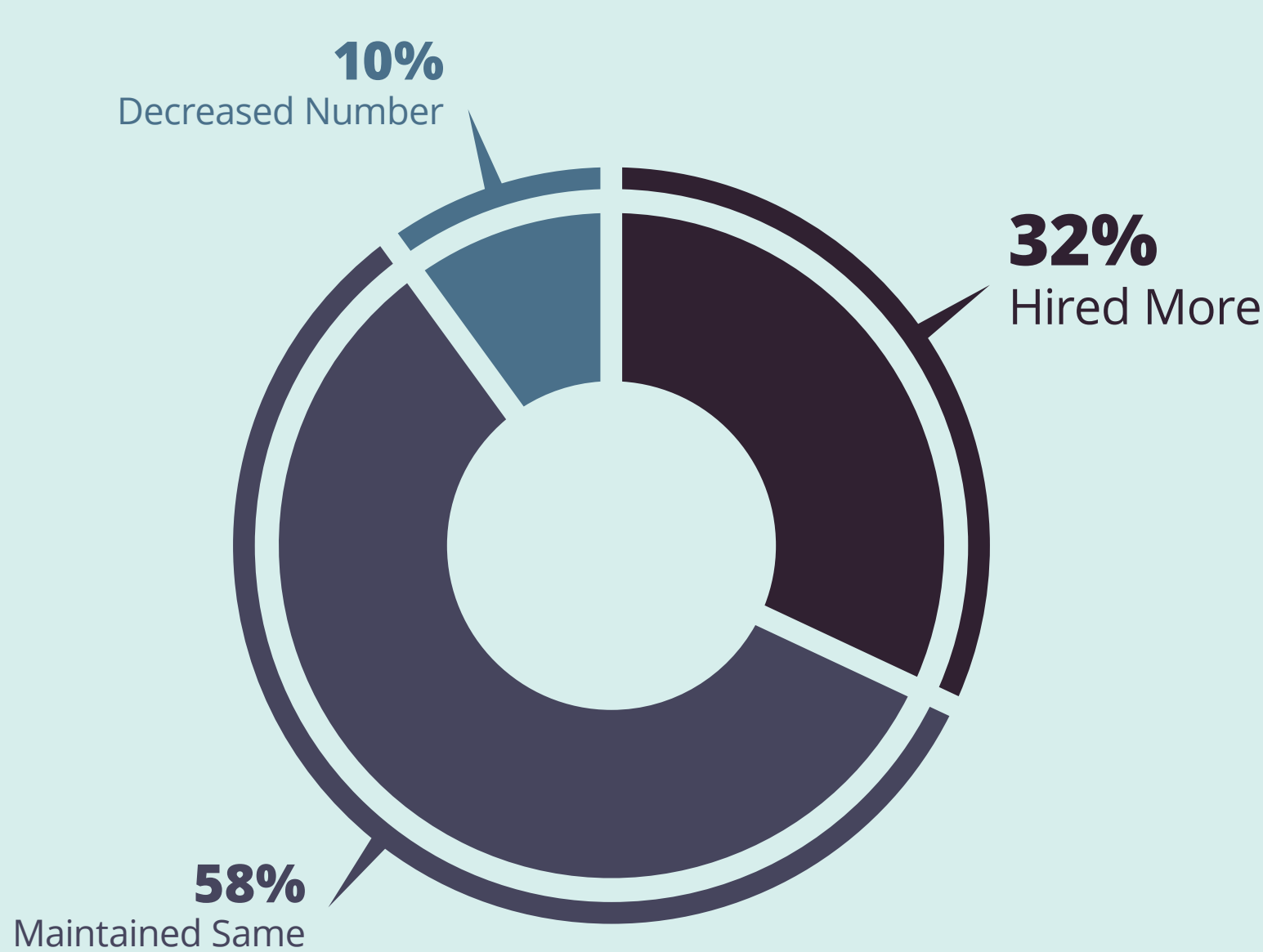


Xometry Small Manufacturing Index Q3 2018

Over 75% of all manufacturing firms in the United States have fewer than 20 employees. The Xometry Small Manufacturing Index (SMI) highlights the outlook of these 190,000+ small businesses on a regular basis.

