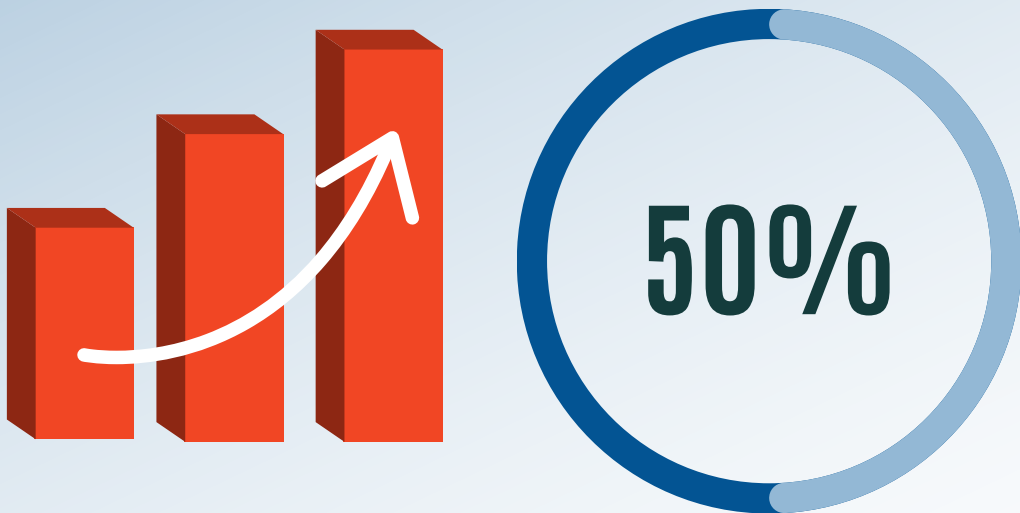
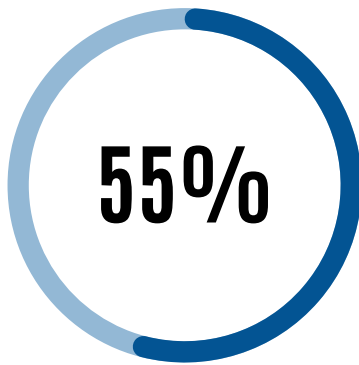


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50% of Ayrshire businesses still expect to raise their prices over the next three months, which has seen no movement over the quarter.

TAXATION CONCERNS REPORTED BY:



55% of Ayrshire firms report increased concern from taxation, an increase of 15 percentage points from the last quarter.

LABOUR COSTS INCREASE OVER THE QUARTER



Eight in 10 Ayrshire firms cited labour costs as a cost pressure, eight percentage points higher than for the last quarter.

INVESTMENT REMAINS FLAT



Half of firms continue to have investment on hold, a further 55% of firms do not expect investment levels to change in the next quarter.