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China Employment Outlook

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey for the third quarter 2016 was conducted by interviewing a representative sample of 4,228 employers in China.

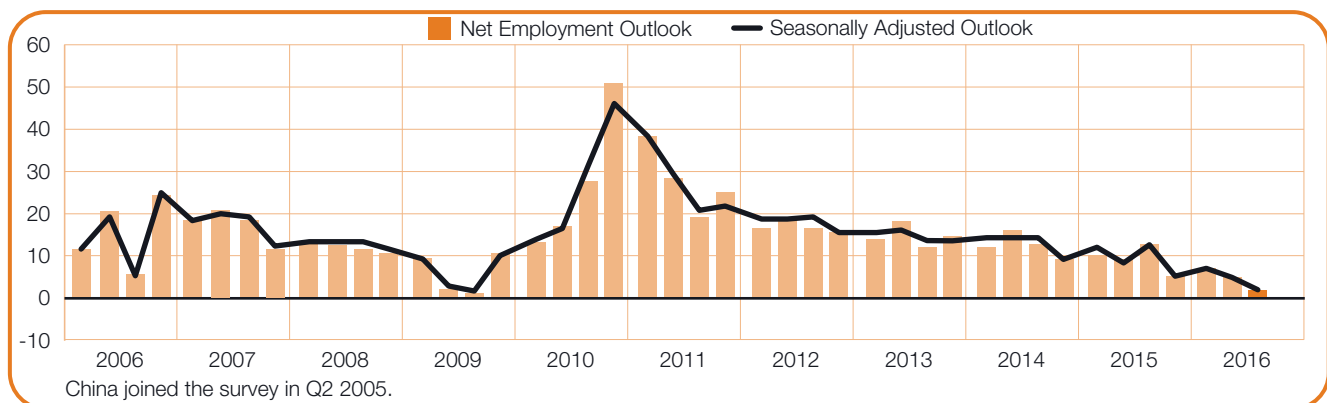
All survey participants were asked, “How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of September 2016 as compared to the current quarter?”

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China Employment Outlook

	Increase	Decrease	No Change	Don't Know	Net Employment Outlook	Seasonally Adjusted
	%	%	%	%	%	%
July-Sep 2016	3	1	41	55	2	2
Apr-Jun 2016	8	3	43	46	5	5
Jan-Mar 2016	10	3	44	43	7	7
Oct-Dec 2015	7	2	53	38	5	5
July-Sep 2015	14	1	48	37	13	13



Chinese employers report cautious hiring intentions for the July-September time frame. With 3% of employers anticipating an increase in staffing levels, 1% forecasting a decrease and 41% expecting no change, the Net Employment Outlook is +2%.

Once the data is adjusted to allow for seasonal variation, the Outlook also stands at +2%. However, the Outlook matches the weakest reported since the survey began in 2Q 2005, last reported seven years ago. Hiring plans decline by 2 and 12 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.

About data on the left side of all 9 regions and 6 sectors: Data outside the bracket is Net Employment Outlook, and the one inside the bracket is Seasonally Adjusted Outlook. Example: Shenzhen +1 (+2%), +1% is Net Employment Outlook, +2% is Seasonally Adjusted Outlook.

Throughout this report, we use the term "Net Employment Outlook." This figure is derived by taking the percentage of employers anticipating total employment to increase and subtracting from this the percentage expecting to see a decrease in employment at their location in the next quarter. The result of this calculation is the Net Employment Outlook.

From this point forward, all data discussed in the commentary is seasonally adjusted, unless stated otherwise.

Organisation-Size Comparisons

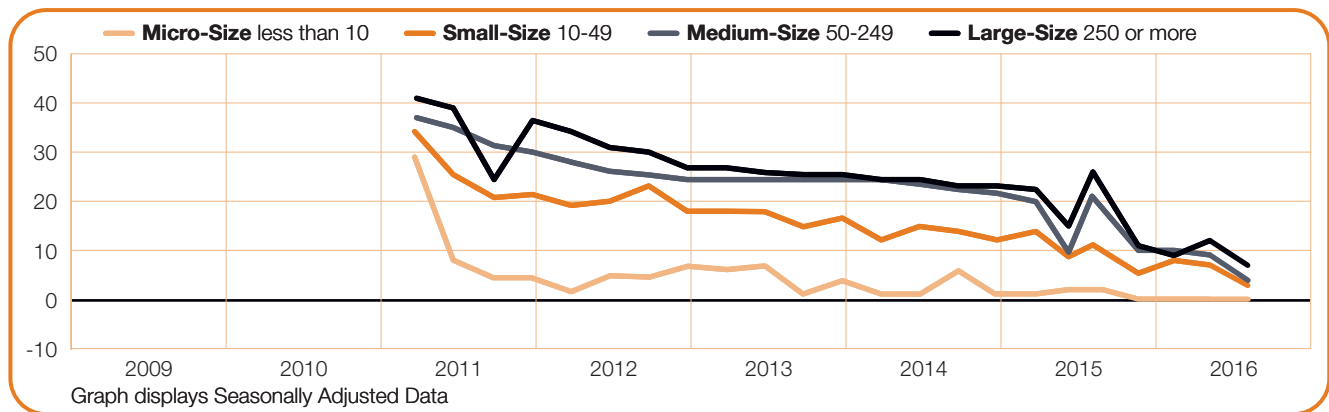
Participating employers are categorized into one of four organization sizes: Micro businesses have less than 10 employees; Small businesses have 10-49 employees; Medium businesses have 50-249 employees; and Large businesses have 250 or more employees.

Payrolls are expected to increase in three of the four organization size categories during 3Q 2016. The strongest hiring prospects are reported by Large employers with a Net Employment Outlook of +7%. Elsewhere, Outlooks of +4% and +3% are reported in the Medium- and Small-size employer categories, respectively. Meanwhile, Micro employers report flat hiring intentions with an Outlook of 0%.

Quarter-over-quarter, Micro employers report no change, but hiring prospects weaken in the other three organization size categories. Medium employers report a decline of 6 percentage points while Outlooks are 5 and 4 percentage points weaker for Small- and Large-size employers, respectively.

When compared with 3Q 2015, Large employers report a considerable decline of 20 percentage points, while Outlooks decrease by 18 percentage points for Medium employers and by 10 percentage points for Small firms. Micro employers report a slight decline of 3 percentage points.

Organisation-Size	Increase	Decrease	No Change	Don't Know	Net Employment Outlook	Seasonally Adjusted
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Micro-Size less than 10	1	1	65	33	0	0
Small-Size 10-49	5	2	65	28	3	3
Medium-Size 50-249	6	2	59	33	4	4
Large-Size 250 or more	7	2	46	45	5	7

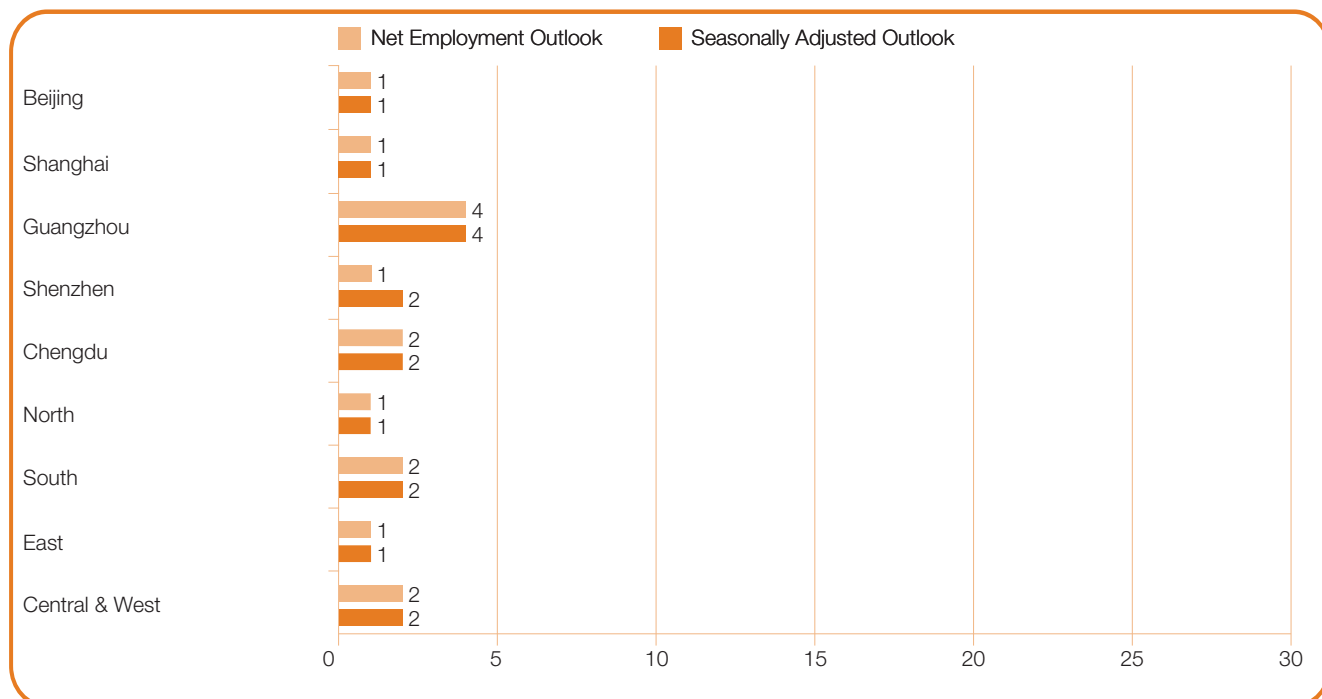


Regional Comparisons

Employers in all nine regions forecast job gains in the coming quarter, although hiring prospects are the weakest reported since the regions were first included in five of the nine regions. The strongest Net Employment Outlook of +4% is reported by Guangzhou employers, and slow-paced hiring activity is also anticipated in four regions with Outlooks of +2% – the South, Shenzhen, Central & West and Chengdu. Meanwhile, the weakest Outlooks of +1% are reported in the North, Beijing, the East and Shanghai.

Hiring intentions also weaken in all nine regions when compared with 3Q 2015. The most notable declines of 15 and 14 percentage points are reported by employers in the South and Beijing, respectively. Elsewhere, the Shenzhen Outlook declines by 13 percentage points while Outlooks are 11 percentage points weaker in Guangzhou and the East.

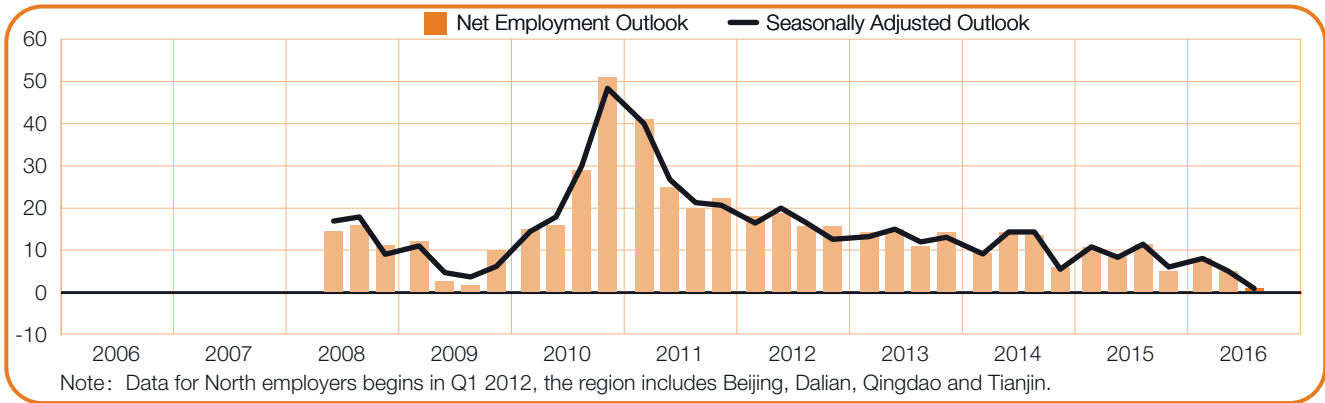
Quarter-over-quarter, hiring prospects decline in all nine regions, most notably by 5 percentage points in both the North and Beijing. Elsewhere, Outlooks are 3 percentage points weaker in the South, the East and Shanghai, while employers report declines of 2 percentage points in both Guangzhou and Shenzhen.



+1 (+1)%

North

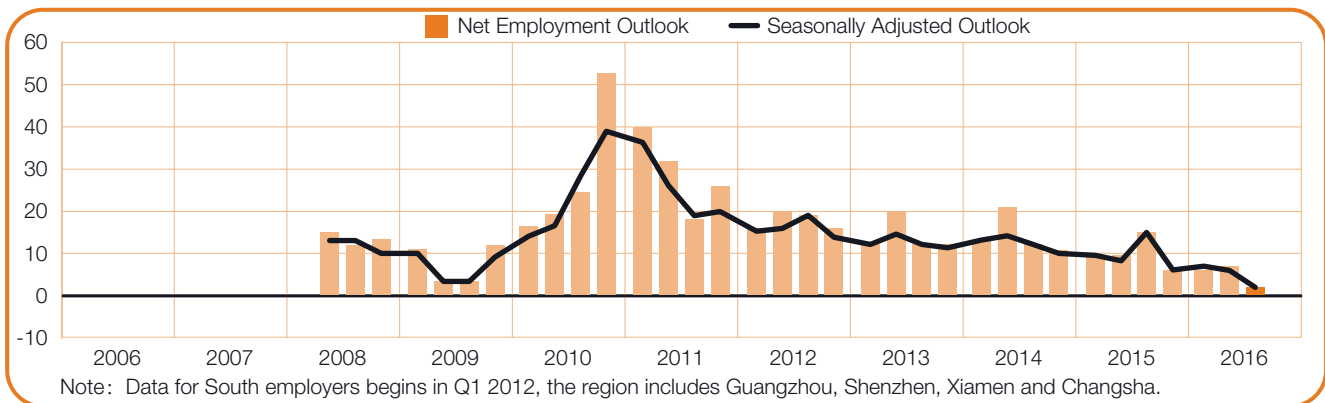
The weakest labor market since the region was first analyzed separately in 2Q 2008 is expected in the coming quarter, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +1%. Hiring intentions are 5 percentage points weaker quarter-over-quarter, and decline by 8 percentage points year-over-year.



+2 (+2)%

South

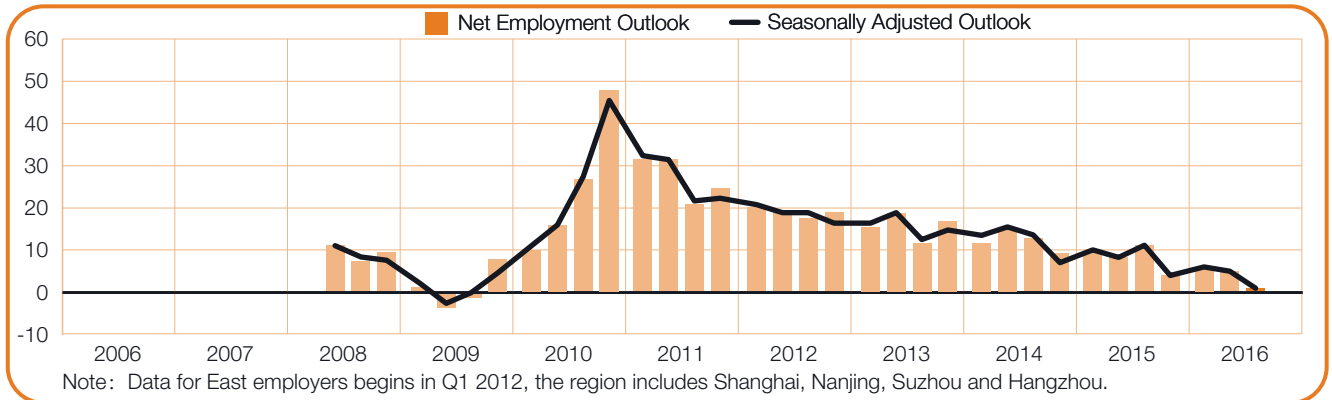
Job seekers can expect slow-paced hiring activity in 3Q 2016, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +2%. However, the Outlook is the weakest reported since the region was first analyzed separately in 2Q 2008, declining by 3 and 15 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.



