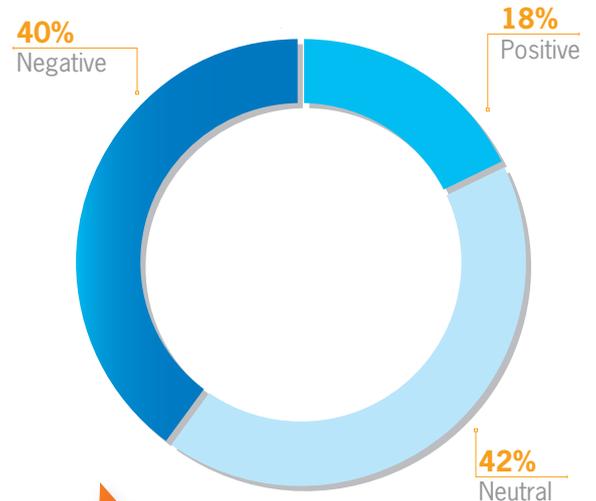




Clicks IT Recruitment conducts a quarterly survey of IT professionals to produce this Index. We ask about critical social and economic indicators that are measured around the world by leading institutions to inform business decisions.

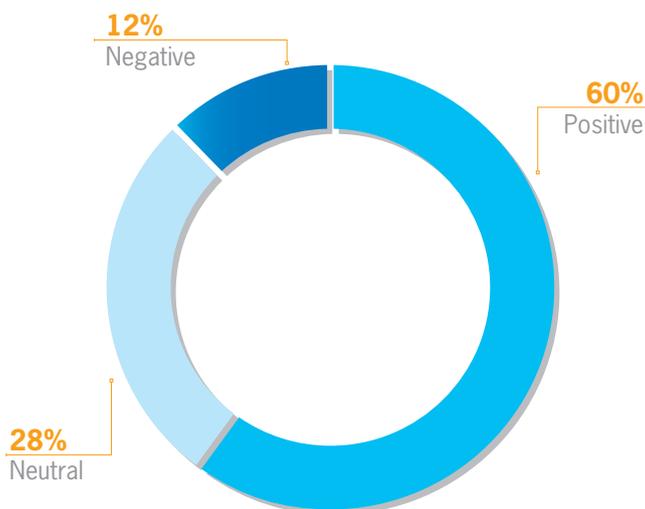
This quarter we received over 500 responses, between 8th and 24th May 2020. 78% of the respondents were currently employed, with the remaining 22% not in employment.

? How do you feel about current Australian economic conditions?



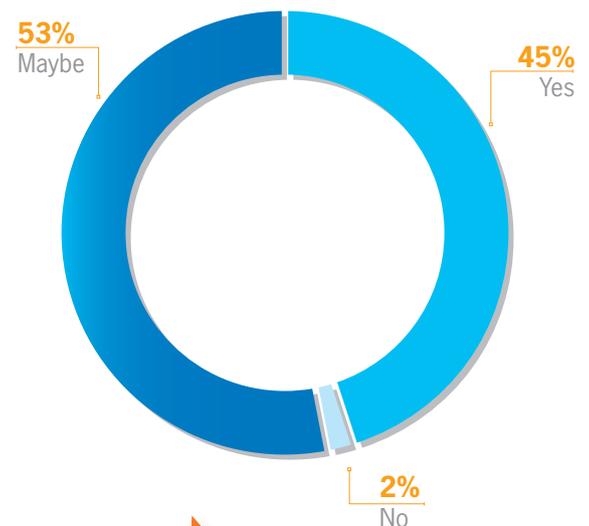
Those feeling positive have fallen from 33% to 18%, the lowest since the series began in 2015...

? How do you feel about the future of your employer?



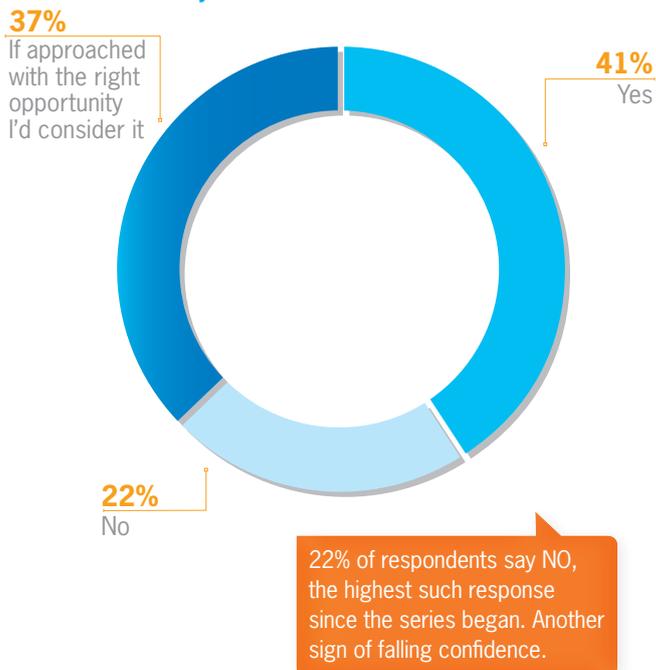
...however feelings about the future of the employer are as positive, with 60% of respondents, up from 59% previously.