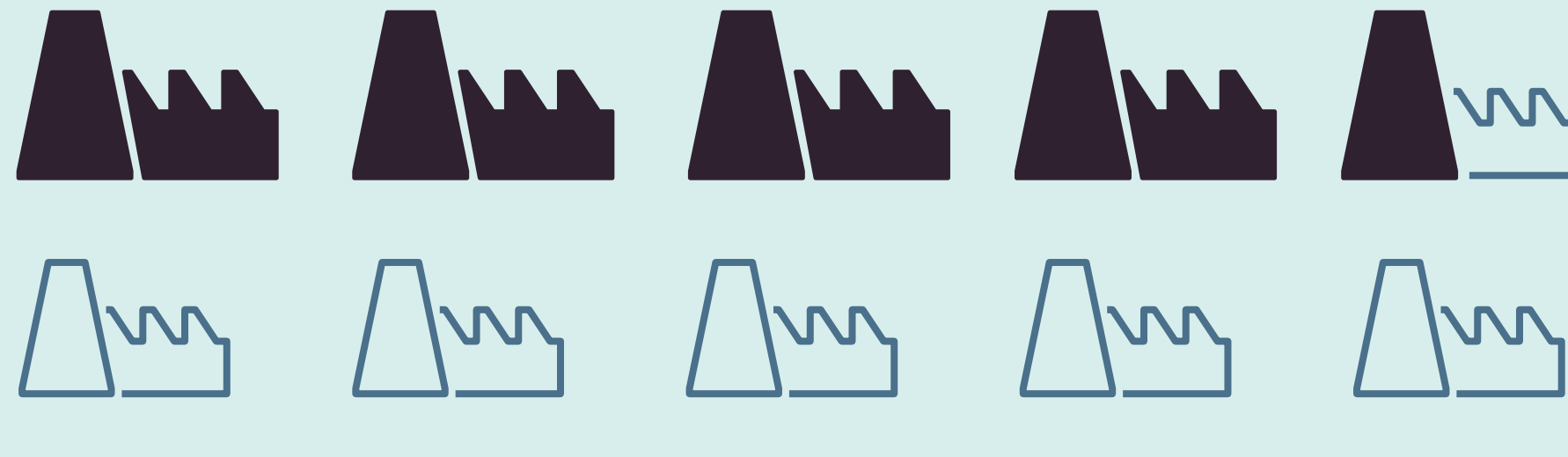
Small manufacturers are hiring more...

32% of small manufacturers surveyed indicated that they have hired more employees since this time last year, holding steady from last quarter.