+1 (+1)%

East

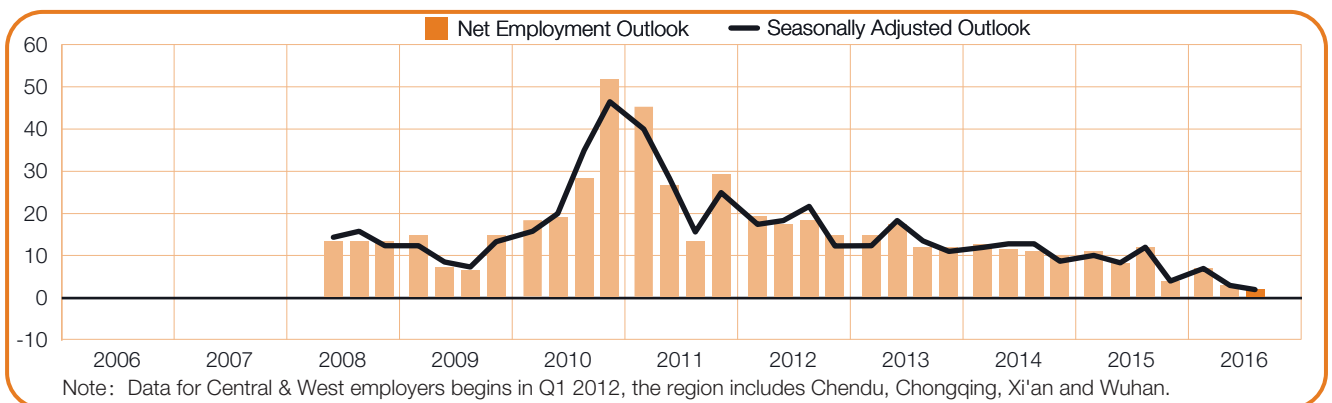
A quiet hiring climate is forecast for the July-September time frame, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +1%. The Outlook is the weakest reported since 3Q 2009, declining by 3 and 11 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.



+2 (+2)%

Central & West

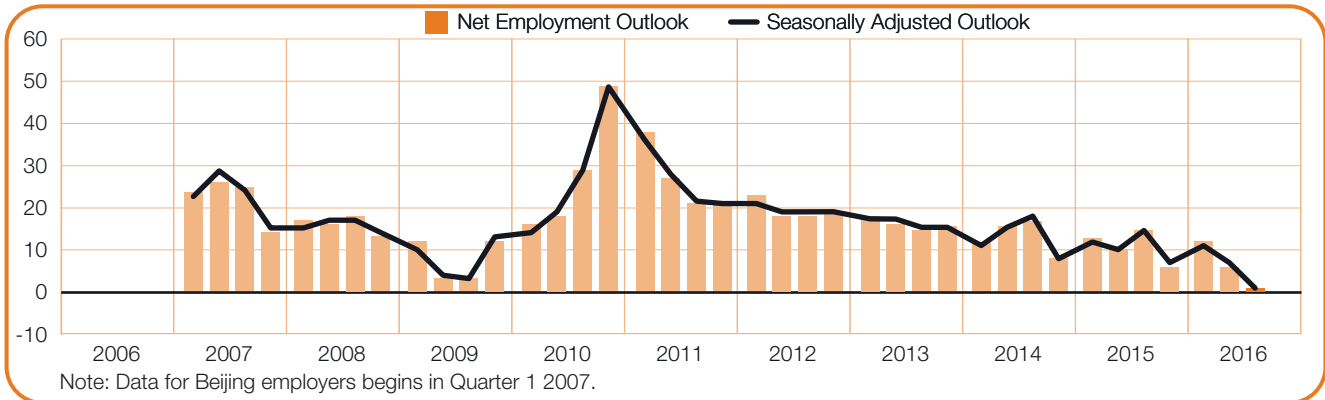
With a Net Employment Outlook for 3Q 2016 of +2%, employers forecast the weakest hiring pace since the region was first included in the survey in 2Q 2008. Hiring intentions remain relatively stable quarter-over-quarter but decline by 10 percentage points year-over-year.



+1 (+1)%

Beijing

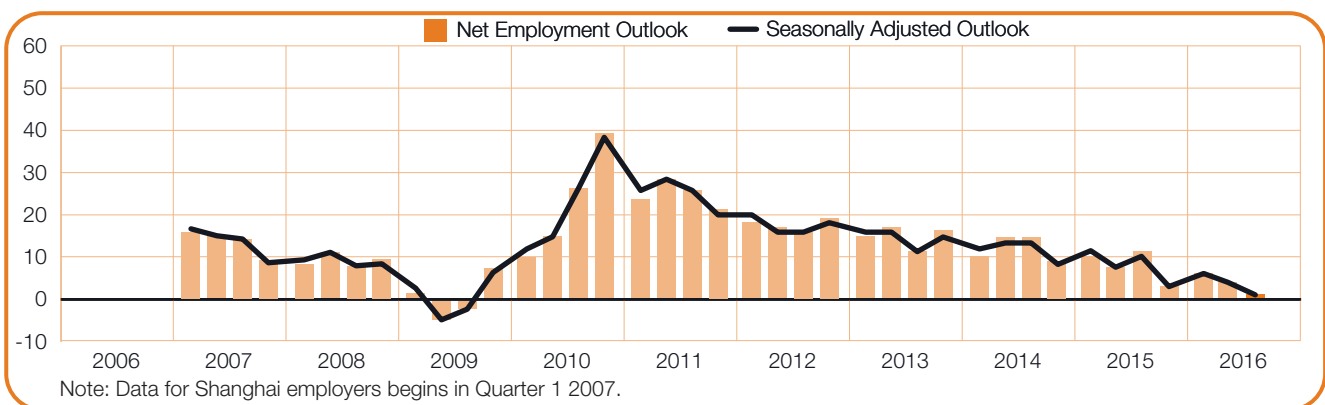
Employers report cautious hiring plans for the next three months with a Net Employment Outlook of +1%. The Outlook is the weakest reported since the region was first analyzed in 1Q 2007, declining by 5 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and by 14 percentage points year-over-year.



+1 (+1)%

Shanghai

Job seekers can expect the weakest labor market since 3Q 2009 in the next three months, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +1%. Hiring prospects decline by 3 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter and are 10 percentage points weaker year-over-year.



+4 (+4)%

Guangzhou

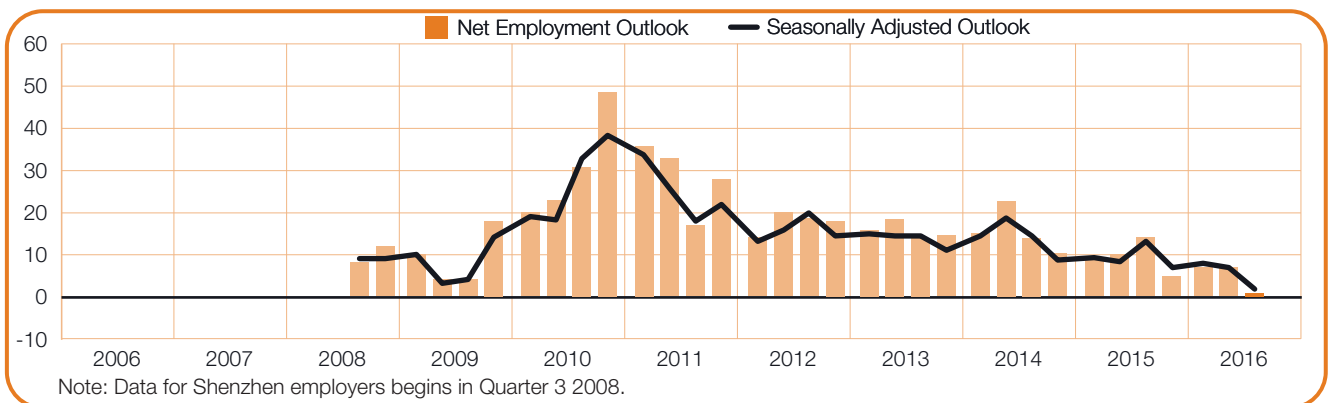
Reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +4%, employers anticipate modest payroll gains in the July-September time frame. Hiring plans decrease by 2 percentage points when compared with the previous quarter and decline by 11 percentage points year-over-year. As a result, the Outlook for the region is the weakest for seven years.



+1 (+2)%

Shenzhen

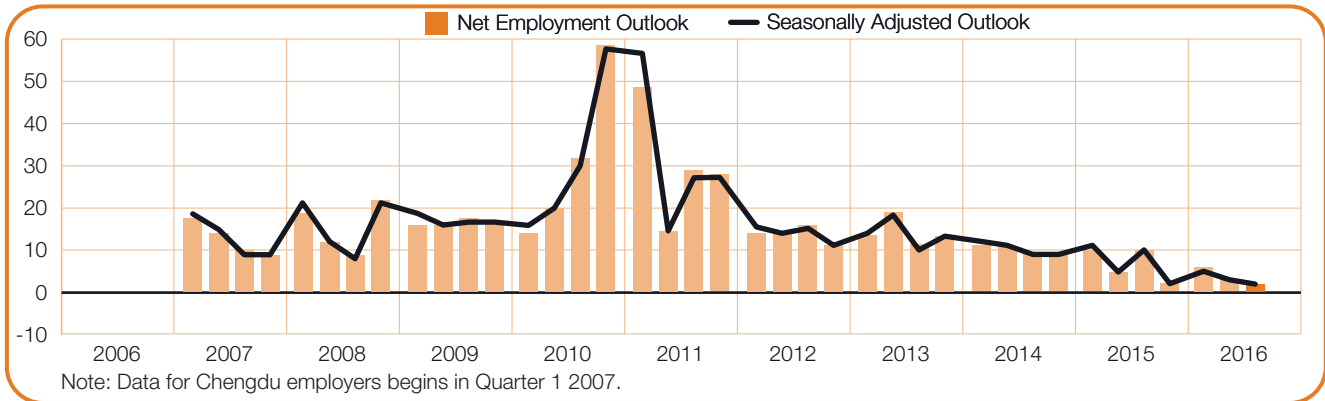
With employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook for 3Q 2016 of +2%, job seekers can expect the weakest labor market since the region was first analyzed separately in 3Q 2008. The Outlook declines by 2 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and is 13 percentage points weaker when compared with 3Q 2015.



+2 (+2)%

Chengdu

Slow-paced hiring activity is forecast for the July-September time frame, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +2%. Hiring plans remain relatively stable quarter-over-quarter but decline by 9 percentage points when compared with 3Q 2015. The Outlook matches the weakest reported since the region was first included in the survey in 1Q 2007, last reported in 4Q 2015.

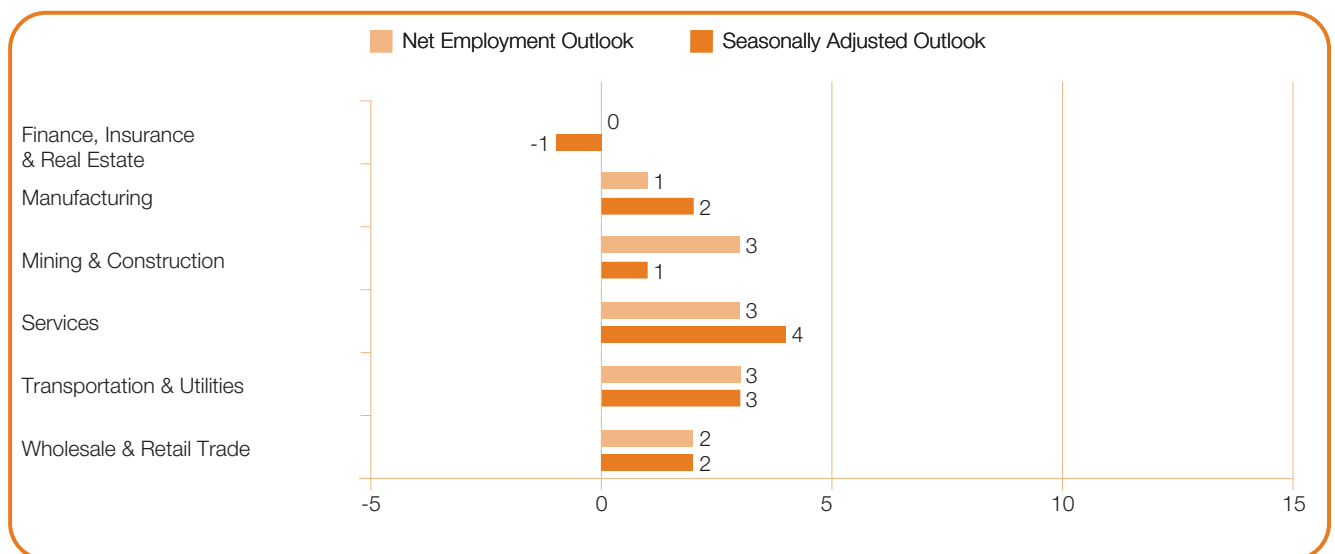


Sector Comparisons

Staffing levels are expected to grow in five of the six industry sectors during 3Q 2016. The strongest labor market is anticipated in the Services sector, where employers report a Net Employment Outlook of +4%. Modest job gains are also anticipated in the Transportation & Utilities sector, with an Outlook of +3%, and in both the Manufacturing sector and the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector, where Outlooks stand at +2%. Meanwhile, Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector employers anticipate an uncertain labor market, reporting an Outlook of -1%.

When compared with 3Q 2015, hiring intentions weaken considerably in all six industry sectors. Declines of 13 percentage points are reported in both the Transportation & Utilities sector and the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector. Elsewhere, the Outlook for the Services sector is 12 percentage points weaker, while Manufacturing sector employers report a decrease of 11 percentage points. Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector employers report a decline of 10 percentage points and the Outlook for the Mining & Construction sector is 9 percentage points weaker.

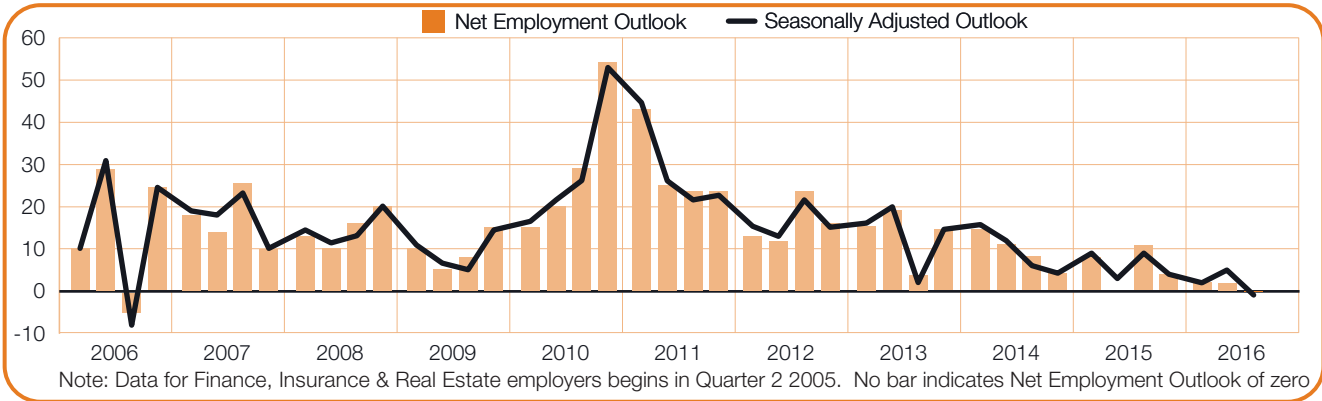
Quarter-over-quarter, hiring intentions weaken in all six industry sectors, most notably by 5 percentage points in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector. Elsewhere, Outlooks decline by 3 percentage points in the Transportation & Utilities sector and the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector, while Services sector employers report a decrease of 2 percentage points.



