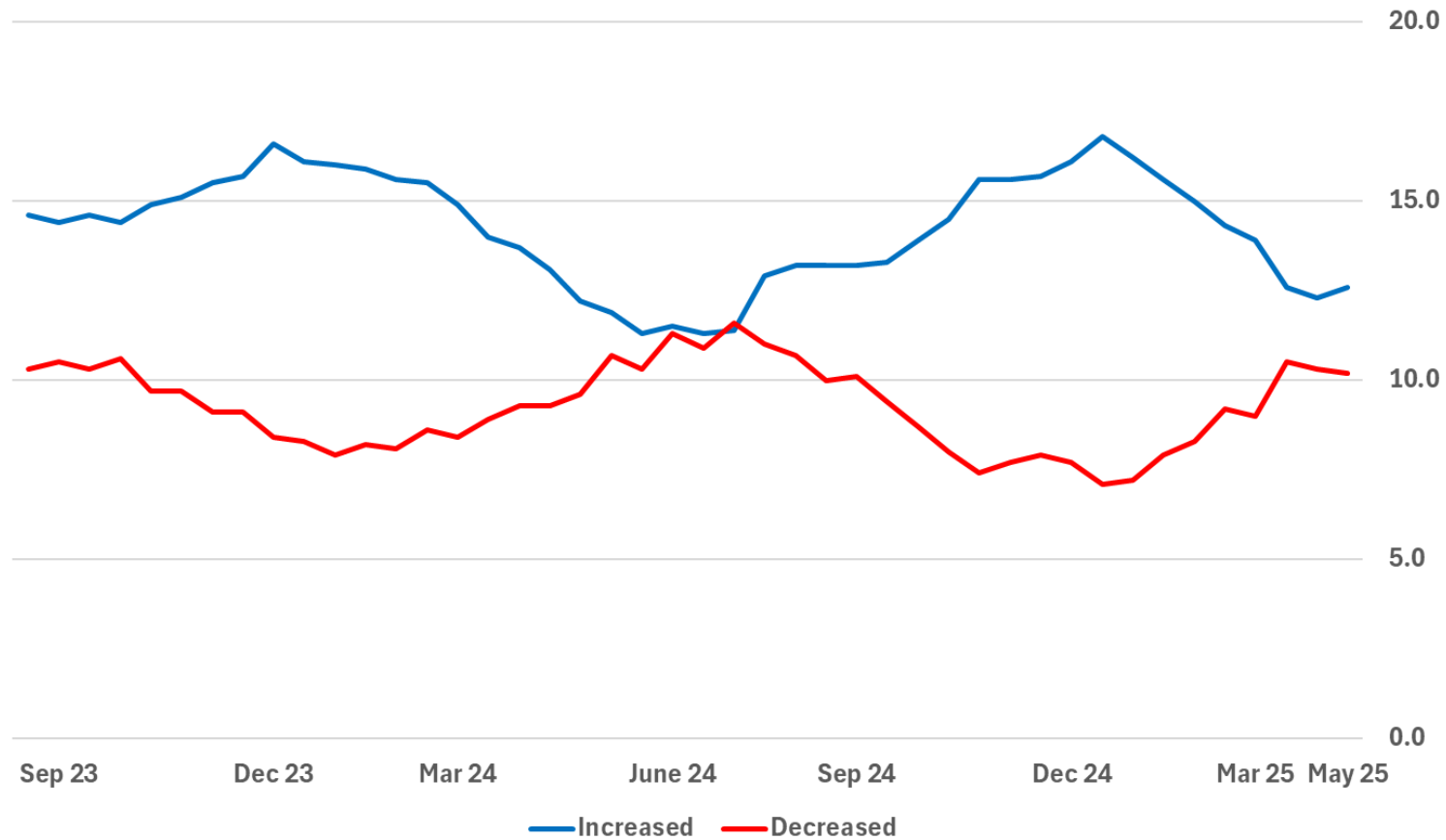


Share of Businesses Expecting Paid Employment to Increase or Decrease Over Next Six Months



Source: Business Trends and Outlook Survey (BTOS), U.S. Census Bureau

Responses to question "Six months from now, how do you think this business's number of paid employees will have changed?"

	Percent saying increased			Percent saying unchanged			Percent saying decreased		
	Dec 31 to Jan 12	Apr 21 to May 4	Change	Dec 31 to Jan 12	Apr 21 to May 4	Change	Dec 31 to Jan 12	Apr 21 to May 4	Change
Total	16.8	12.6	-4.2	76.1	77.2	1.1	7.1	10.2	3.1
Construction	21.3	15.0	-6.3	71.1	75.8	4.7	7.6	9.1	1.5
Manufacturing	20.7	16.9	-3.8	72.8	70.1	-2.7	6.5	13.0	6.5
Wholesale trade	11.8	8.7	-3.1	80.9	80.0	-0.9	7.3	11.3	4.0
Retail trade	11.7	8.5	-3.2	79.9	78.7	-1.2	8.4	12.7	4.3
Trans. and warehousing	12.4	11.7	-0.7	79.6	75.1	-4.5	7.9	13.2	5.3
Information	16.2	11.9	-4.3	78.6	79.5	0.9	5.2	8.6	3.4
Finance and insurance	16.5	13.1	-3.4	79.7	80.1	0.4	3.8	6.8	3.0
Real estate	6.8	5.8	-1.0	87.6	89.0	1.4	5.6	5.2	-0.4
Prof., sci., and technical	15.1	11.9	-3.2	78.5	79.3	0.8	6.4	8.8	2.4
Admin. sup. and waste mgmt.	23.5	14.8	-8.7	69.7	75.4	5.7	6.8	9.8	3.0
Educational services	24.2	18.9	-5.3	67.3	68.3	1.0	8.5	12.8	4.3
Health and soc. assistance	19.9	18.3	-1.6	74.0	73.4	-0.6	6.1	8.3	2.2
Arts and entertainment	17.4	11.3	-6.1	75.5	78.4	2.9	7.1	10.4	3.3
Accom. and food service	20.7	10.1	-10.6	69.0	73.4	4.4	10.3	16.4	6.1
Other services	12.9	12.2	-0.7	81.0	80.1	-0.9	6.0	7.7	1.7

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