

THE VISION-NET QUARTERLY

COST OF DOING BUSINESS

SURVEY

75% SAY COSTS ARE RISING!

Only 1% believe business costs have decreased in the last 12 months.



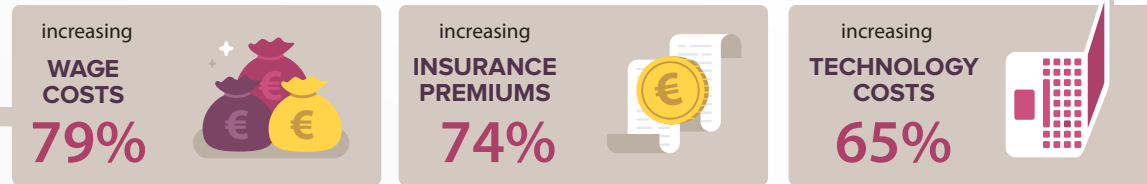
38% have been forced to pass rising costs on to customers

60% OF COMPANIES ARE ABSORBING HIGHER COSTS

More than half of businesses claim that rising costs are diverting funds away from company growth.

51% SAY GROWTH IS RESTRICTED

KEY AREAS WHERE BUSINESS COSTS ARE INCREASING - % OF RESPONDENTS SAID



BY HOW MUCH HAVE THESE COSTS RISEN?



Regardless of size all companies quoted increasing costs.

- Wage cost increases are hitting the largest companies hardest.
- 75% claim costs are critical to business strategy, with over a third reviewing costs monthly.
- Most respondents (76%) expect costs to increase over the next 12 months.

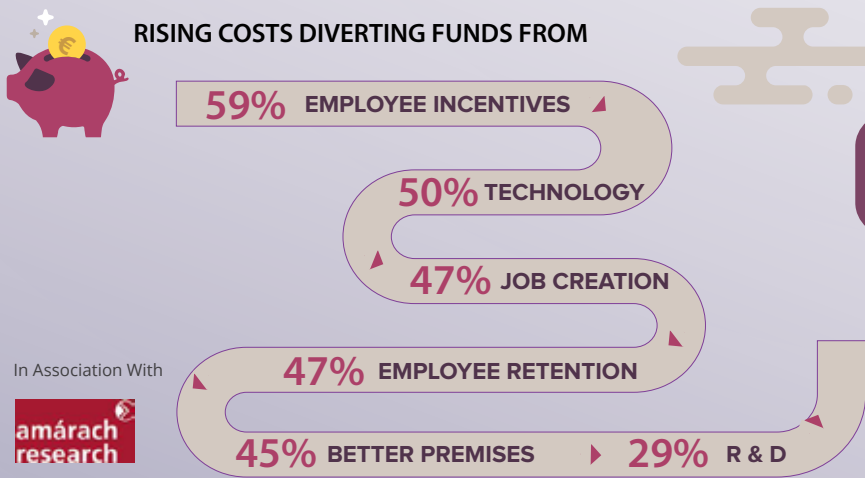


Only 37 percent predict the UK's EU withdrawal will have an impact on their operations;

37% THINK BREXIT WILL RAISE COSTS

"Two-thirds of businesses say their costs are higher today than they were pre-recession."

RISING COSTS DIVERTING FUNDS FROM



KEY ISSUES FROM BREXIT - % OF RESPONDENTS SAID



70% expect no business benefits for them from Brexit