0 (-1)%

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

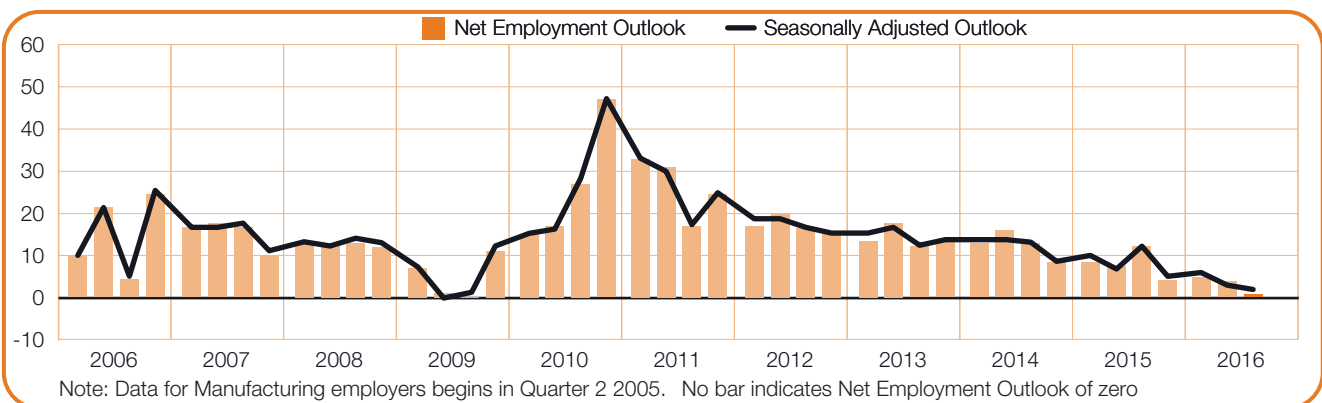
Job seekers can expect a subdued hiring pace in 3Q 2016, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of -1%. Hiring prospects are 5 percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter and decline by 10 percentage points year-over-year, resulting in the weakest – and first negative – Outlook since 3Q 2006.



+1 (+2)%

Manufacturing

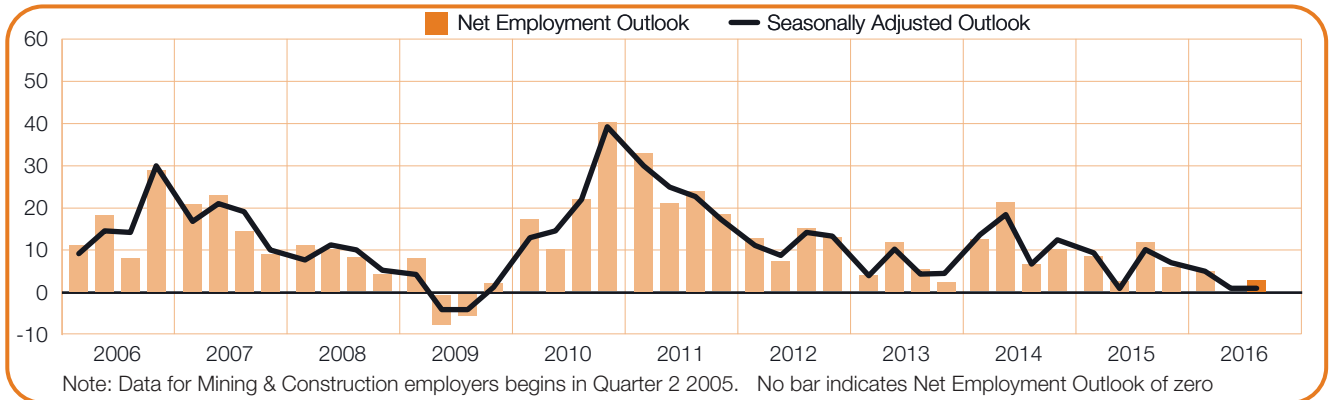
With a Net Employment Outlook of +2%, employers anticipate a slight increase in staffing levels during the coming quarter. However, the Outlook is the weakest reported in seven years. While remaining relatively stable quarter-over-quarter, hiring plans are 11 percentage points weaker year-over-year.



+3 (+1)%

Mining & Construction

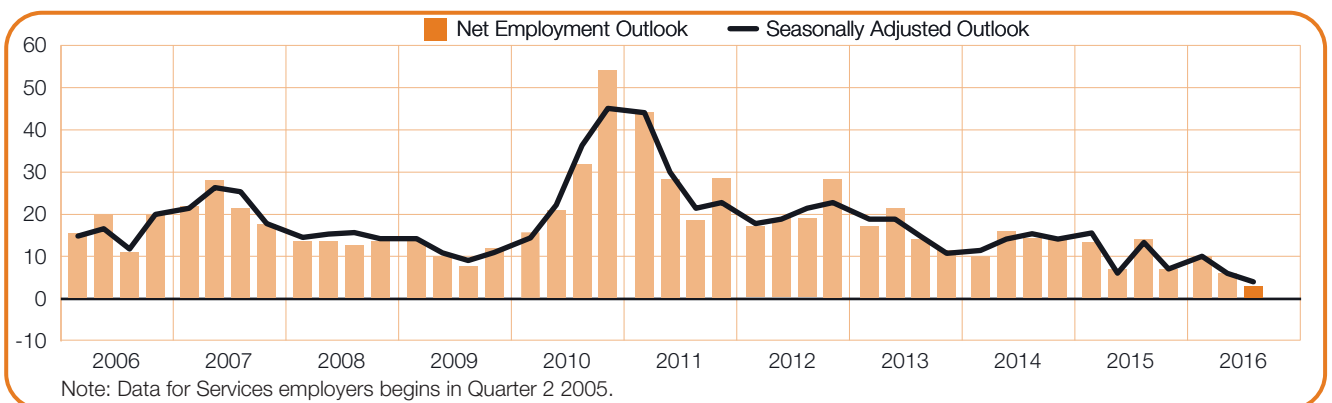
Employers anticipate a quiet hiring pace in the July-September time frame, reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +1%. The Outlook is the weakest reported since 4Q 2009. Hiring prospects remain relatively stable when compared with the previous quarter but are 9 percentage points weaker year-over-year.



+3 (+4)%

Services

The weakest labor market since the survey began in 2Q 2005 is forecast for the upcoming quarter. The Net Employment Outlook stands at +4%, declining by 2 and 12 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.



+3 (+3)%

Transportation & Utilities

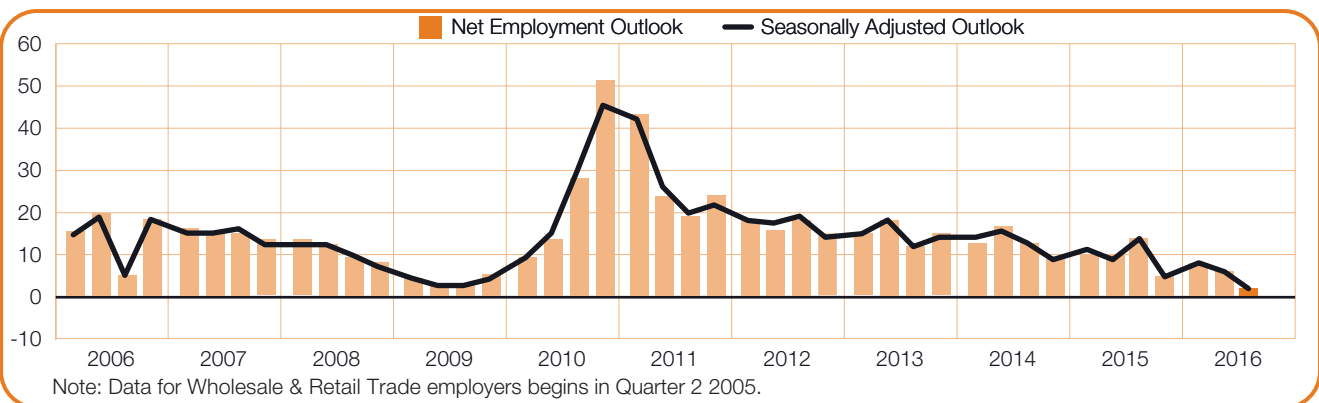
Some payroll gains are anticipated in the July-September time frame, with employers reporting a Net Employment Outlook of +3%. However, hiring prospects are the weakest reported since 4Q 2009, declining by 3 and 13 percentage points quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year, respectively.



+2 (+2)%

Wholesale & Retail Trade

Job seekers can expect the weakest hiring pace since the survey began 11 years ago, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of +2% for the next three months. The Outlook is 3 percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter and declines by 13 percentage points year-over-year.

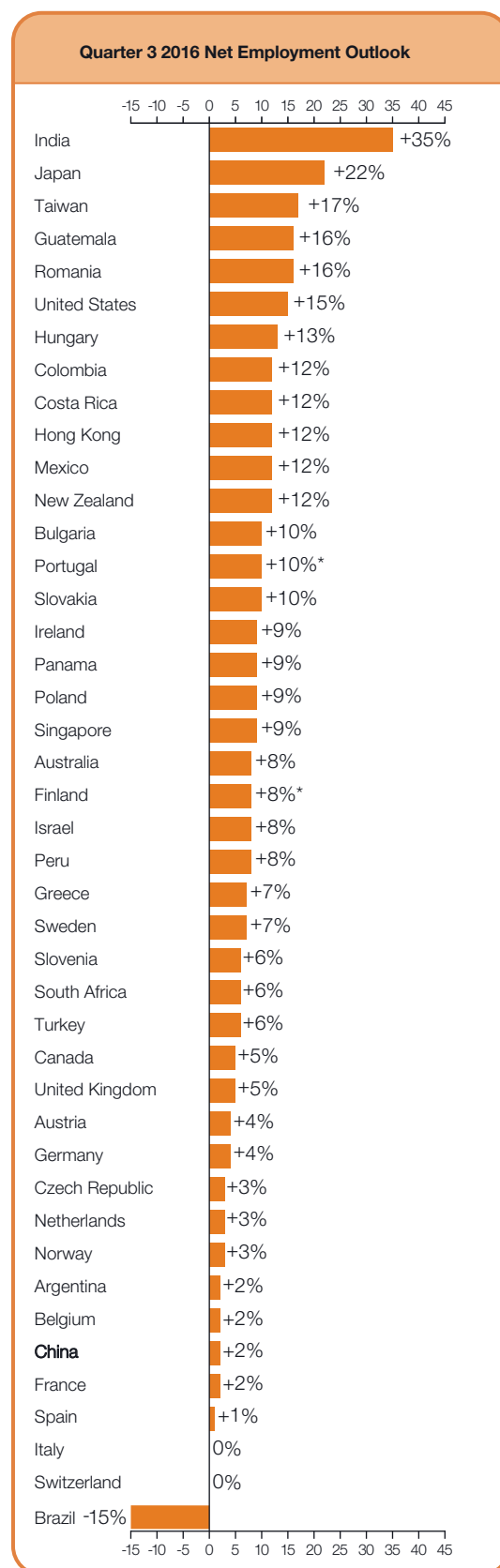


Global Employment Outlook

	Quarter 3 2016	Qtr on Qtr Change Q2 2016 to Q3 2016	Yr on Yr Change Q3 2015 to Q3 2016
	%		
Americas			
Argentina	1 (2) ¹	-5 (-1) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹
Brazil	-15 (-15) ¹	-10 (-4) ¹	-9 (-9) ¹
Canada	11 (5) ¹	1 (-1) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹
Colombia	11 (12) ¹	-8 (-6) ¹	-2 (-2) ¹
Costa Rica	9 (12) ¹	-8 (-2) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹
Guatemala	14 (16) ¹	-4 (-2) ¹	7 (7) ¹
Mexico	12 (12) ¹	-2 (0) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Panama	8 (9) ¹	-5 (-5) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹
Peru	8 (8) ¹	-2 (-1) ¹	0 (0) ¹
United States	18 (15) ¹	0 (-1) ¹	-2 (-1) ¹

Asia Pacific			
Australia	7 (8) ¹	1 (3) ¹	3 (3) ¹
China	2 (2) ¹	-3 (-2) ¹	-11 (-12) ¹
Hong Kong	13 (12) ¹	-1 (-3) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹
India	36 (35) ¹	-3 (-3) ¹	-3 (-3) ¹
Japan	20 (22) ¹	-9 (0) ¹	0 (0) ¹
New Zealand	11 (12) ¹	1 (3) ¹	0 (0) ¹
Singapore	10 (9) ¹	0 (-1) ¹	-4 (-4) ¹
Taiwan	22 (17) ¹	1 (-3) ¹	-23 (-23) ¹

EMEA*			
Austria	6 (4) ¹	3 (3) ¹	3 (3) ¹
Belgium	1 (2) ¹	-1 (1) ¹	0 (0) ¹
Bulgaria	14 (10) ¹	-5 (-2) ¹	-2 (-1) ¹
Czech Republic	6 (3) ¹	2 (1) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹
Finland	8	3	-3
France	3 (2) ¹	4 (3) ¹	-2 (-1) ¹
Germany	5 (4) ¹	2 (2) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹
Greece	12 (7) ¹	2 (1) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Hungary	14 (13) ¹	1 (3) ¹	8 (8) ¹
Ireland	11 (9) ¹	4 (4) ¹	3 (3) ¹
Israel	9 (8) ¹	0 (1) ¹	-3 (-3) ¹
Italy	3 (0) ¹	1 (0) ¹	4 (4) ¹
Netherlands	3 (3) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹	0 (1) ¹
Norway	4 (3) ¹	1 (0) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹
Poland	13 (9) ¹	1 (-1) ¹	4 (4) ¹
Portugal	10	-	-
Romania	22 (16) ¹	3 (3) ¹	8 (8) ¹
Slovakia	13 (10) ¹	5 (2) ¹	1 (1) ¹
Slovenia	9 (6) ¹	-4 (-1) ¹	-2 (-2) ¹
South Africa	6 (6) ¹	1 (0) ¹	0 (0) ¹
Spain	3 (1) ¹	0 (0) ¹	-2 (-1) ¹
Sweden	7 (7) ¹	-2 (0) ¹	5 (5) ¹
Switzerland	-1 (0) ¹	-4 (-1) ¹	-2 (-2) ¹
Turkey	10 (6) ¹	-6 (-5) ¹	-9 (-9) ¹
UK	7 (5) ¹	0 (-1) ¹	-1 (-1) ¹



*EMEA – Europe, Middle East and Africa.

* Indicates unadjusted data.

1. Number in parentheses is the Net Employment Outlook when adjusted to remove the impact of seasonal variations in hiring activity. Please note that this data is not available for all countries as a minimum of 17 quarters worth of data is required.

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey is ManpowerGroup's quarterly index of employer hiring confidence.

ManpowerGroup interviewed nearly 59,000 employers across 43 countries and territories to forecast labor market activity* in Quarter 3 2016. All participants were asked, "How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of September 2016 as compared to the current quarter?"

The overview of global responses indicates that most employers expect varying levels of payroll growth over the next three months. The research reveals staffing levels are expected to grow in 40 of 43 countries and territories during the July-September time frame. However, a number of employers also indicate that overall payroll growth is likely to proceed at a more conservative pace than in the prior quarter or last year at this time. Significant upturns in overall employer confidence are few, and some declining trajectories reported previously—most notably in Brazil and China—continue unabated. Third-quarter hiring plans strengthen in 14 of 42 countries** and territories when compared with the April-June time frame, are unchanged in seven, and weaken in 21. Outlooks improve in 13 countries and territories when compared with Quarter 3 2015, are unchanged in five, and decline in 24. Third-quarter hiring confidence is strongest in India, Japan, Taiwan, Guatemala, Romania and the United States, while employers in Brazil, Italy and Switzerland report the weakest hiring plans.

Throughout the Americas region, third-quarter workforce gains are expected in nine of 10 countries. However, Net Employment Outlooks decline in nine countries in comparison to the April-June period and are unchanged in one. Similarly, forecasts weaken in seven countries in comparison to Quarter 3 2015, strengthen in two, and remain unchanged in one. Employers in Guatemala and the United States report the region's most optimistic third-quarter hiring plans. The only negative forecast—in the Americas region as well as across the globe—is reported by employers in Brazil.

Employers in 23 of 25 countries in the Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) region expect to grow staffing levels over the next three months. In a quarter-over-quarter comparison, forecasts improve in 12 countries but weaken in seven. When compared year-over-year, job prospects are expected to improve in 10 countries and decline in 12. Romanian employers report the region's strongest third-quarter hiring plans, while the weakest outlooks are reported in Italy and Switzerland. For the first time in eight years, there are no negative national forecasts reported among countries in the EMEA region. The third-quarter survey also includes Portugal for the first time, bringing the total of countries and territories participating in the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey to 43.

Job gains are expected in all eight countries and territories surveyed in the Asia Pacific region. However, hiring prospects weaken in five countries & territories in comparison to Quarter 2 2016, improve in two and are unchanged in one. Similarly, third-quarter forecasts weaken in five countries and territories when compared year-over-year, improve in only one and are unchanged in two. For the fourth consecutive quarter, employers in India report the most optimistic regional and global hiring plans. For the fourth consecutive quarter, employers in China report the region's weakest forecast.

