

Survey: Austin employers to continue hiring in 2012

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Businesses in the Austin area expect to hire additional employees at a steady pace during the first quarter of 2012, according to the Manpower Employment Outlook survey released on Tuesday.

[Manpower Group](#) (NYSE: MAN) — a Wisconsin-based workforce solutions firm — found the Austin area has a net employment outlook of 9 percent for the first quarter of 2012. One year ago, the net employment outlook for Austin was 2 percent for the first quarter of 2011, and during the last quarter of 2011, the net employment outlook was 11 percent.

The net employment outlook is determined by subtracting the percentage of employers who plan to decrease employees from the percentage of employers who plan to increase payrolls.

In Austin, 15 percent of companies surveyed said they have plans to increase staff levels, 6 percent of companies said they plan to decrease staff levels and 75 percent said they plan to maintain staff levels. The remaining four percent of companies did not know how their staff levels would be affected in 2012.

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, information, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and government. Employers in construction and transportation and utilities plan to reduce staffing levels, according to Manpower.

Houston, Des Moines, Iowa and Phoenix, Ariz., all had the second-best employment outlook in the U.S. Two areas on the west coast of Florida tied for the best first quarter employment outlook.

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