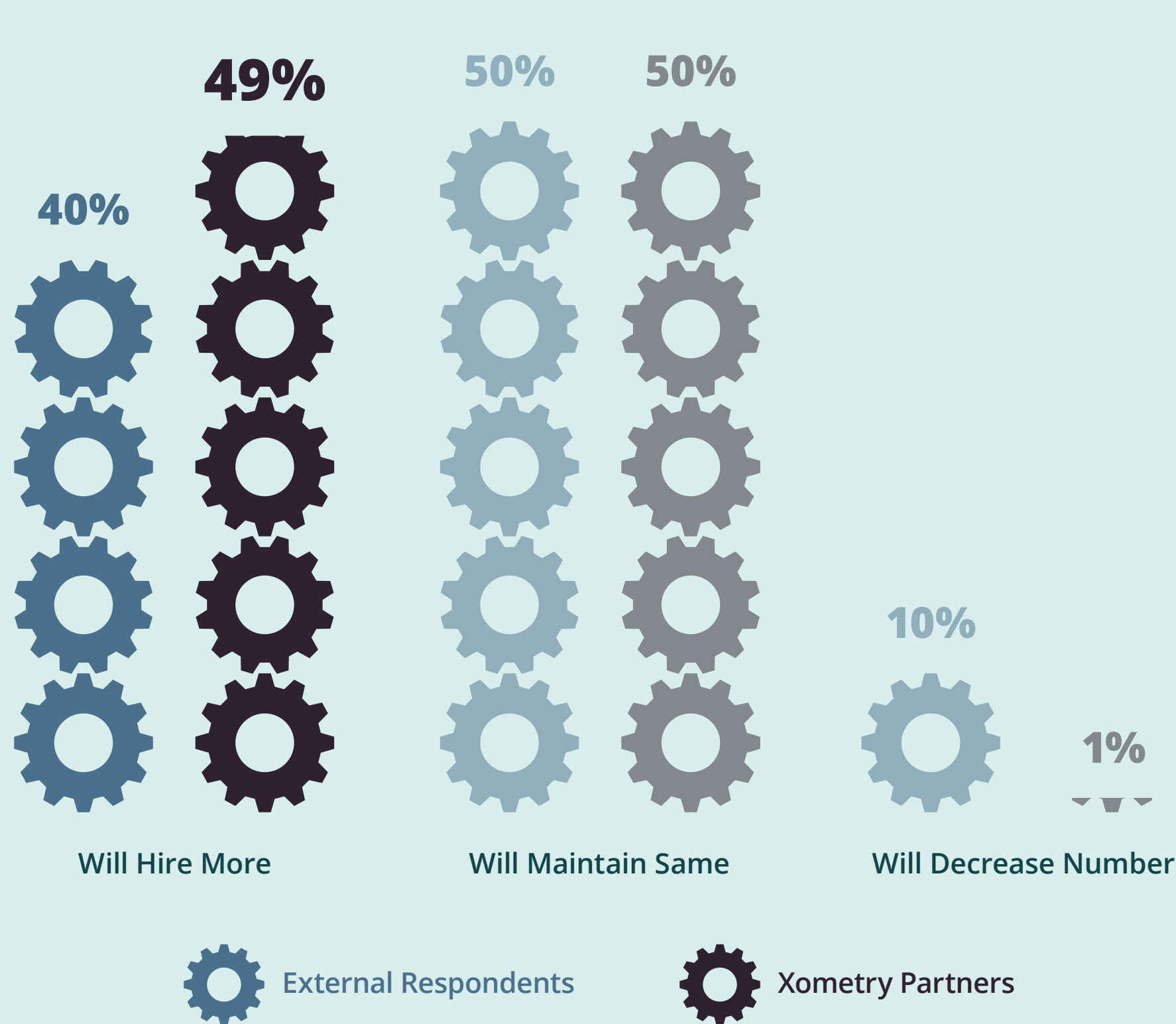
...and plan to continue doing so

44% of small manufacturers surveyed expect to hire more employees in the coming year, up 10% from last quarter.