Full survey results for each of the 43 countries and territories included in this quarter's survey, plus regional and global comparisons, can be found at www.manpowergroup.com/meos

The next Manpower Employment Outlook Survey will be released on 13 September 2016 and will detail expected labor market activity for the fourth quarter of 2016.

* Commentary is based on seasonally adjusted data where available. Data is not seasonally adjusted for Finland or Portugal.
** Portugal joined the survey in Quarter 3 2016 and has no trend data to compare at this point

International Comparisons – Americas

More than 23,000 employers from 10 countries across North, Central and South America shared their hiring plans for the July-September time frame. Payrolls are expected to increase by varying degrees in all countries except Brazil where employers report negative hiring intentions for the sixth consecutive quarter. However, employer forecasts elsewhere across the region are also generally softer, declining in nine countries in comparison to the prior quarter's forecast and dipping in seven when compared to Quarter 3 2015.

Employers in Guatemala and the United States report the most optimistic third-quarter hiring plans. Guatemala's outlook is fueled in part by considerable year-over-year gains forecast by employers in the Construction, Services and Agriculture sectors. Meanwhile, opportunities for job seekers in the U.S. are expected to remain favorable, and the forecast is relatively stable in comparison to both three months ago and last year at this time. The most active hiring pace is expected in the Leisure & Hospitality sector, where more than a third of the employers expect to add to payrolls in the next three months. Employers in the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector are similarly optimistic with more than a quarter saying they intend to hire from July through September.

A comparable trend is reported in Canada where employers anticipate some job gains in all industry sectors except Mining. However, the ongoing slump in energy prices and exports appears to be pressuring the labor market overall as outlooks decline from year-ago levels in the majority of industry sectors and all four regions, and the country's forecast dips to its least optimistic level in nearly seven years.

Mexico's hiring pace is expected to remain steady in the months ahead as hiring plans improve by varying degrees in all industry sectors and regions. The strongest hiring intentions are reported in the Transport & Communications and Commerce sectors.

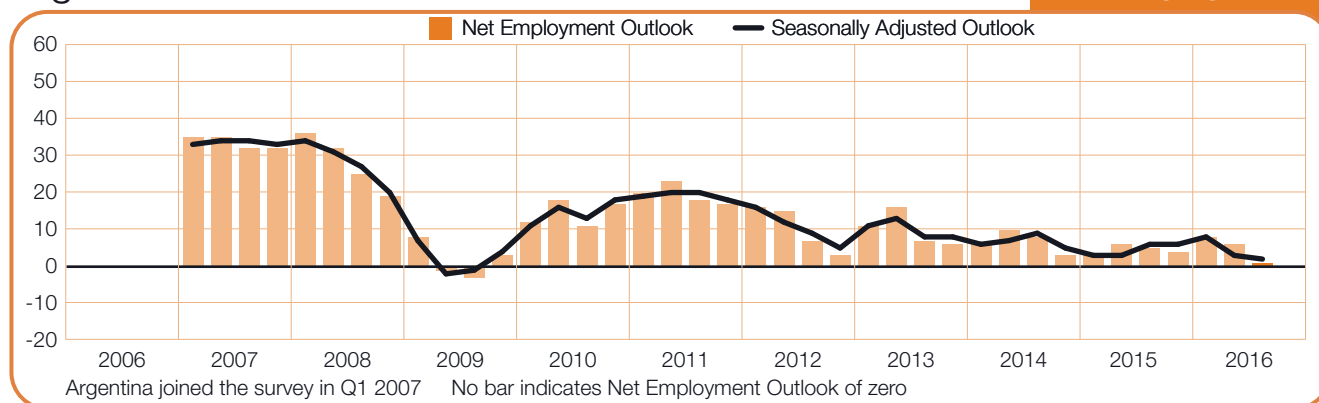
Staffing levels are also expected to grow in all industry sectors in Costa Rica and Panama. However, employers in both countries anticipate slower growth in most sectors in quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons. In fact, Panama's third-quarter outlook matches its least optimistic forecast, first reported in Quarter 4 2015.

Outlooks in South America remain mixed. Colombia's hiring pace is expected to remain steady despite slowing down from both three months ago and last year at this time. Modest payroll gains are also expected in Peru, boosted by upbeat forecasts in both the Public Administration/Education and the Manufacturing sectors. Argentinian employers anticipate some overall job gains despite the forecast dipping to its least optimistic level in seven years.

Meanwhile, Brazil's labor market slump is expected to deepen in the upcoming quarter with employers reporting the only negative forecast among the 43 countries and territories participating in the survey. Brazil's Net Employment Outlook continues the steady decline that started in Quarter 4 2011, and employer confidence dips again to the least optimistic level since Brazil's survey was launched in Quarter 4 2009.

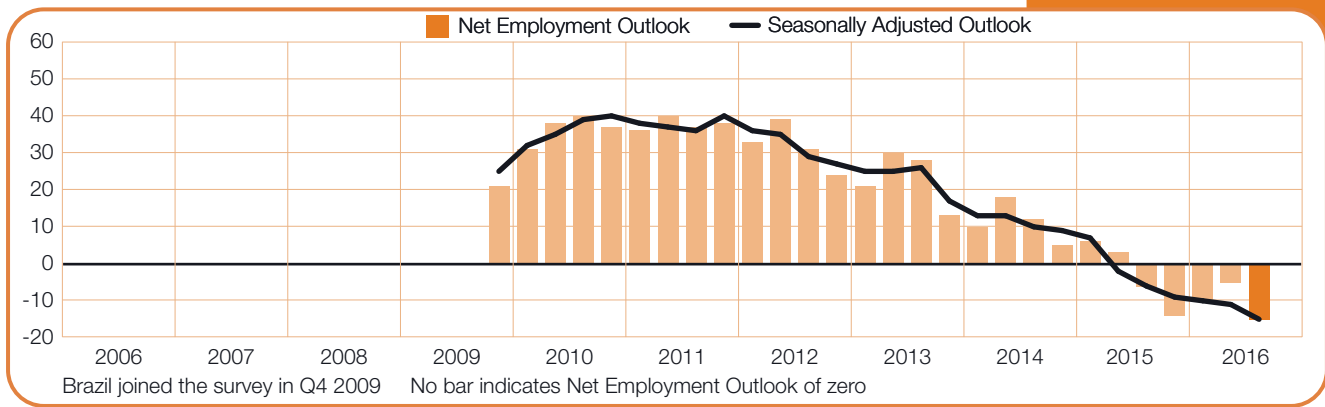
Argentina

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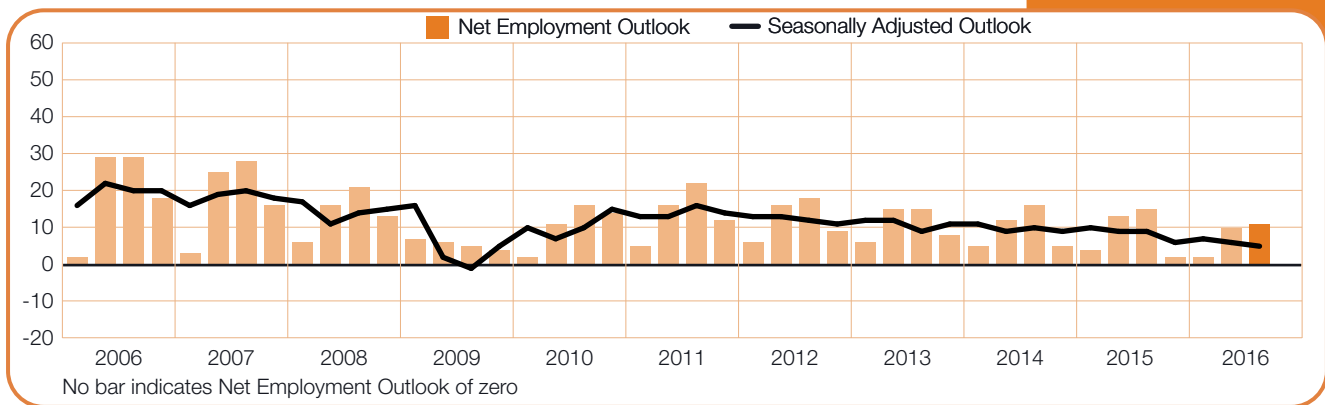
Brazil

