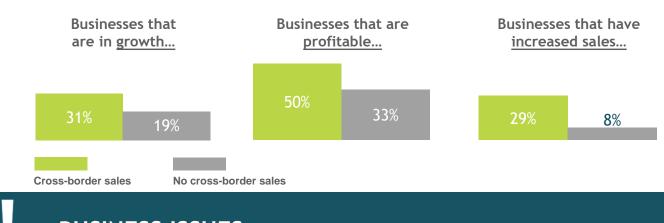


CROSS-BORDER TRADE

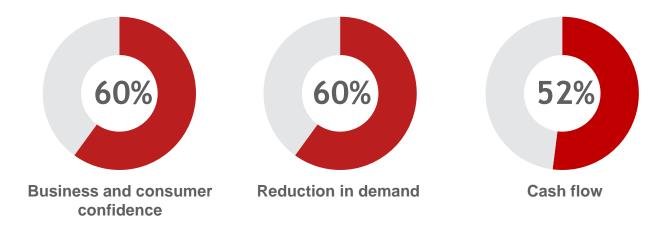
// Businesses were asked about their growth, profitability and sales

Businesses with cross-border sales are more likely than those without to be in growth, to be profitable and to have increased their sales over the past guarter

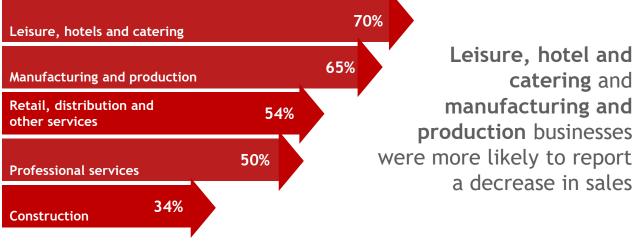


BUSINESS ISSUES // Businesses were asked about their current business issues

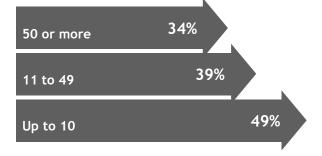
The top three issues businesses are currently facing are...



% reporting a decrease in sales by SECTOR



% reporting a decrease in sales by SIZE



49% of **small businesses** have experienced a decrease in sales over the past quarter

BREXIT // Businesses were asked about the impact of Brexit and if any preparations had been made to deal with the impact

44% predict that Brexit will have a negative impact on their business over the next year

Only **two in ten** firms have made preparations for the impact of Brexit

Your business may need help in dealing with the challenges posed by Covid-19 or with preparing for Brexit – InterTradeIreland is committed to supporting SMEs with online supports as well as funding of up to £2,000/€2,250 towards professional advice through our Brexit Advisory Service and Emergency Business Solutions programme. Visit www.intertradeireland.com today or call 028 3083 4100 (048 from Ireland).

A telephone survey of 784 business was conducted on an all island basis, with the aim to provide a deeper understanding of the needs, experiences and issues facing businesses. The survey was conducted between the 16th September – 13th October 2020.