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Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ MSA Employers Report Mild Hiring Outlook for Q4 2020 While Overall National Outlooks Remain Steady

- *For the coming months of October-December employers are optimistic to hire in Durable Goods Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, Education & Health Services and Leisure & Hospitality and Government.*
- *U.S. employers report stable hiring compared to the previous quarter and year with a seasonally adjusted, national employment Outlook of +14%.*

MILWAUKEE (SEPTEMBER 8, 2020) – Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ MSA employers plan to hire at a respectable pace in Q3 2020 with an Employment Outlook of 9%*, according to the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey (NYSE: MAN). Among employers surveyed, 18 percent plan to hire more employees from October through December. This number is offset by the 9 percent that plan to reduce payrolls while 69 percent of employers expect to maintain current staff levels and 4 percent indicate they are not sure of their hiring plans. This yields a Net Employment Outlook (NEO) of 9 percent.

View the complete Q4 2020 U.S. survey results: [ManpowerGroup.US/MEOS](https://www.manpowergroup.com/US/MEOS)

“Compared to Q3 2020 when the Net Employment Outlook was -3 percent, Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ MSA employers have reported a stronger hiring pace,” said Hil Andrews of Manpower. “When looking at year-over-year expectations, hiring intentions have slowed down from when the Outlook was 23 percent.”

Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ MSA Employers Hiring Intentions					
	Increase	Decrease	Maintain	Unsure	NEO
Q4 2020 Current	18%	9%	69%	4%	9%
Q3 2020 Q-over-Q	12%	15%	61%	12%	-3%
Q4 2019 Y-over-Y	24%	1%	74%	1%	23%

For the coming months of October-December employers are optimistic to hire in Durable Goods Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, Education & Health Services and Leisure & Hospitality and Government. Construction, Nondurable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation & Utilities, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Information, Financial Activities and Other Services job prospects remain unchanged.

U.S. Hiring Plans by Industry Sectors, Regions, Metro Areas and States

- Employers in all 12 U.S. industry sectors expect to add workers during the upcoming quarter: Leisure & Hospitality (+22%), Transportation & Utilities (+19%), Wholesale & Retail Trade (+18%), Education & Health Services (+15%), Professional & Business Services (+15%), Construction (+14%), Financial Activities (+9%) and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing (+9%), Durable Goods Manufacturing (+8%), Information (+7%), Other Services (+6%) and Government (+4%).
- Hiring prospects strengthen considerably in all four U.S. regions when compared with the previous quarter, with outlooks increasing by 11 percentage points in the Midwest, the Northeast, the South and the West. When the four regions are compared, the strongest hiring pace is anticipated in the Midwest, where the outlook is +16%. Northeast employers expect steady workforce gains, reporting an outlook of +15%, and positive hiring activity is anticipated in the South and the West, with outlooks standing at +14% and +13%, respectively.
- Employers in Wyoming (+33%), Arkansas (+21%), Idaho (+30%), Mississippi (+20%), and Virginia (20%) report the strongest outlooks nationwide. Of the 100 largest metropolitan statistical areas, the strongest job gains are expected in Rochester, N.Y., (29%), Springfield, M.A. (23%), Knoxville, T.N. (22%), Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y. (21%), and Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, A.R. (21%)

Complete results for the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey are available for download at [ManpowerGroup.US/MEOS](https://www.manpowergroup.com/US/MEOS). The Q1 2021 survey will be released Dec. 8, 2021.

**The Net Employment Outlook is derived by taking the percentage of employers anticipating an increase in hiring activity and subtracting from this the percentage of employers expecting a decrease in hiring activity.*

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