-15 (-15)%



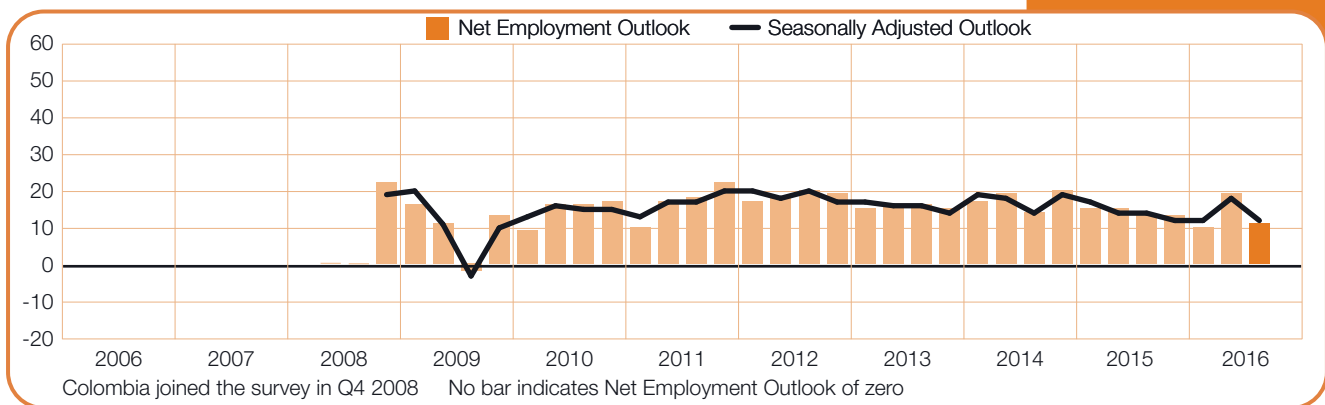
Canada

+11 (+5)%



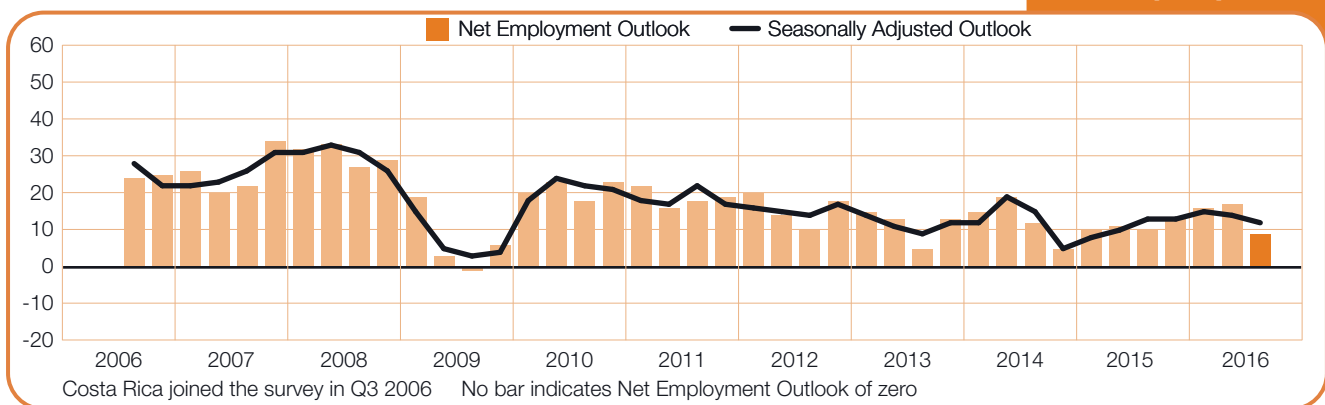
Colombia

+11 (+12)%



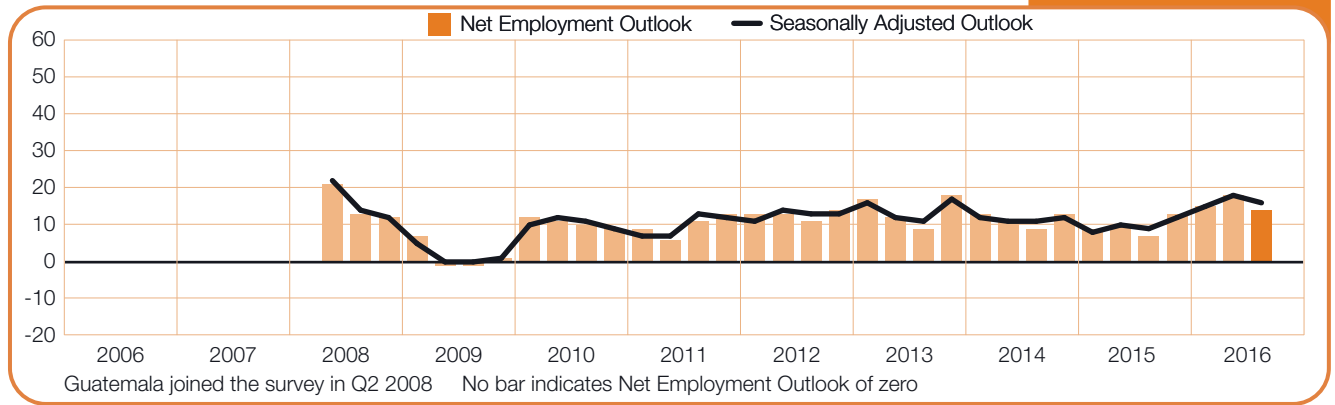
Costa Rica

+9 (+12)%



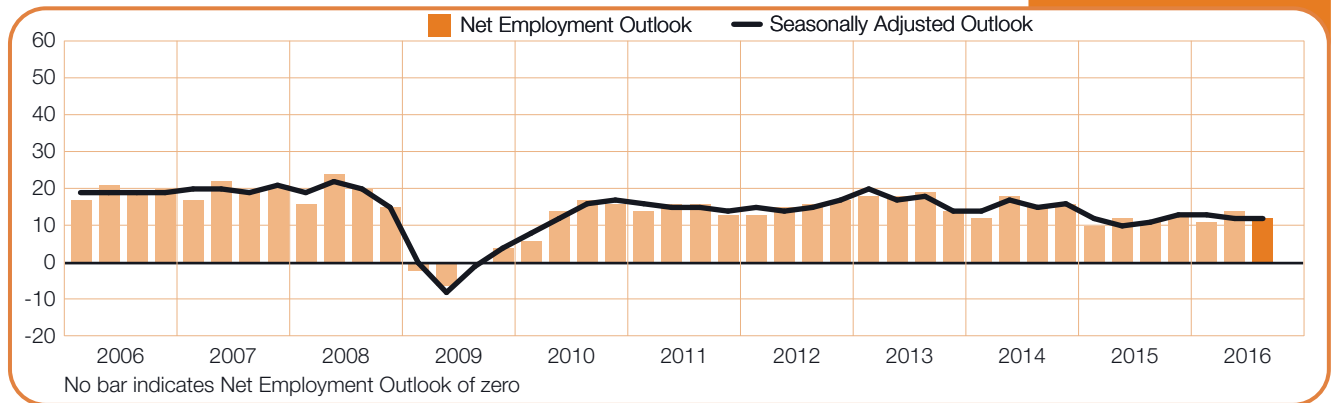
Guatemala

+14 (+16)%



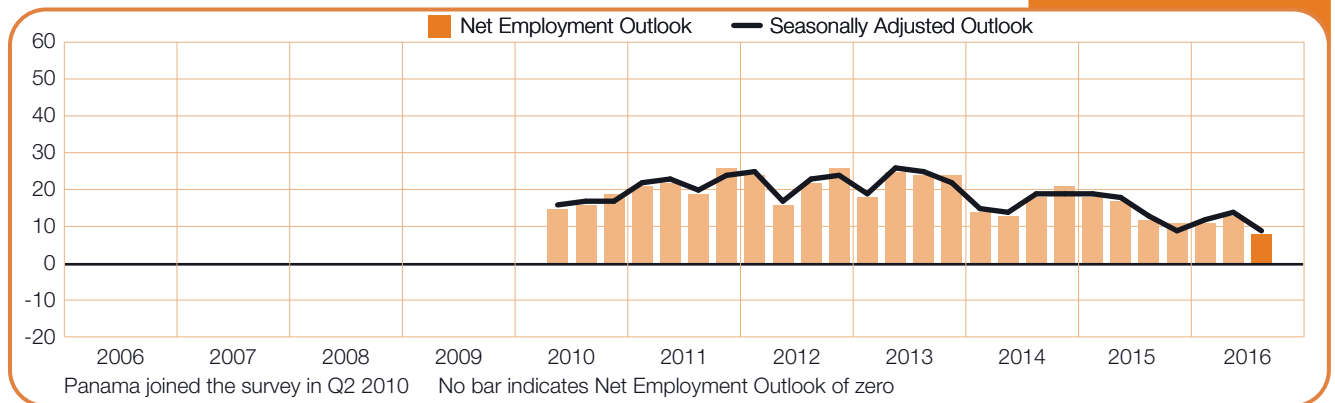
Mexico

+12 (+12)%



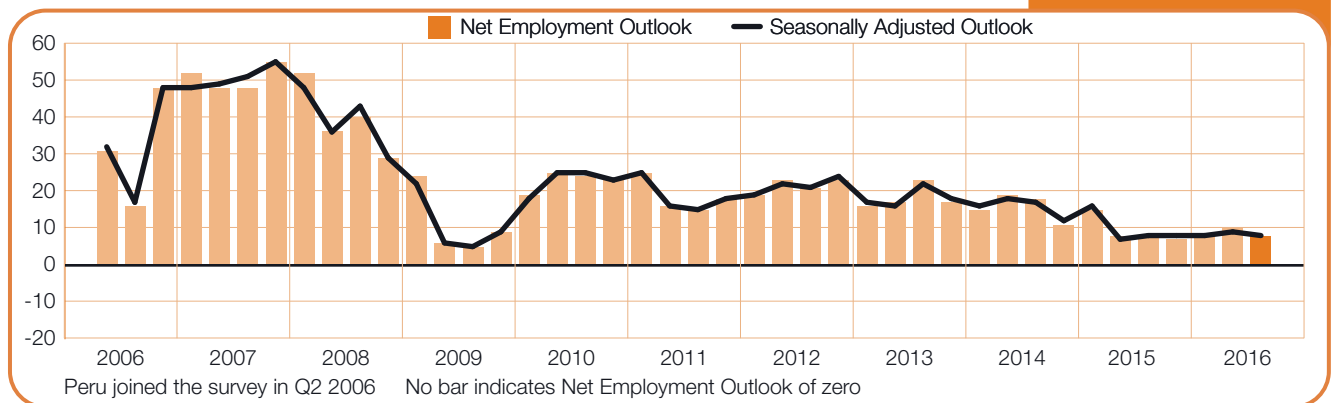
Panama

+8 (+9)%



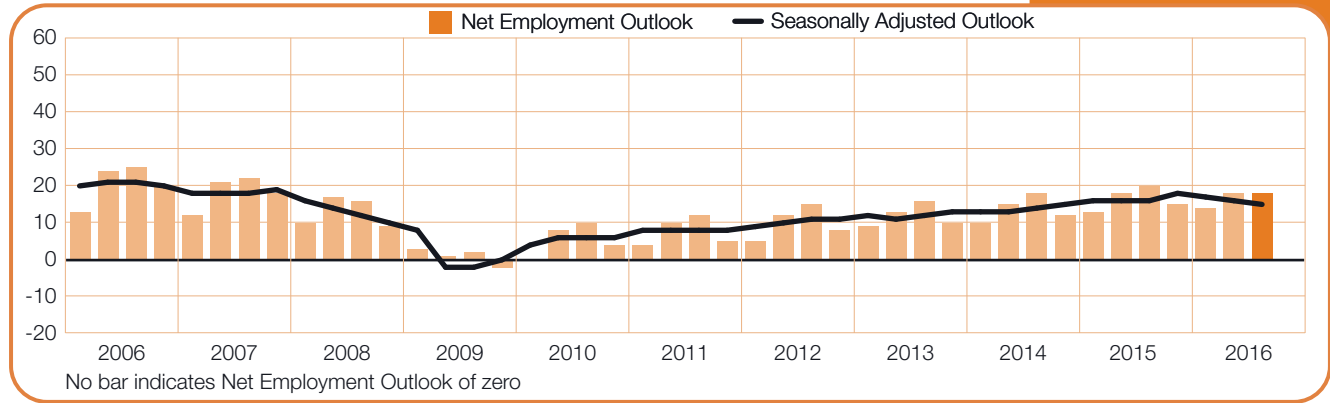
Peru

+8 (+8)%



United States of America

+18 (+15)%



International Comparisons – Asia Pacific

The survey of nearly 15,000 employers in the Asia Pacific region indicates there will be some payroll growth in each of the eight countries and territories. However, outlooks dip by varying margins in five of the eight both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year. This slowing momentum is especially true in China where the forecast remains positive but matches the country’s weakest outlook which was first reported in Quarter 3 2009. Employers in India and Japan report the strongest third-quarter hiring plans, while those in China and Australia report the weakest.

Employers in India continue to report the most optimistic hiring intentions among the 43 countries and territories in the survey. Hiring prospects decline slightly in both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons. However, opportunities are expected to remain abundant with more than a third of employers indicating they will add to payrolls in the July-September time frame. Job seekers can expect the most opportunities in the Services and the Transportation & Utilities sectors.

Japanese employers continue to search for talent in an increasingly tight labor pool, and this pursuit is expected to keep Japan’s labor market active. Potential opportunities for job seekers remain strong in most industry sectors and regions, with nearly a quarter of the employers expecting payroll growth over the next three months.

Conversely, China’s hiring plans weaken in all industry sectors and all regions in both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons. Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector employers report the most notable decline, with the sector’s outlook sinking to

negative levels for the first time since Quarter 3 2006. However, the survey also reveals a high level of uncertainty among employers with more than half responding with “Don’t Know” in regard to their third-quarter plans.

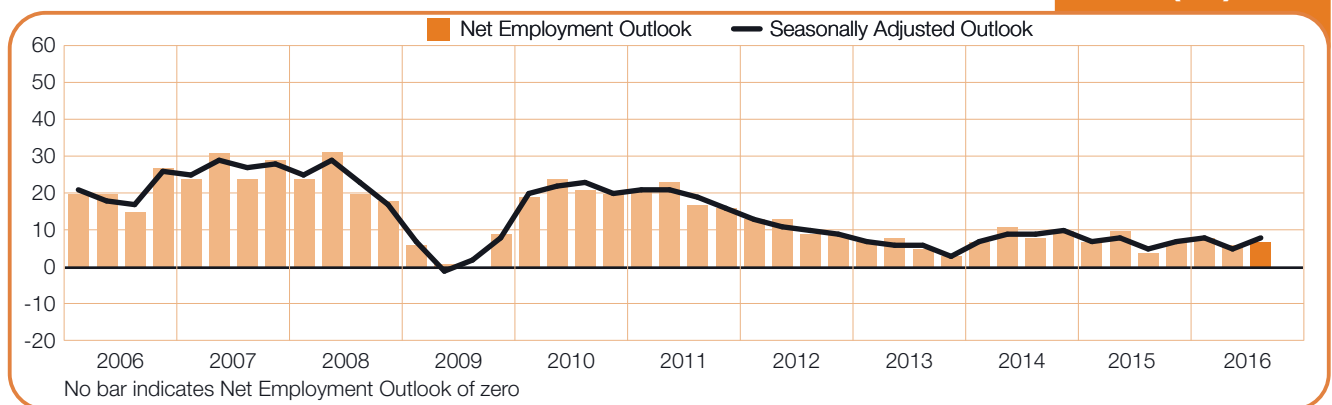
China’s downturn may be rattling employer confidence in Taiwan, one of its key trading partners. Taiwan’s forecast has declined for five consecutive quarters and is now weaker than at any point since Quarter 3 2009. However, more than one of every four employers tells us they expect payrolls to grow in the next three months, and only Indian and Japanese employers report stronger third-quarter hiring plans among all participating countries and territories than Taiwan.

Outlooks in Hong Kong dip slightly in both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons, yet the hiring pace is expected to remain steady with positive forecasts reported in all industry sectors. Meanwhile, Singapore’s forecast sinks to its weakest level since Quarter 3 2009. Yet, the forecast remains uniformly positive and only one percent of employers say they intend to reduce payrolls in the next three months.

Opportunities for job seekers in Australia and New Zealand improve slightly from three months ago, with Australian employers reporting positive hiring intentions in all industry sectors and all but two regions. Employer hiring intentions in New Zealand are positive in all regions and all sectors except Finance, Insurance & Real Estate where the forecast turns negative and drops to its weakest level since Quarter 1 2012.

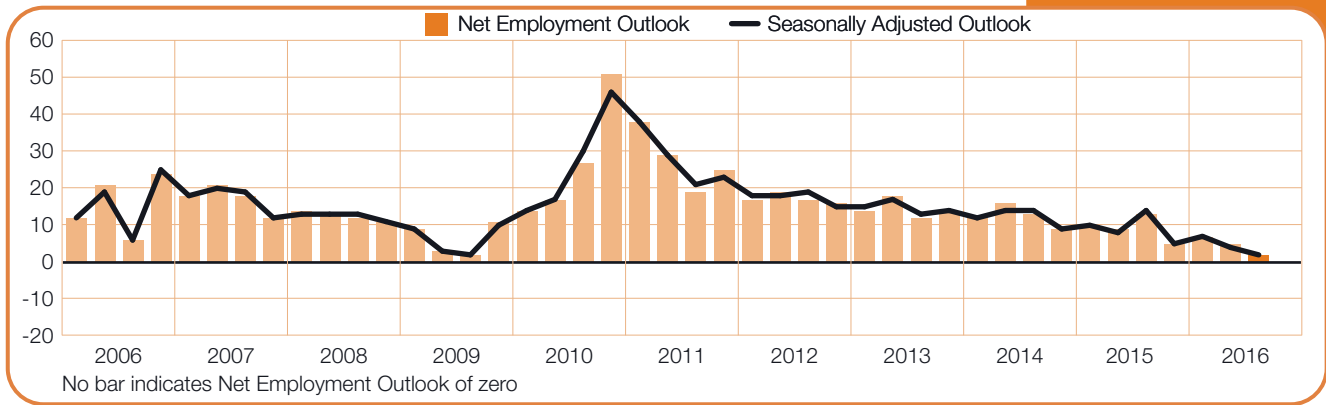
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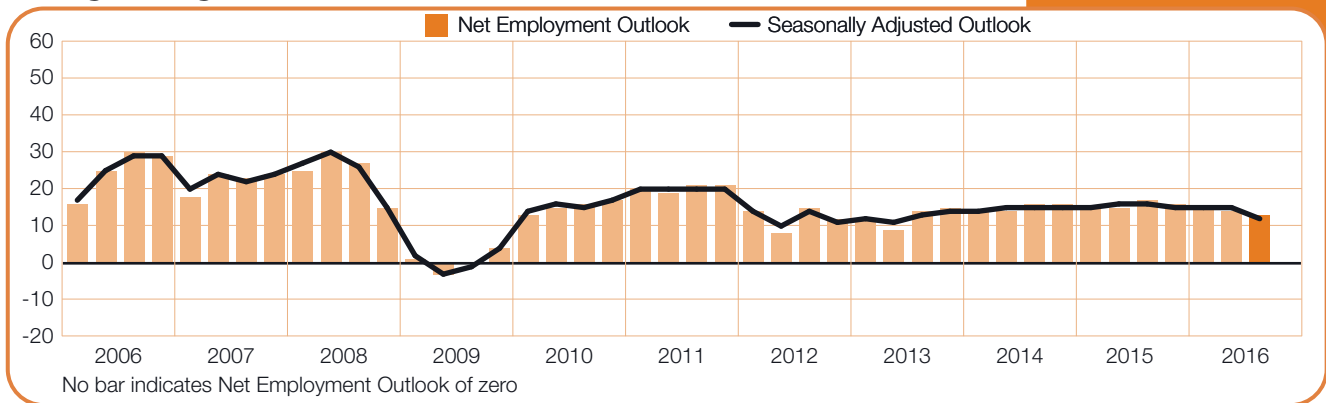
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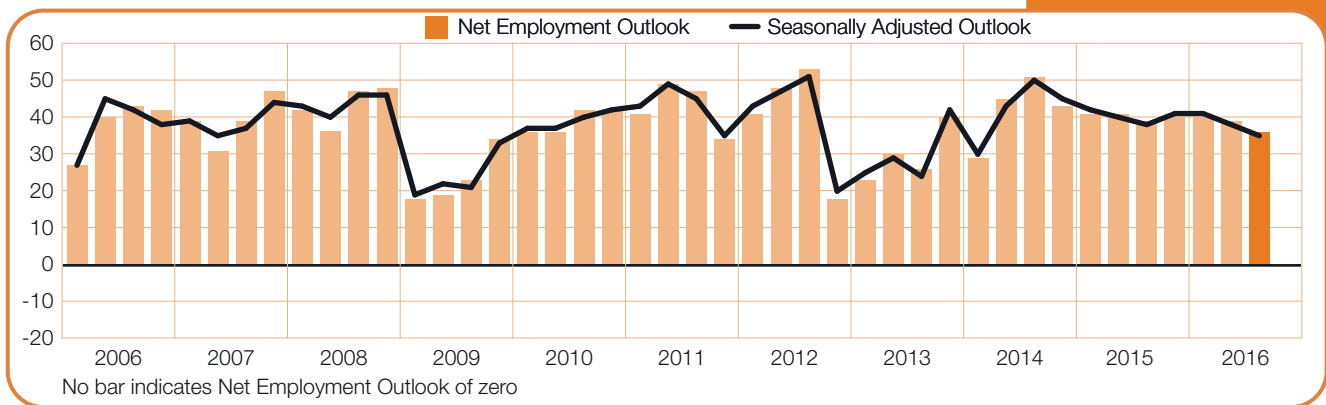
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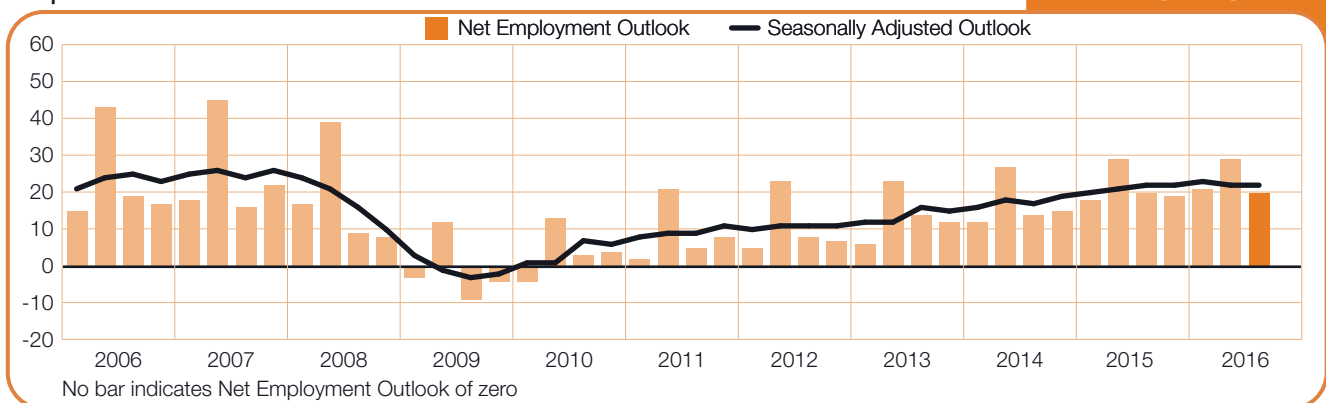
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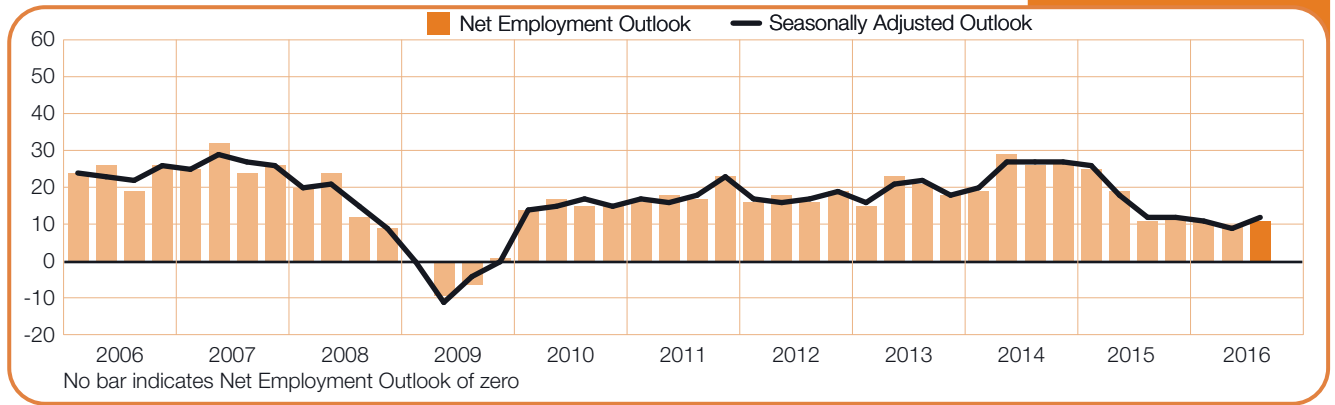
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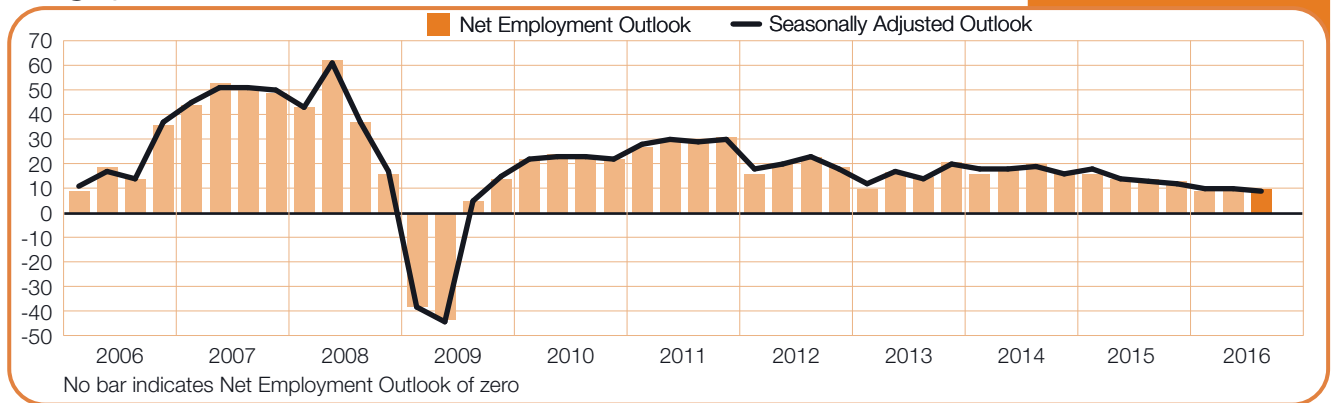
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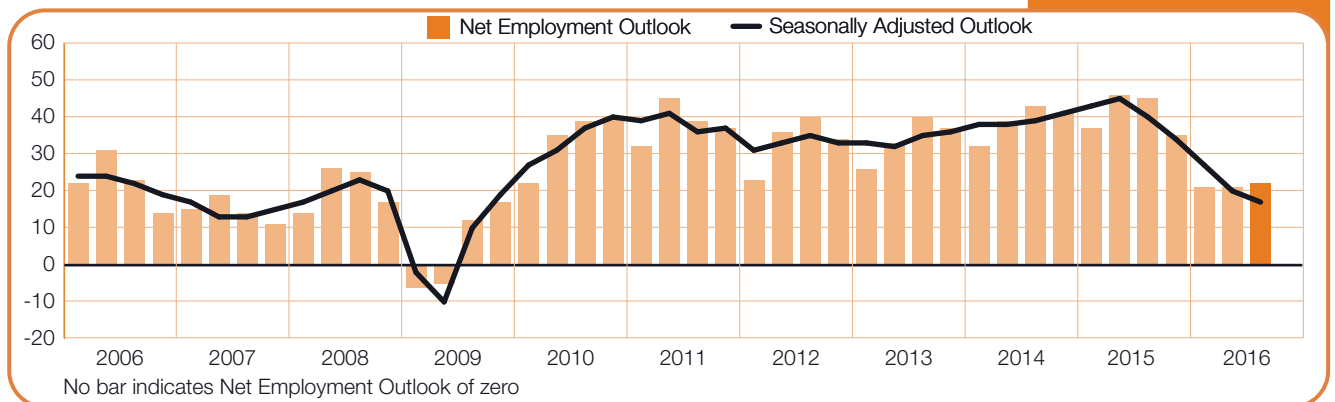
Singapore