? Do you think you will lose your job in the next 12 months?

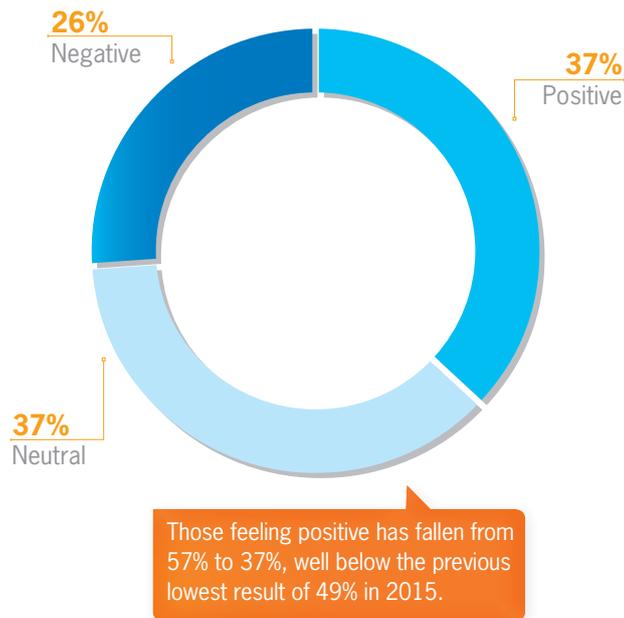


The uncertainty we all feel is borne out here, with those responding NO falling to 2% from 31%. However, those responding YES have only increased by 3 points to 45%.

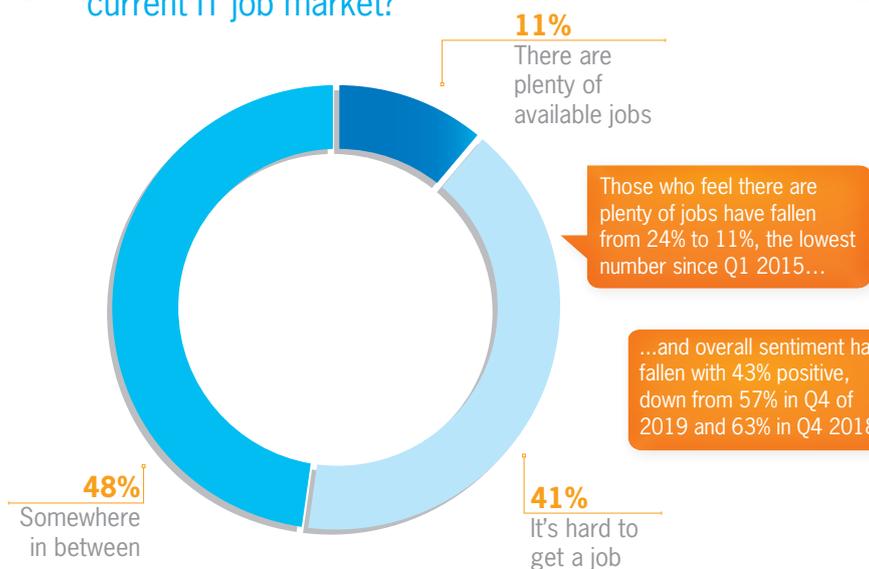
? Are you likely to be looking for a new IT job in the next 12 months?



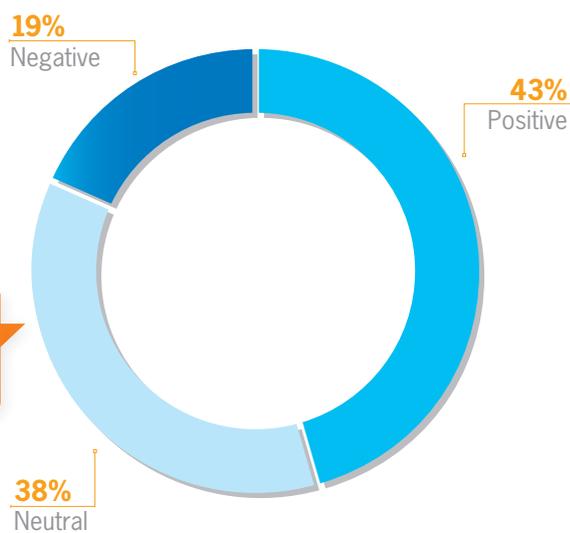
? How do you feel about your ability to secure a new job?



? How would you describe the current IT job market?



? Overall, how are you feeling about your employment prospects?



Unsurprisingly all indicators are significantly down following the shock of COVID on the lives and livelihoods of Australians. Whilst the technology sector has not been directly impacted (and we have hope that demand for technology skills will remain stronger than for many other job families) the results show the overall impact that COVID has had on people's confidence about the future. The timing of this survey is relevant (mid May) and it will be interesting to see how sentiment has changed (either for worse or for better) by the time of the next collection point in mid August.

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