The Contractor Market Report October 2018

Here we highlight the latest contractor market trends taken from REC's latest Jobs Outlook Survey that was carried out in October.



Agency worker demand

Over the next 3 months 85% of end clients plan to hold or increase agency work numbers.



Over the next 4 - 12 months 81% of end clients plan to hold or increase agency worker numbers.



Throughout October the two most important reasons for using agency staff was to help cover peaks in demand as well as covering leave or absences.



Medium sized businesses anticipate the biggest need for agency workers in the short-term.



Agency worker sector

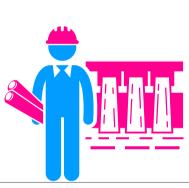
The three sectors likely to see the greatest demand for agency staff over the next 3 months are...



Technology







The sectors likely to experience a skills shortage for agency staff are...



Drivers







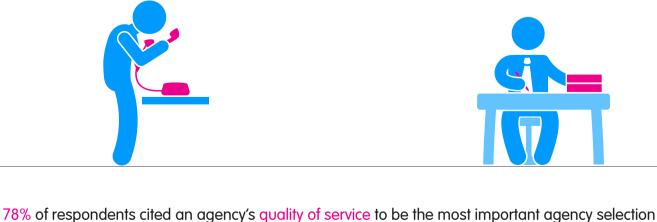


Recruitment agency trends

In October, the most popular recruitment channel used by temporary workers was former employees & word of mouth at 64%. Recruitment agencies / search firms were also popular at 57%.

service provided by their recruitment agencies over the last 2 years.

76% of end clients are satisfied with the





criterion. The price/cost of workers (74%) was also more important than agency expertise in terms of regions and sectors covered (71%).