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Taiwan

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International Comparisons – EMEA

ManpowerGroup interviewed more than 20,000 employers in 25 countries in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region. Outlooks are mostly positive with employers in 23 of 25 countries planning to add to their payrolls in the third quarter and those in the remaining two expecting a flat labor market. This report also includes the first survey conducted in Portugal.

Forecasts are mixed across the region with employer hiring plans improving from three months ago in 12 of the 24 countries where comparison data is available* and declining in seven. The year-over-year comparison reveals more cautious hiring sentiment, with stronger outlooks reported in only 10 countries and weaker outlooks in 12. The strongest third-quarter forecasts are reported in Romania and Hungary, while the weakest are reported in Italy and Switzerland.

Romania’s outlook has climbed for two consecutive quarters and is now stronger than at any point since Quarter 4 2008. Prospects are buoyed by the country’s most optimistic Manufacturing sector forecast since the survey started in Quarter 2 2008, with more than four of every 10 employers surveyed telling us they plan to add to their workforces in the July-September time frame. Similar hiring confidence is reported by Construction sector employers who report the sector’s strongest forecast since Quarter 1 2012.

Prospects are also upbeat in Hungary where the outlook is the most optimistic since the survey started in Quarter 3 2009. Confidence among Hungary’s employers is underpinned by the strongest forecasts reported to date in the Finance & Business Services and the Public & Social sectors, as well as a Manufacturing sector outlook that matches the strongest forecast first reported in Quarter 3 2014.

Despite employer concerns associated with the UK’s 23 June EU referendum, job seekers in the UK can expect some opportunities in the next three months. Outlooks remain positive in most industry sectors and all regions, with the most optimistic forecasts reported in the Construction, Finance & Business Services and Utilities sectors.

Modest third-quarter hiring activity is also expected in Germany where the forecast improves marginally from three months ago and remains relatively stable from last year at this time. Hiring plans are positive in seven of nine industry sectors, including the Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services sector where, for the fifth consecutive quarter, employers report the strongest forecast. Employer confidence in France appears to be growing slightly, and the outlook turns positive following three consecutive quarters of negative forecasts. Still, some employers may be delaying any hiring decisions as they await any resolution associated with the French government’s labor reform bill.

Meanwhile, employer sentiment in Turkey continues to lose momentum, and while the outlook remains positive it dips to its least optimistic level since the survey started in Quarter 1 2011. Elsewhere across the region, hiring intentions remain mostly positive but modest, with the exception of Italy and Switzerland where employers anticipate a flat hiring environment in the months ahead.

* Portugal joined the survey in Quarter 3 2016 and has no trend data to compare at this point

