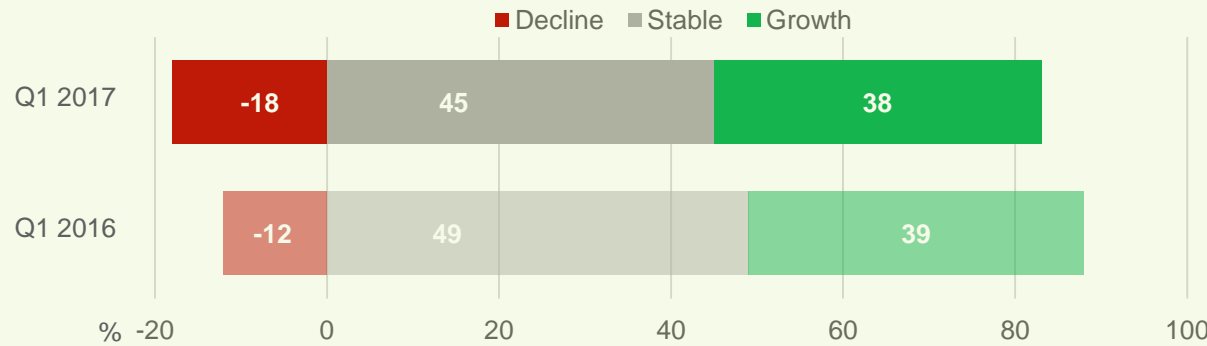


Businesses were asked about the current position of their business.

Ireland and Northern Ireland



Of those businesses in decline:

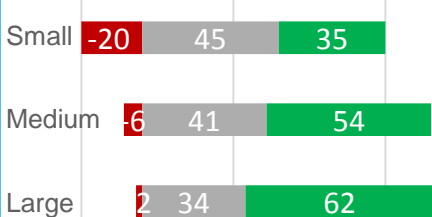
There has been an increase of **6** percentage points, which is

a **50%**

increase in companies **struggling** since this time last year

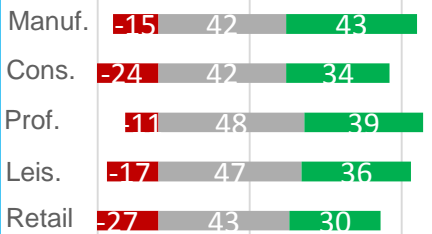
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By business size



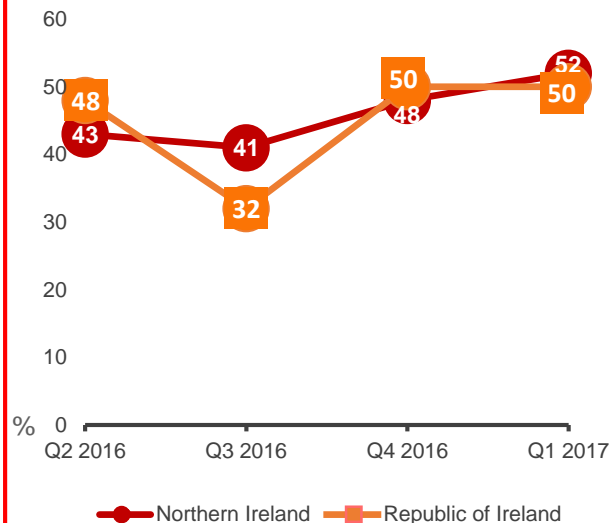
Decline Stable Growth

By business sector



Decline Stable Growth

Businesses were asked to what extent did they deem 'rising costs' as an issue to them.



9%

increase over the last 12 months

2%

increase over the last 12 months

Businesses were asked what costs had increased over the last six months.