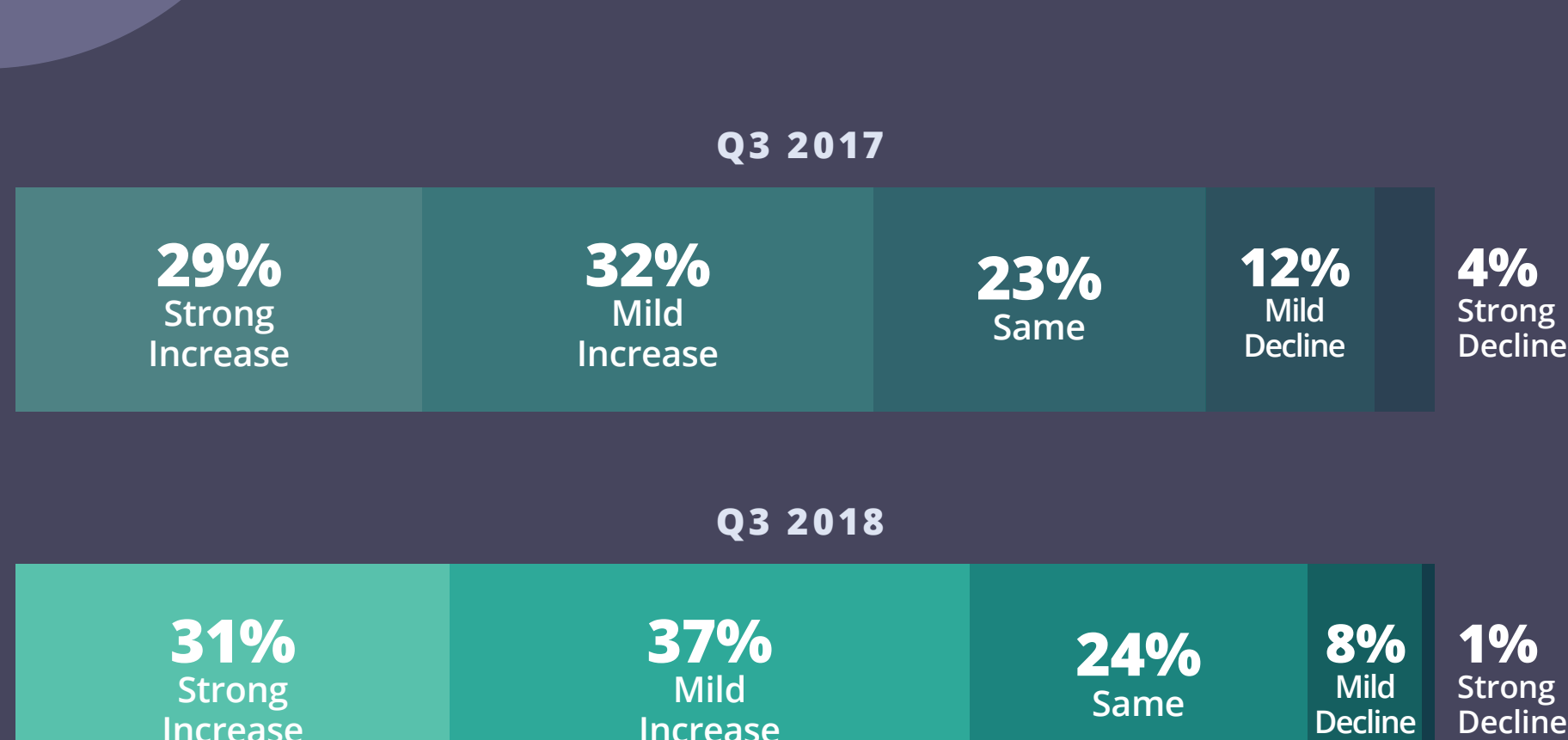
Xometry Partners predict even more hires

49% of Xometry Manufacturing Partners surveyed expect an increase in hiring versus 40% of external respondents.



Business confidence is up overall...

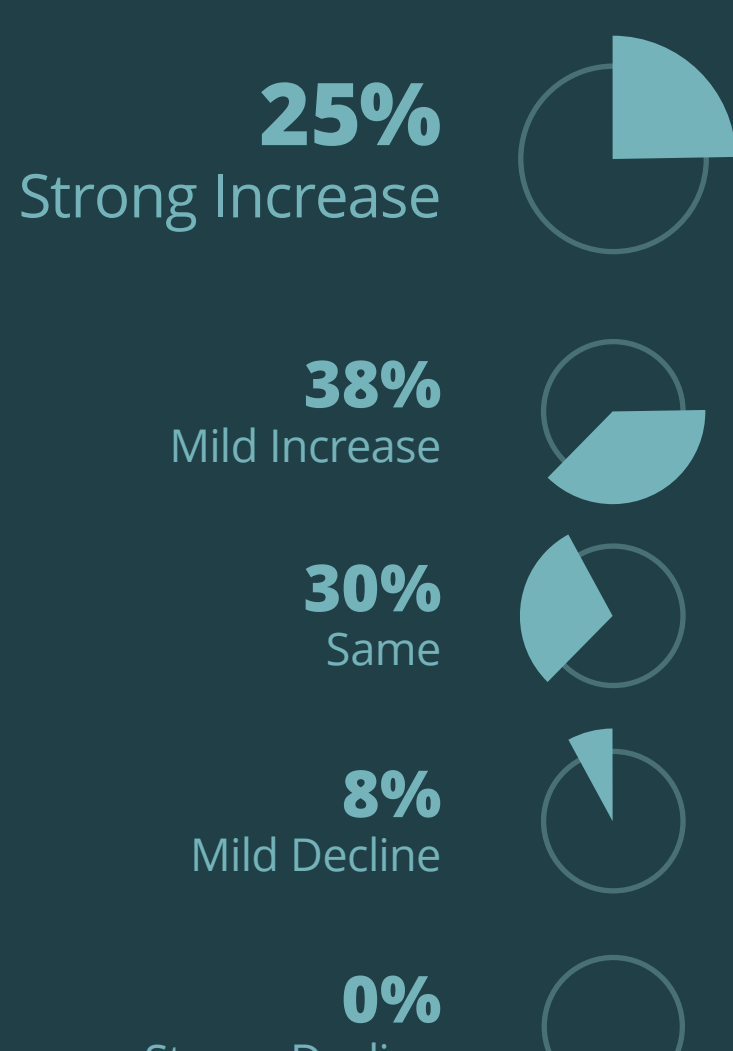
31% of small manufacturers surveyed said that their business would strongly increase this month vs. the same month last year, up from 29% one year ago.