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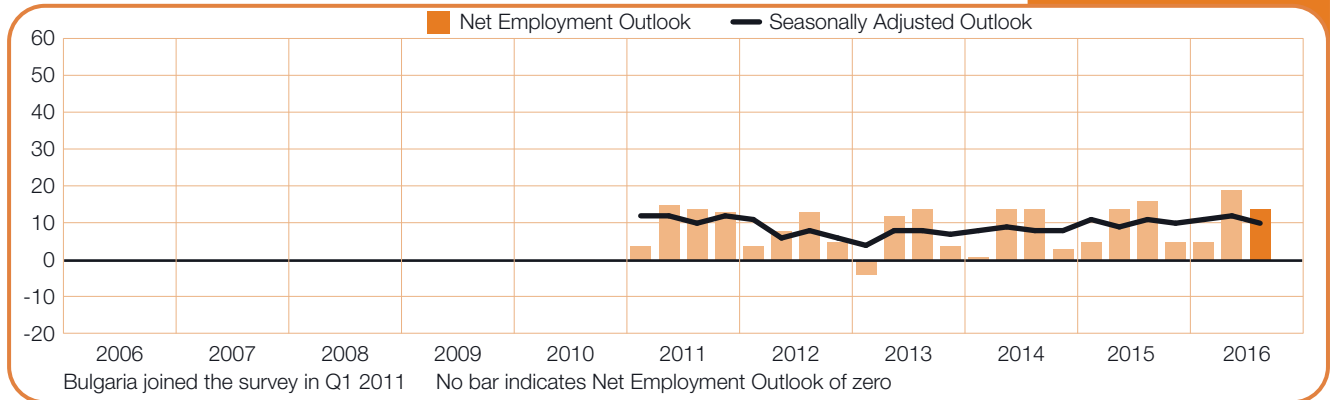
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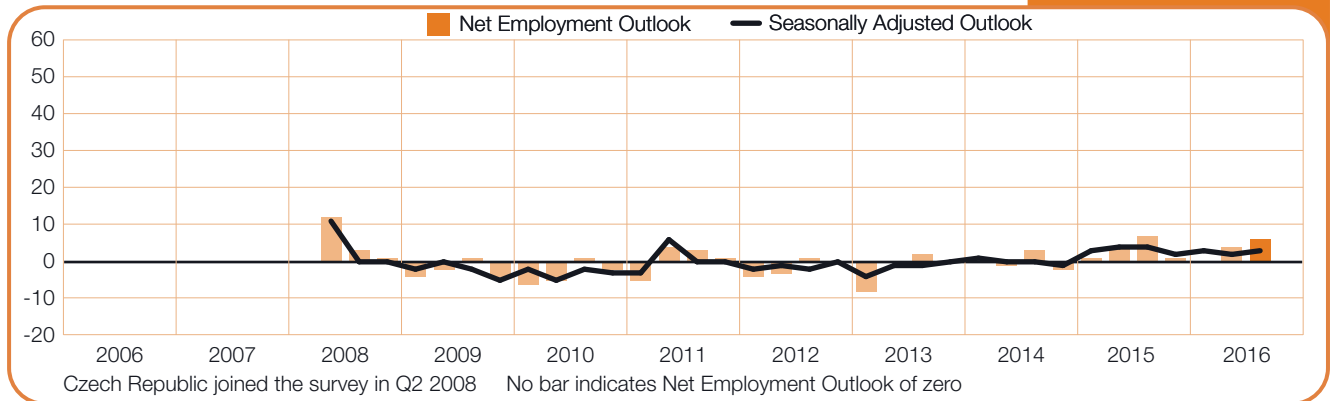
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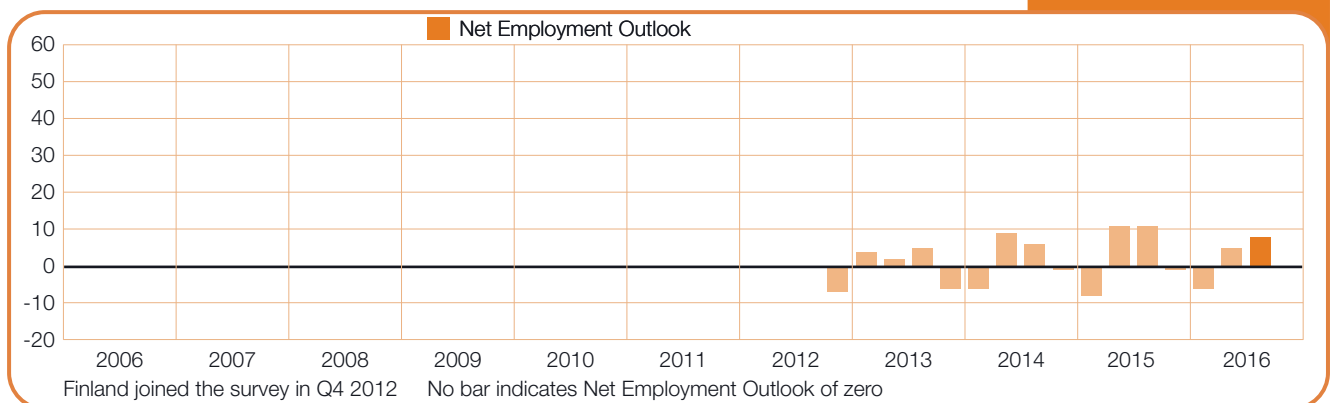
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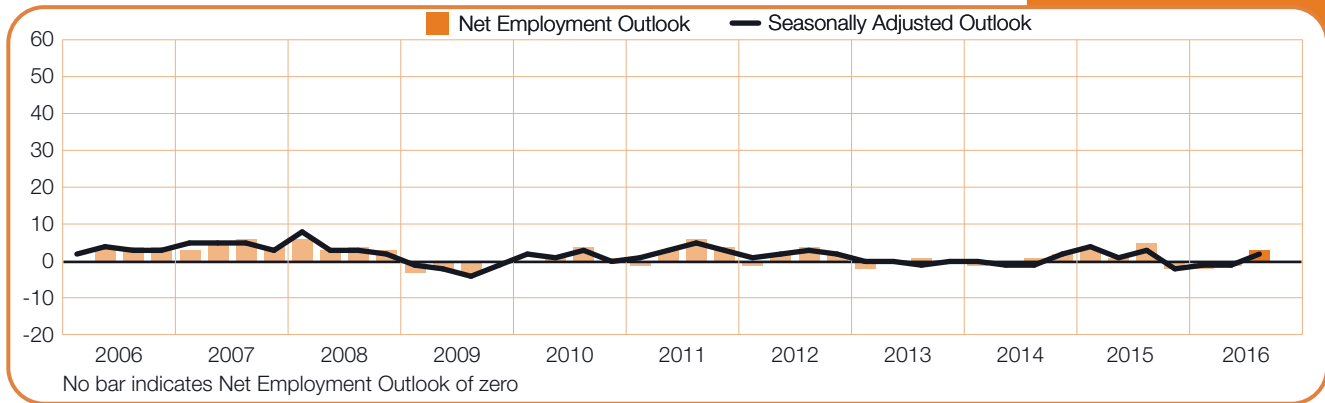
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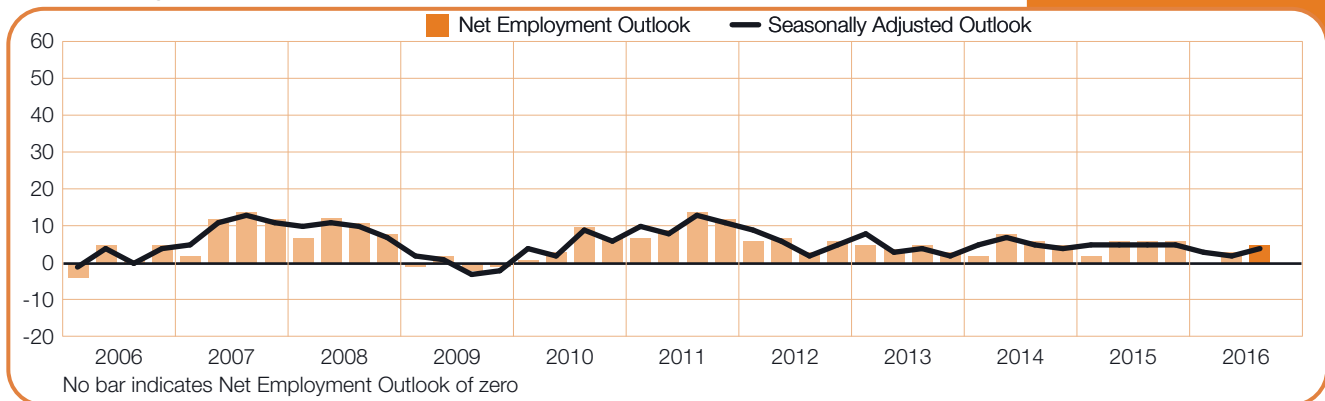
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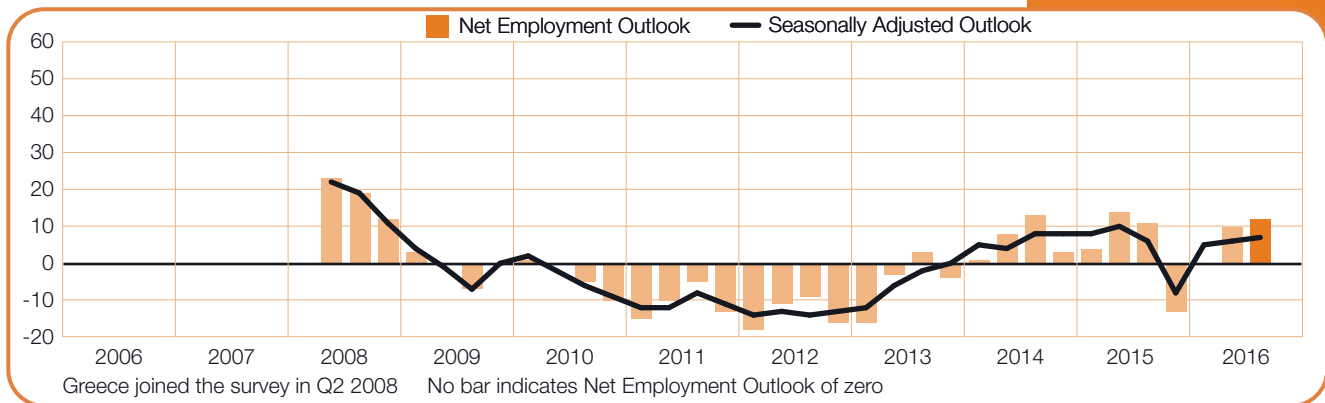
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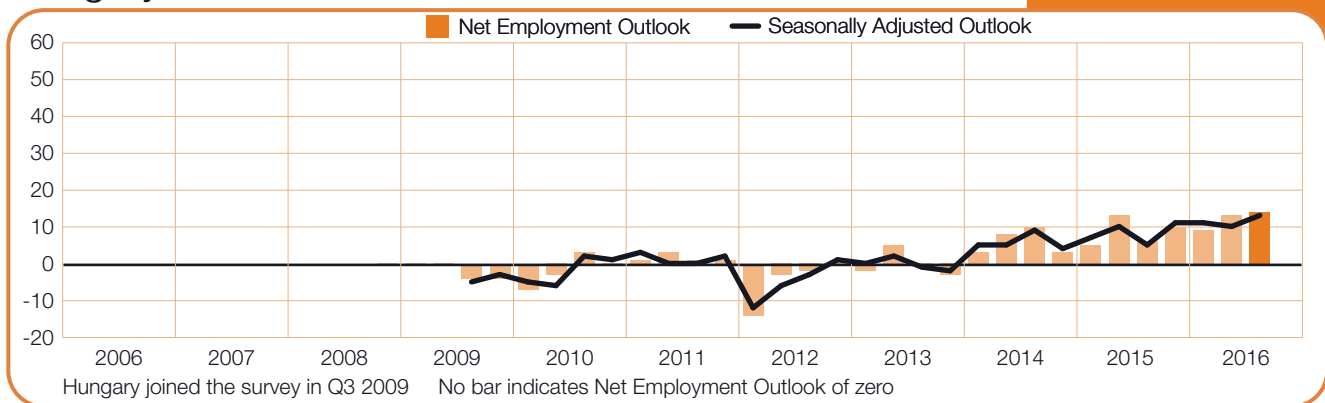
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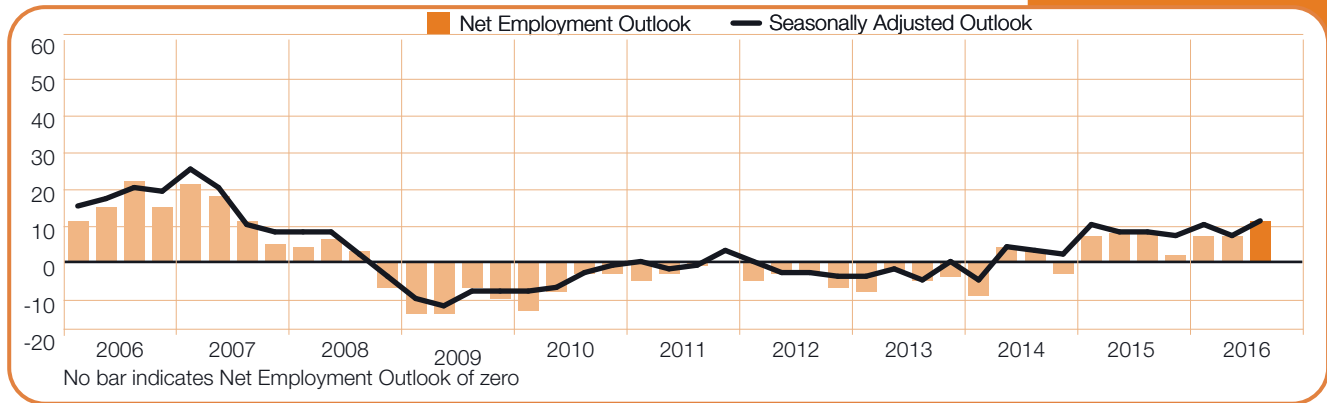
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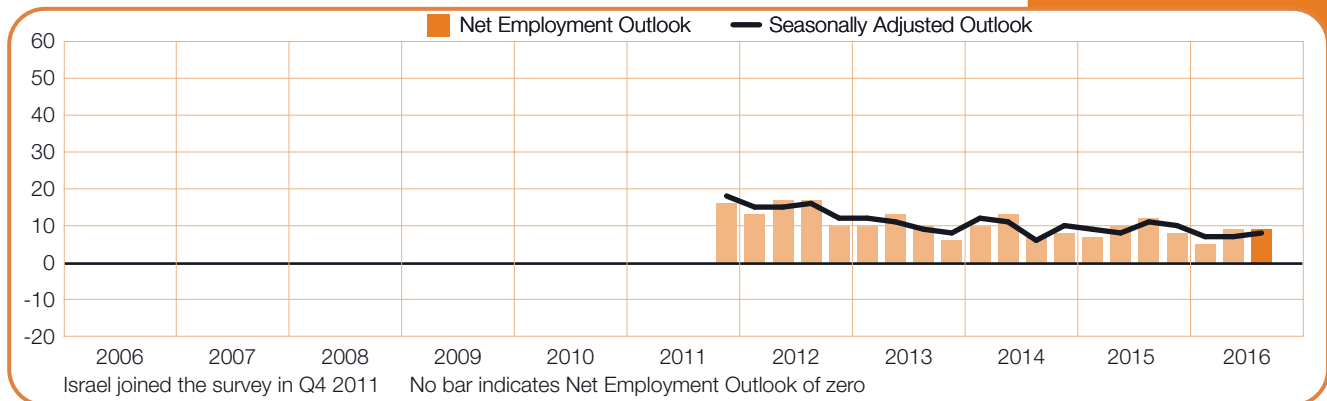
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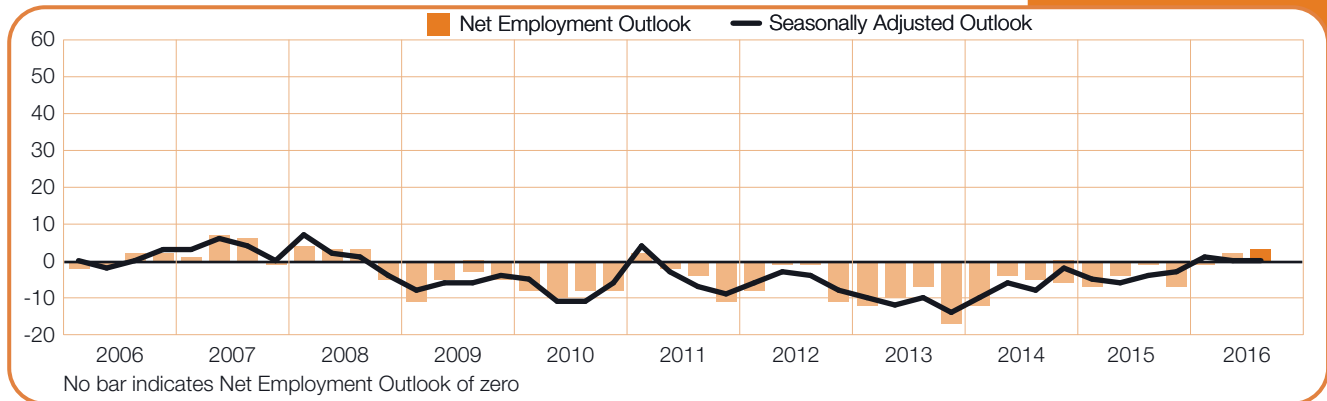
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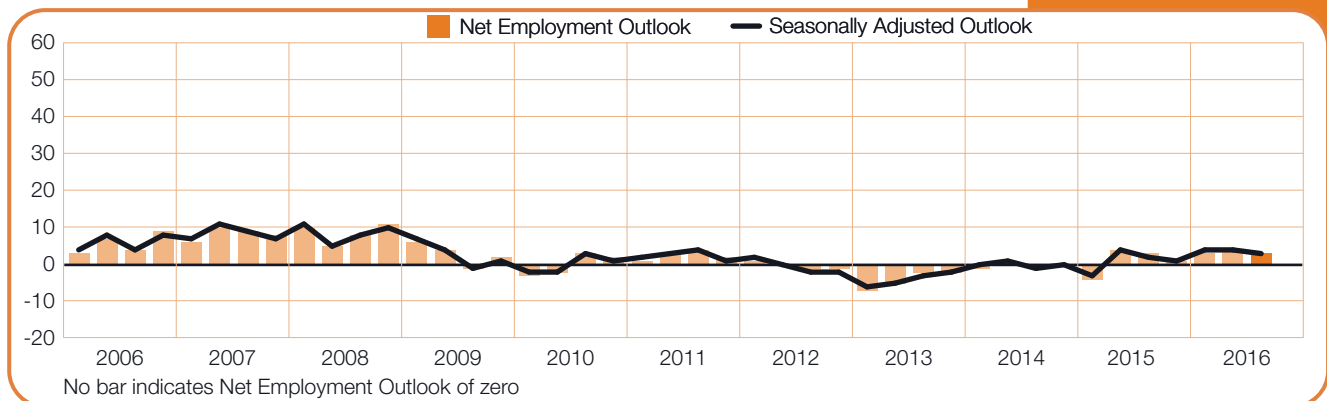
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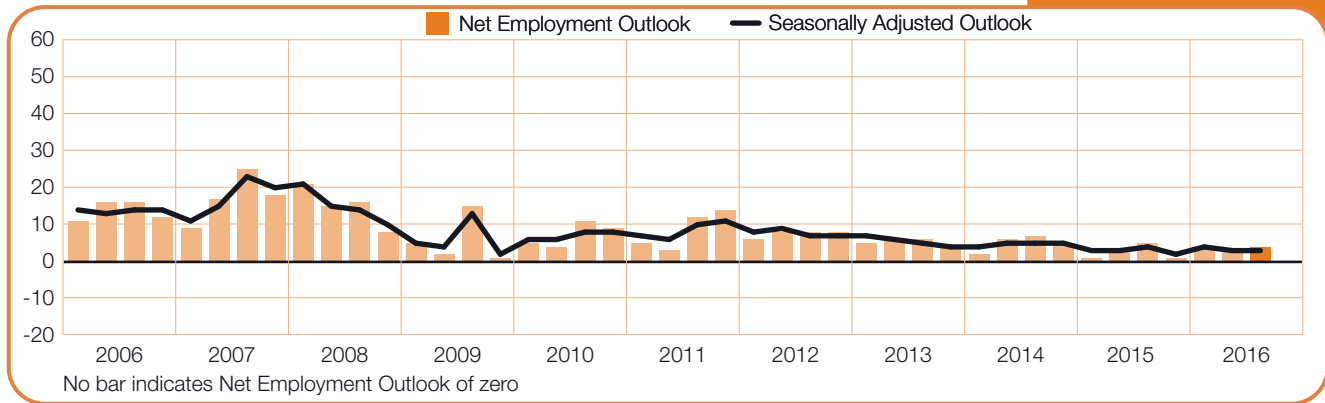
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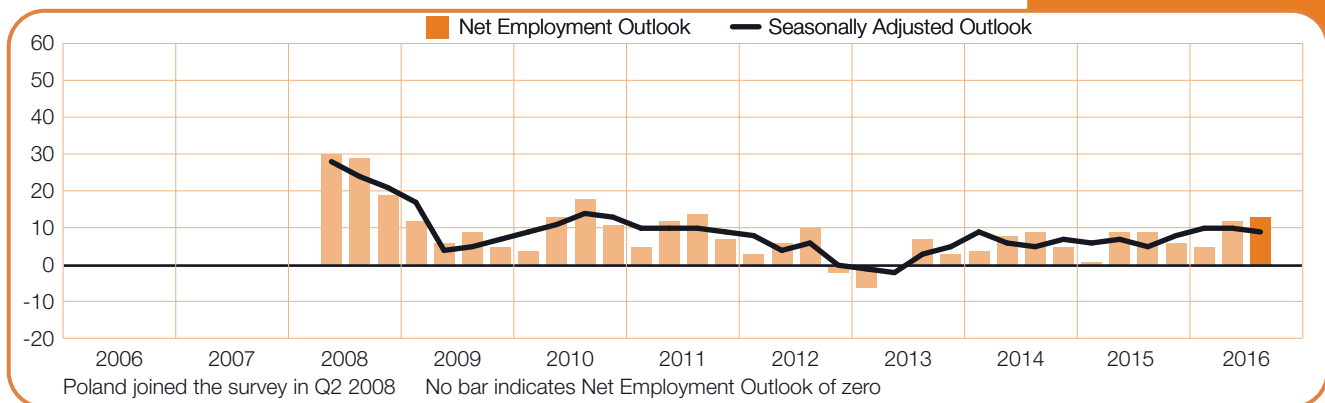
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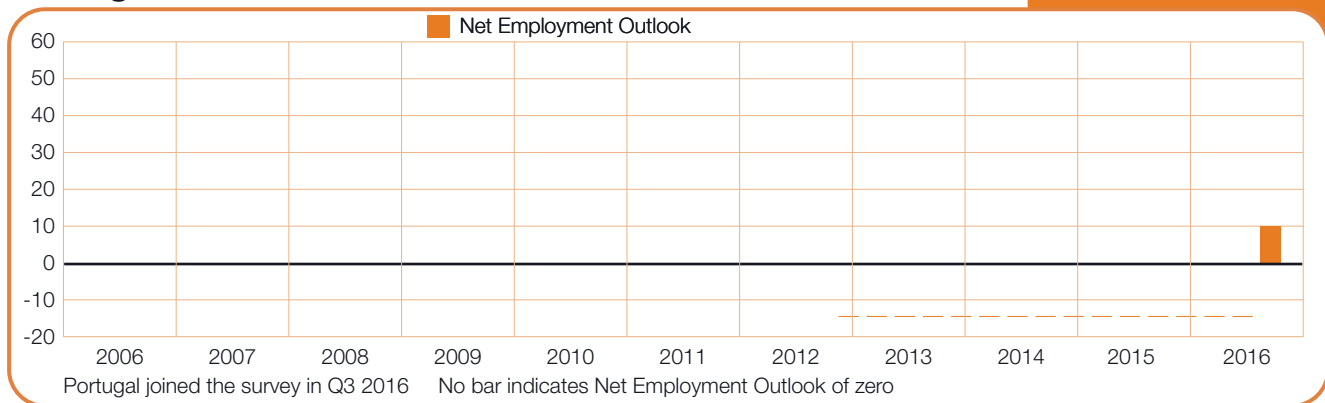
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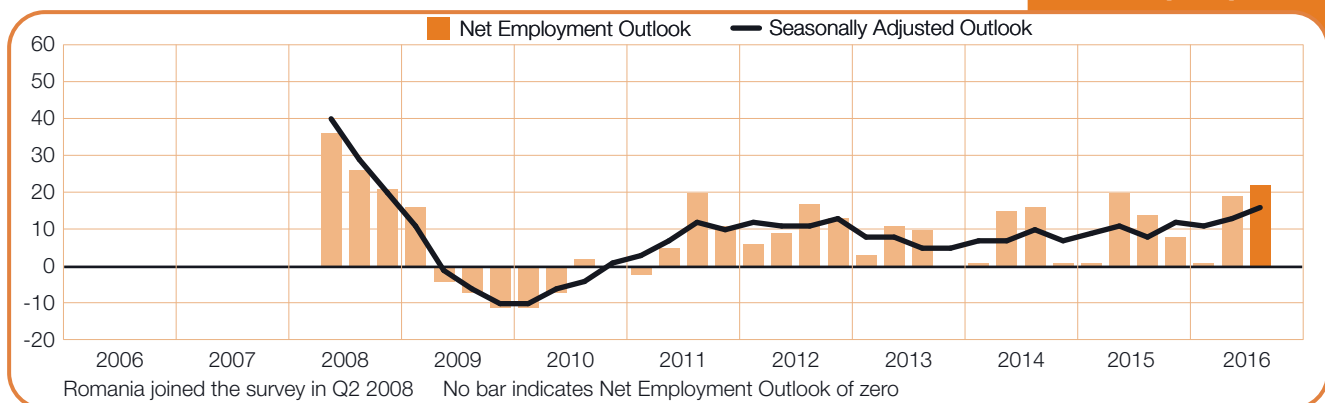
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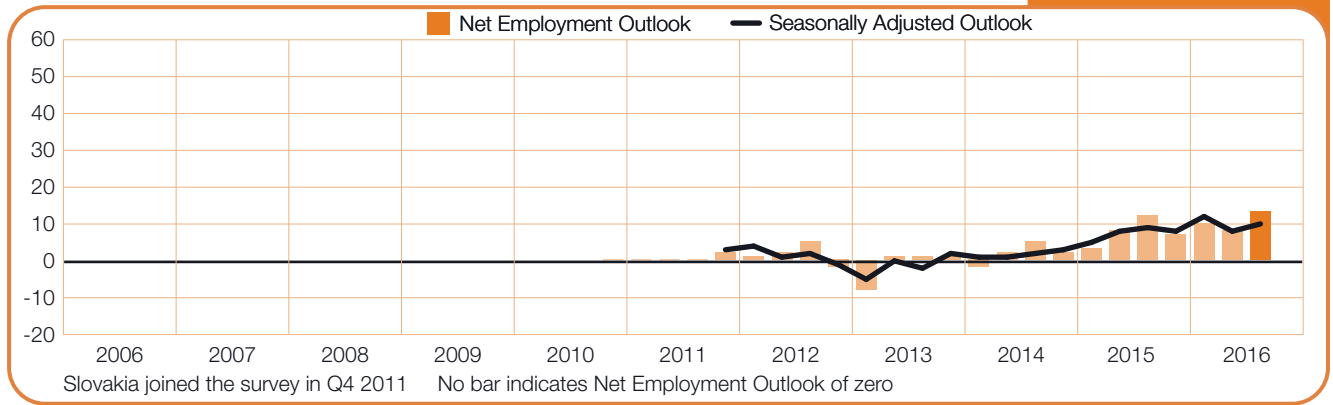
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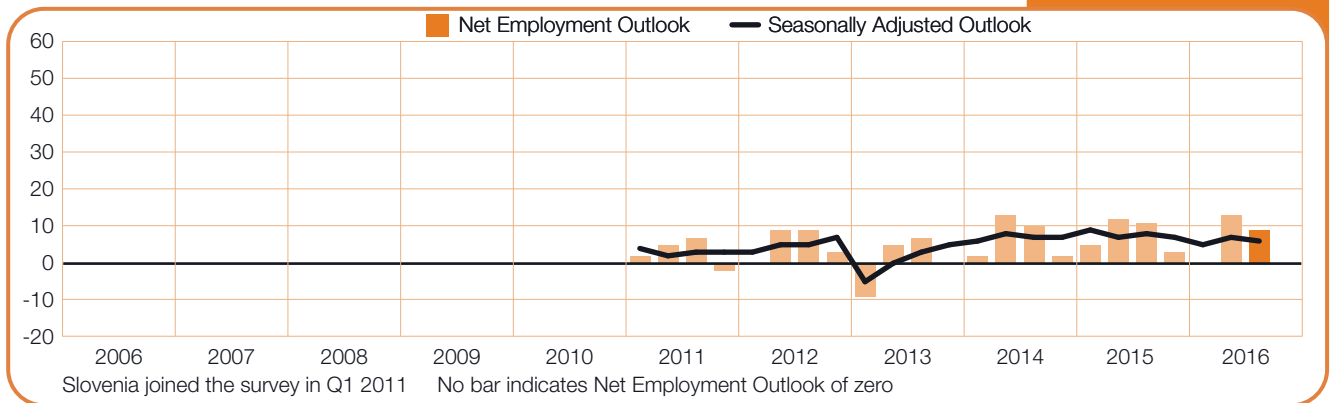
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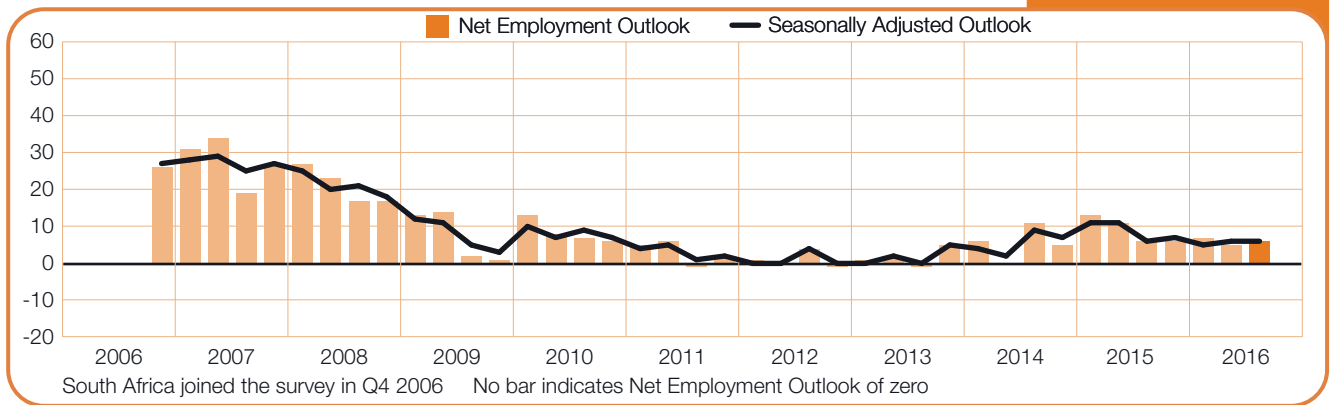
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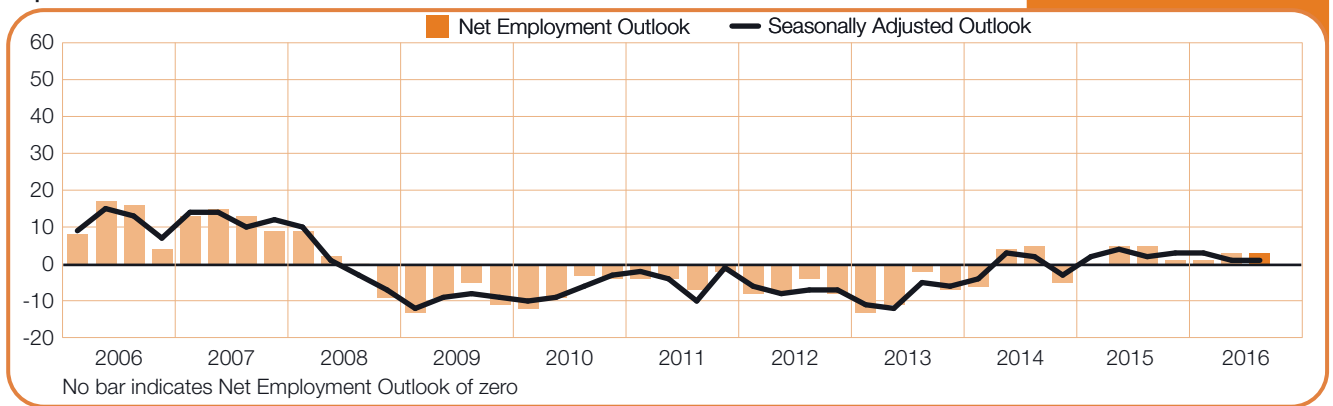
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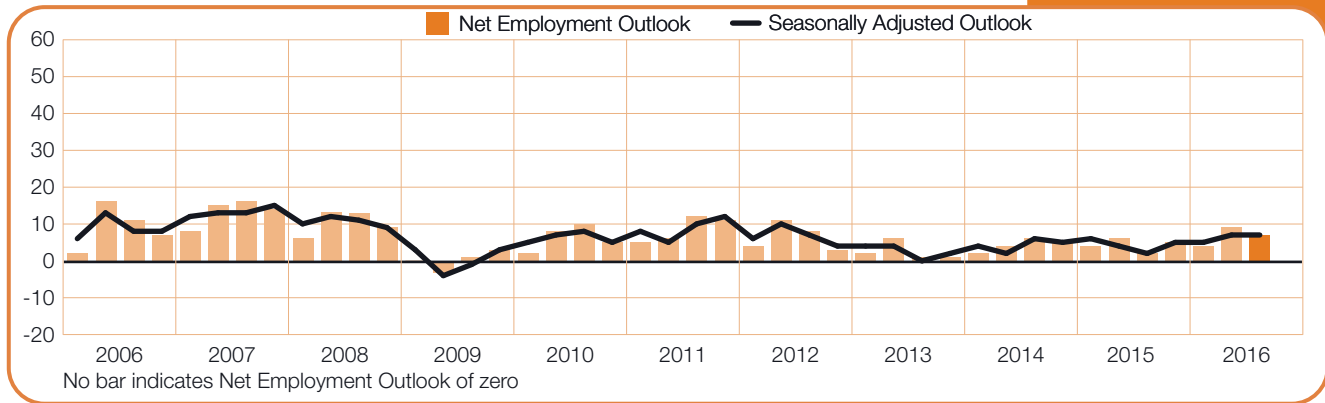
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Sweden

