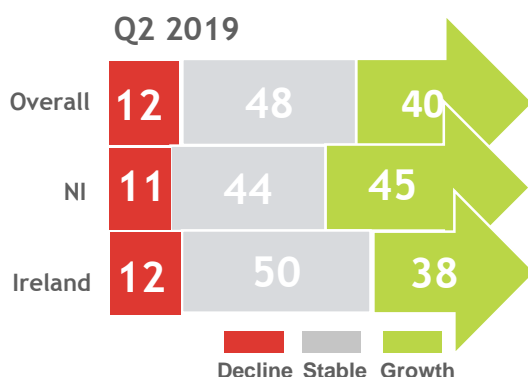
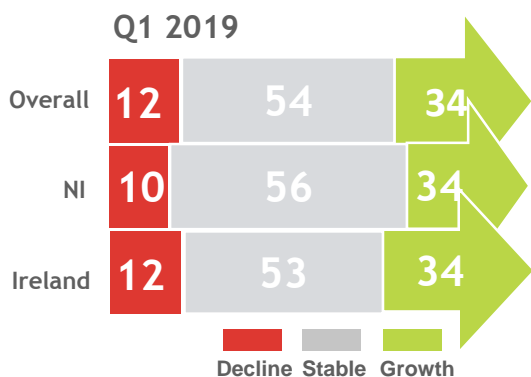




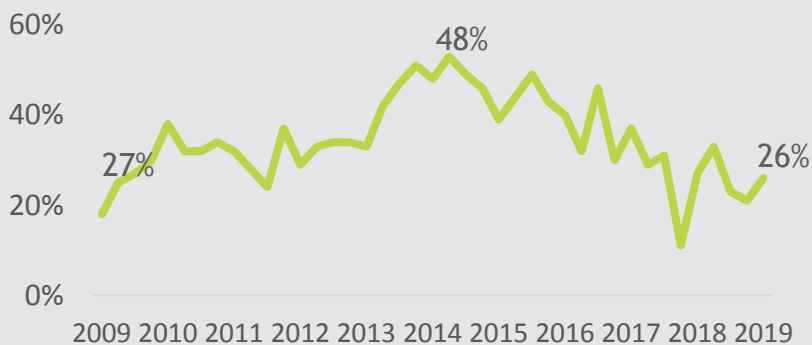
BUSINESS POSITION

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GROWTH EXPECTATIONS

// Businesses were asked about future growth prospects



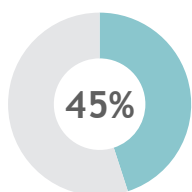
Growth expectations, having peaked at 48% in Q2 2014, are now on a downward trend

■ % of firms expecting an increase in growth / sales over the next 12 months

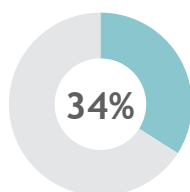


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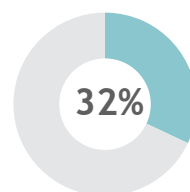
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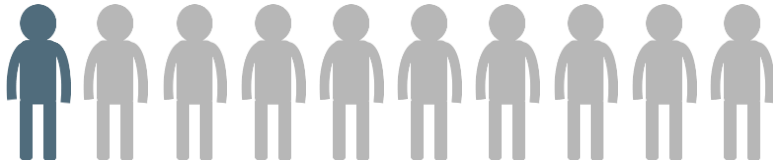
Impact of Brexit



Cost of other overheads

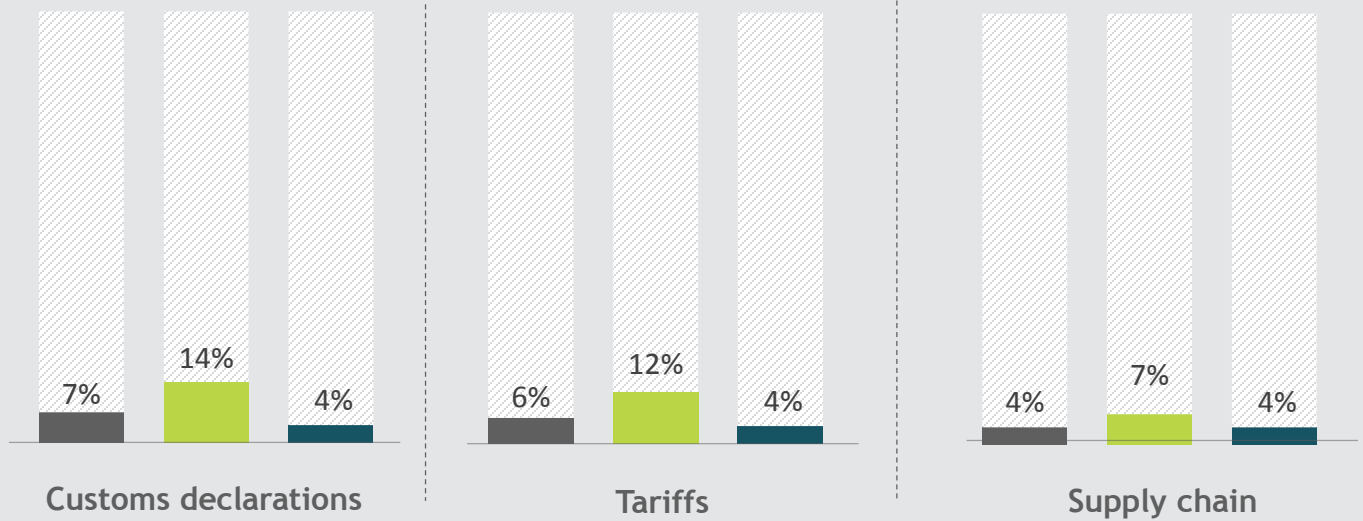


Business & consumer confidence



One in ten micro firms have made preparations for a 'no deal' Brexit

Although those who trade across the border are more likely to have made preparations, the majority are yet to plan:



% who have made preparations: Overall Cross-border sales No cross-border sales



4th INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (INDUSTRY 4.0)



Only around a **fifth** of businesses on the Island of Ireland have heard of the **Fourth Industrial Revolution**

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A telephone survey of 760 business was conducted on an all island basis, with the aim to provide a deeper understanding of the needs, experiences and issues facing businesses. The survey was conducted between the 17th June – 10th July 2019.