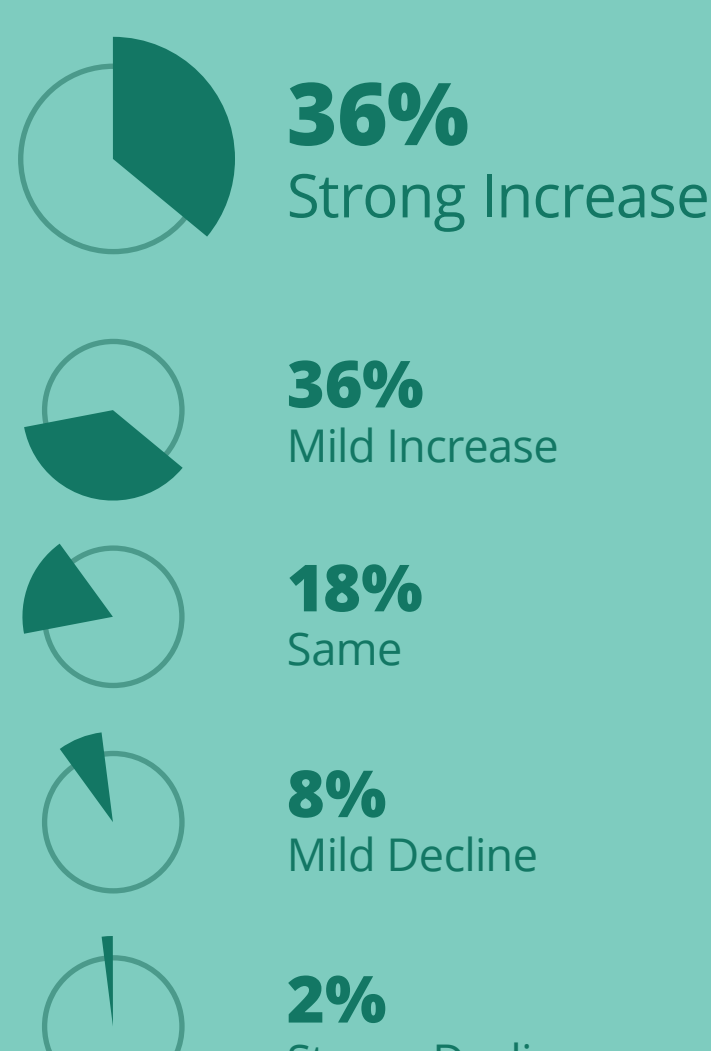
...particularly among Xometry Partners

36% of Xometry Manufacturing Partners surveyed expect a strong increase in business versus 25% of external respondents.

External Respondents



Xometry Partners



Data source: Xometry Small Manufacturing Index Survey (conducted September 2018)



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