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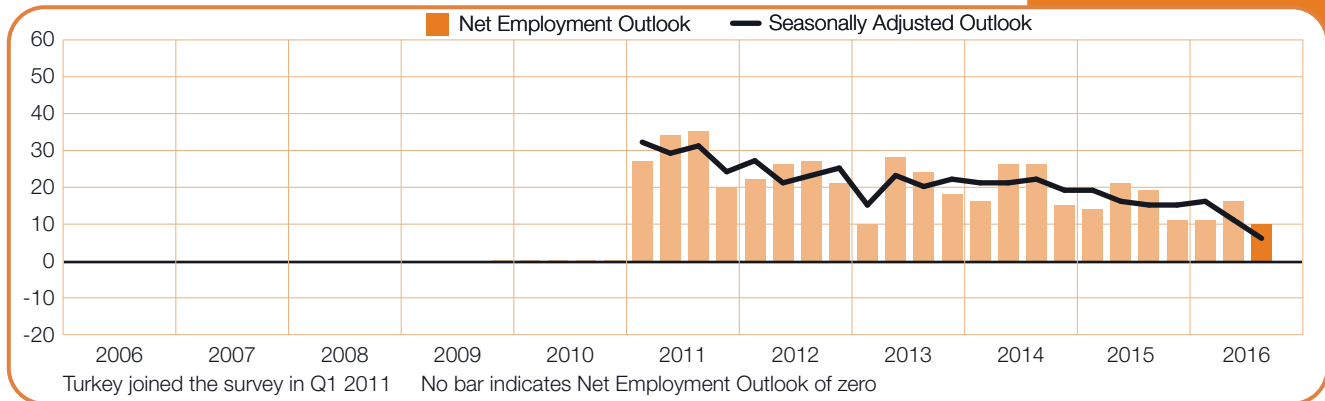
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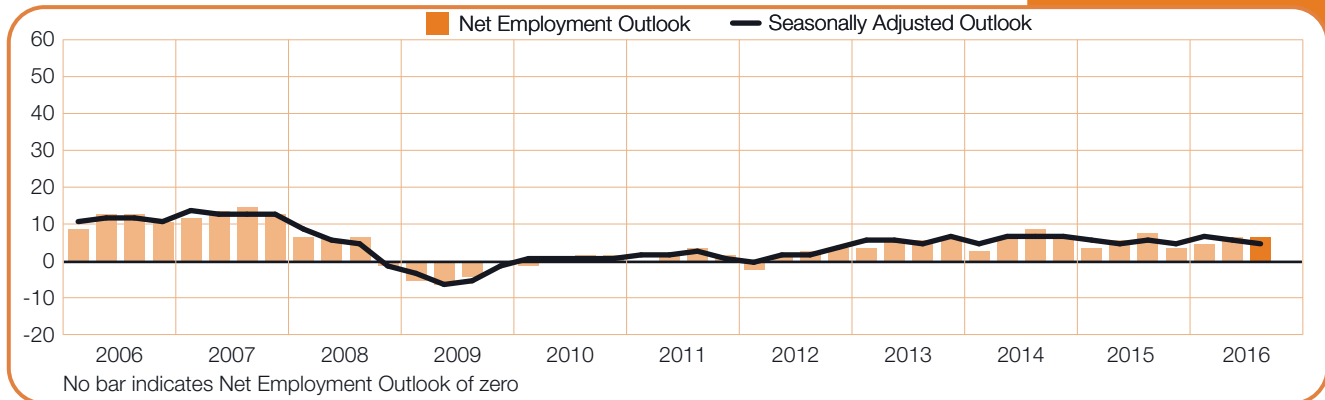
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United Kingdom

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About the Survey

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey is conducted quarterly to measure employers' intentions to increase or decrease the number of employees in their workforces during the next quarter. ManpowerGroup's comprehensive forecast of employer hiring plans has been running for more than 50 years and is one of the most trusted surveys of employment activity in the world. Various factors underpin the success of the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey:

Unique: It is unparalleled in its size, scope, longevity and area of focus.

Projective: The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey is the most extensive, forward-looking employment survey in the world, asking employers to forecast employment over the next quarter. In contrast, other surveys and studies focus on retrospective data to report on what occurred in the past.

Independent: The survey is conducted with a representative sample of employers from throughout the countries and territories in which it is conducted. The survey participants are not derived from ManpowerGroup's customer base.

Robust: The survey is based on interviews with nearly 59,000 public and private employers across 42 countries and territories to measure anticipated employment trends each quarter. This sample allows for analysis to be performed across specific sectors and regions to provide more detailed information.

Focused: For more than five decades the survey has derived all of its information from a single question:

For the 3Q 2016 research, all employers participating in the survey worldwide are asked the same question, "How do you anticipate total employment at your location to change in the three months to the end of September 2016 as compared to the current quarter?"

Methodology

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey is conducted using a validated methodology, in accordance with the highest standards in market research. The survey has been structured to be representative of each national economy. The margin of error for all national, regional and global data is not greater than +/- 3.9%.

Net Employment Outlook

Throughout this report, we use the term "Net Employment Outlook." This figure is derived by taking the percentage of employers anticipating an increase in hiring activity and subtracting from this the percentage of employers expecting to see a decrease in employment at their location in the next quarter. The result of this calculation is the Net Employment Outlook. Net Employment Outlooks for countries and territories that have accumulated at least 17 quarters of data are reported in a seasonally adjusted format unless otherwise stated.

Seasonal adjustments have been applied to the data for all participating countries except Finland and Portugal. ManpowerGroup intends to add seasonal adjustments to the data for other countries in the future, as more historical data is compiled. Note that in Quarter 2 2008, ManpowerGroup adopted the TRAMO-SEATS method of seasonal adjustment for data.

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ManpowerGroup China, as a socially responsible organization, took the ownership to build and operate Manpower Ningqiang Elementary School in China Wenchuan, the hit area of the 5.12 earthquake.

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Jason Wang, Business Partner, ManpowerGroup Experis, was interviewed by CCTV on insight into employment outlook under the background of “Made in China 2025”.



Feb.2nd, 2016, Jason Wang, Business Partner, ManpowerGroup Experis, was interviewed by CCTV, ‘Made in China 2025’ will bring an innovative opportunity for the Manufacturing industry sector, as well as potential opportunities for job seekers: as “Made in China 2025” has been announced by the central government, the employment outlooks among ten key sectors with positive forecasts, which including the Information technology sector, Aerospace equipment sector, Energy efficiency & New energy vehicles sector and New materials, and etc.



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