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# Houston executives more bullish on hiring, survey says

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Some 62 percent of Houston business leaders expect to increase hiring in 2012, a survey released Friday by [KPMG LLP](#) indicates.

That's up from 55 percent in the same poll conducted in May 2011.

The Audit Committee Institute of KPMG, an audit and tax advisory firm, conducted the survey during a roundtable meeting that hosted more than 60 board directors and business leaders from Houston-area companies.

Of those polled, 86 percent expect their company's profits to increase in 2012, up from 74 percent in the May poll.

This latest survey comes on the heels of the Manpower Employment Outlook survey [released earlier this week](#), which showed the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area has a positive net employment outlook of 14 percent for the first quarter of 2012.

Manpower Group (NYSE: MAN), a Milwaukee, Wis.-based workforce solutions firm, determines net employment outlook by subtracting the percentage of employers who plan to decrease employees from the percentage of employers who plan to increase payrolls.

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