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Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA Employers Report Steady Hiring Outlook for Q2 2021 as Employers Evaluate Vaccination Expectations

- *For the coming months of April-June employers are optimistic to hire in Construction, Durable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation & Utilities, Professional & Business Services, Leisure & Hospitality and Government.*
- *Hiring intentions remain solid in Q2 with an Employment Outlook of +18%, an increase of one percentage point from last quarter.*
- *4% of US employers say employees must be vaccinated, while 48% of employers report it will be up to employees to decide.*
- *Only 6% expect to allow workers to work remotely full-time*

MILWAUKEE, WI (March 9, 2021) — Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA employers plan to hire at an upbeat pace in Q2 2021 with an Employment Outlook of 18%*, according to the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey (NYSE: MAN). Among employers surveyed, 22 percent plan to hire more employees from April through June. This number is offset by the 4 percent that plan to reduce payrolls while 70 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 18 percent. Research was conducted in January 2021 and the survey is the most comprehensive, forward-looking employment survey of its kind, used globally as a key economic indicator.

View the complete Q2 2021 U.S. survey results: [ManpowerGroupUSA.com/MEOS](https://www.manpowergroup.com/MEOS)

“Compared to Q1 2021 when the Net Employment Outlook was 26 percent, Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA employers have reported a weaker hiring pace,” said ReNae Patterson of Manpower. “When looking at year-over-year expectations, hiring intentions have picked up from when the Outlook was 17 percent.”

Hiring Intentions For Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA					
	Increase	Decrease	Maintain	Unsure	NEO
Q2 2021 Current	22%	4%	70%	4%	18%
Q1 2021 Q-over-Q	26%	0%	71%	3%	26%
Q2 2020 Y-over-Y	22%	5%	73%	0%	17%

For the coming months of April-June employers are optimistic to hire in Construction, Durable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation & Utilities, Professional & Business Services, Leisure & Hospitality and Government. In contrast, local employers expect a decrease in payrolls in Wholesale & Retail Trade. Nondurable Goods Manufacturing, Information, Financial Activities, Education & Health Services 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 (+27%), Transportation & Utilities (+23%), Wholesale & Retail Trade (+22%), Nondurable Goods Manufacturing (+20%), Professional & Business Services (+19%), Construction (+15%), Education & Health Services (+14%), Financial Activities (+12%) and Durable Goods Manufacturing (+18%), Government (+9%), Information (+9%), and Other Services (+9%).
- Employers in all four U.S. regions report positive hiring plans for the next three months. The Midwest, West and South all report Outlooks of +18%, with the Northeast reporting an Outlook of +16%, unchanged for the previous quarter.
- Employers in Rhode Island (+29%), Wisconsin (+29%), Michigan (+28%), Vermont (+28%), and Arizona (+26%) report the strongest outlooks nationwide. Of the 100 largest metropolitan statistical areas, the strongest outlooks are expected Madison, WI (+38%), Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL (+37%), Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN (+33%), Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ (+32%), and Provo-Orem, UT (+31%).

Complete results for the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey are available for download at [ManpowerGroupUSA.com/MEOS](https://www.manpowergroup.com/MEOS). The next survey will be released June 8, 2021 and will report hiring expectations for Q3 2021.

**The survey – conducted January 2021 – is the most comprehensive, forward-looking employment survey of its kind, used globally as a key economic indicator. 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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