# **Looking Back to Move Forward**





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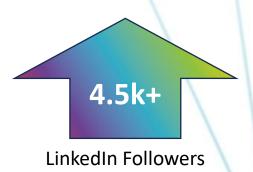
1-2-1 introductions made

#### **Ask the Expert Podcast**

Launched Jan 2025 YouTube, Apple, Spotify 6 episodes released 10 in pipeline for release 65+ average downloads



23
Events held



690+
Attendees

48k+
Member Web Profile
Views Generated

#### **STC SKILLS STREAM**

- Primary Engineer Programme
- Expanding the Silverstone Schools Programme
- Student Placement Programme
- New Starter Programme
- Educators Industry forum





ADVANCED ENGINEERING



# **SKILLS UPDATE**

Project Outputs	Achieved
Number of (pupils) accessing STEM support	810
Number of people engaged in life skills support following interventions	350
Volunteering numbers as a result of support (numerical value)	43
Number of businesses supported to offer virtual/industry days	12
Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support	10
Number of People taking part in Work experience programme	1
Additional Outcomes	
Businesses engaged in Skills discussions	7
Educators engaged in Skills discussions	7

£40,000 of UKSPF funding secured for 2025



Looking for additional funding to grow programme



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#### Q1 2025 STC Membership Survey

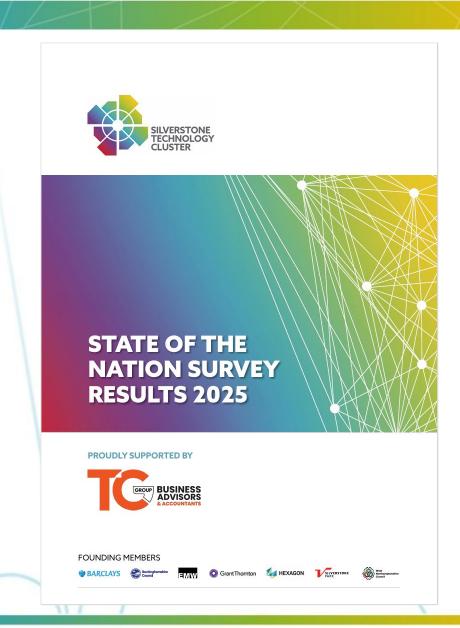
#### Aim:

- Identify business challenges
- Map business performance
- Provide insights

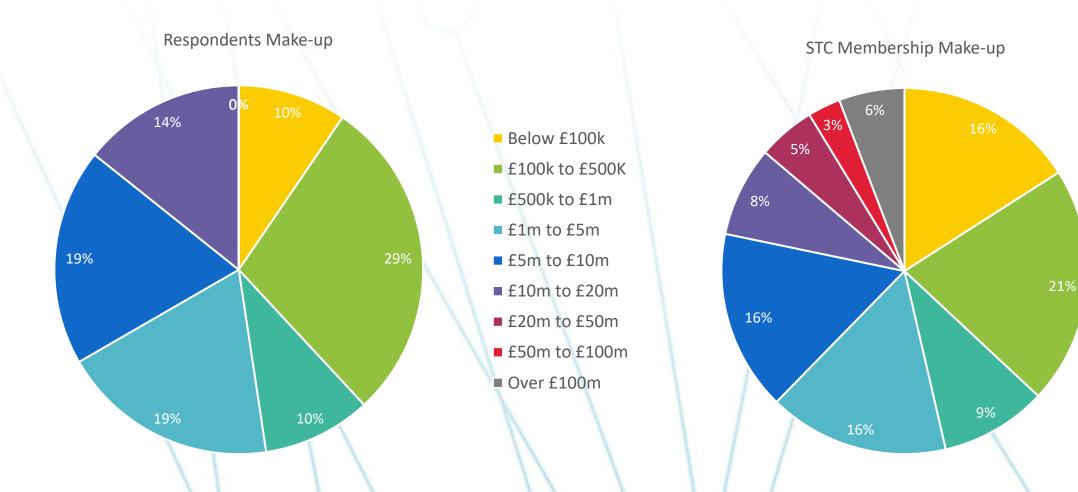
#### Projections and reviews on:

- Costs
- Pricing
- Turnover
- Staffing
- Challenges
- Export

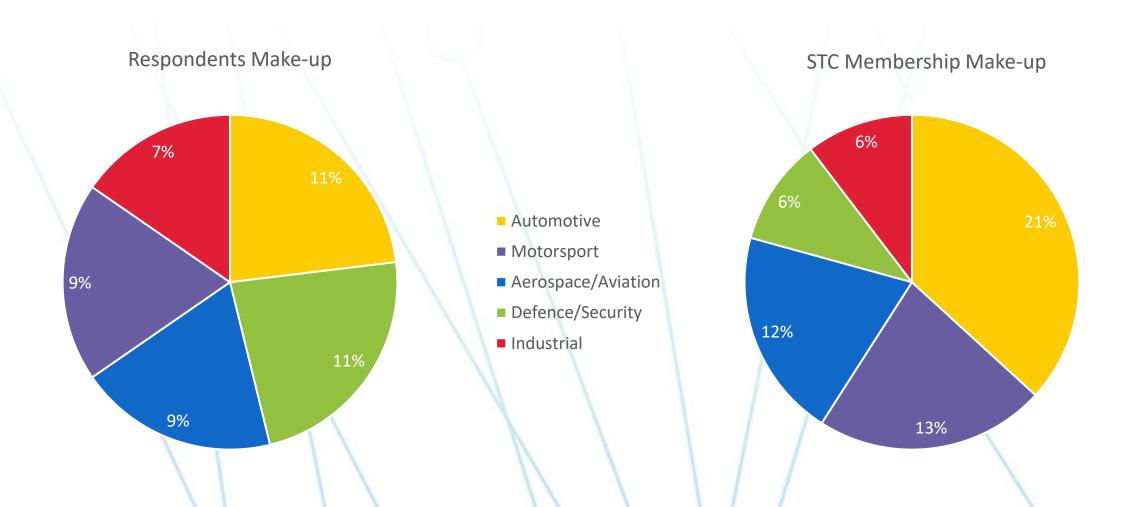
Report available in STC members area



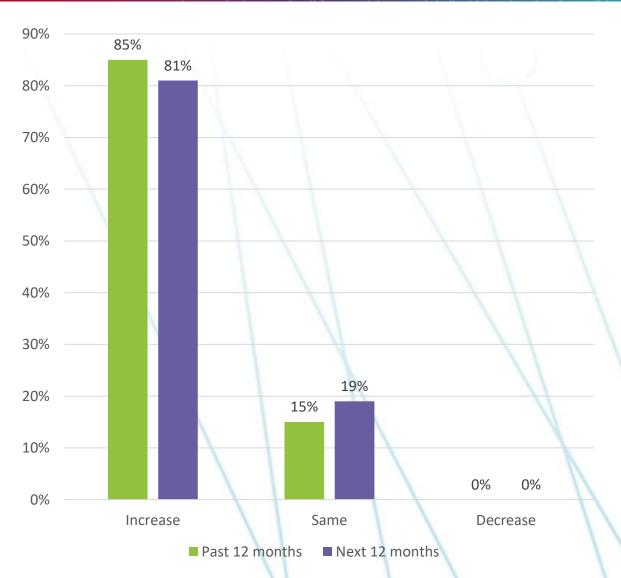
#### **TURNOVER RANGE**



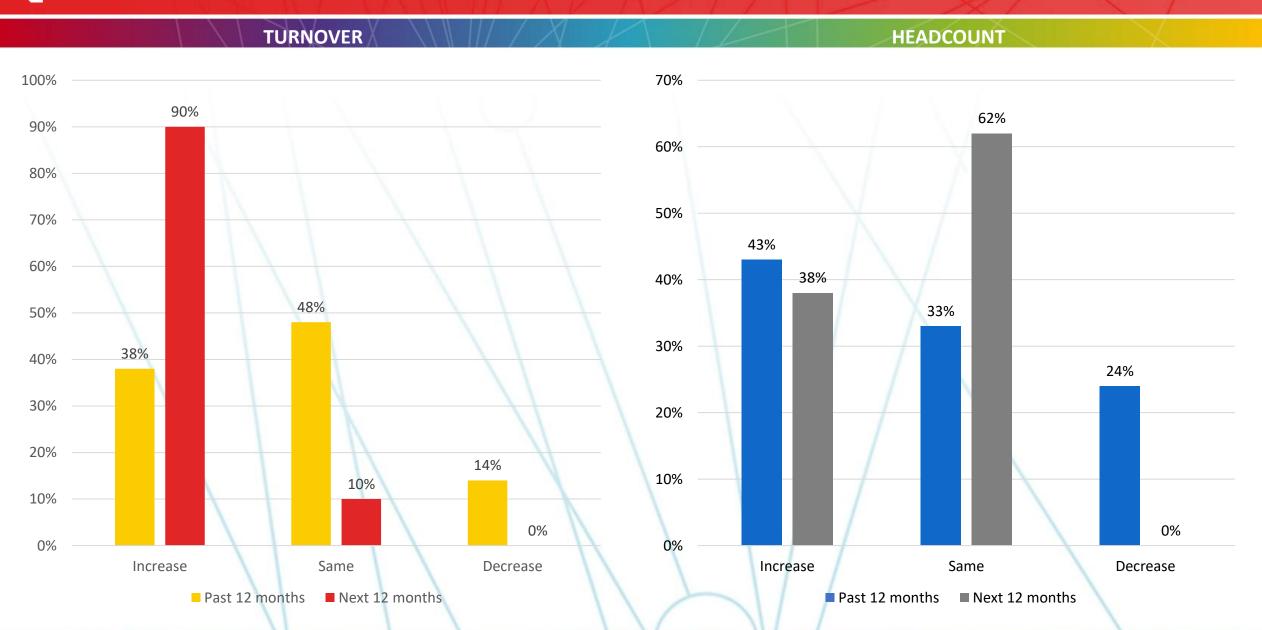
#### **TOP 5 SECTORS**













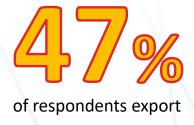
#### **BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

38% said it has been harder to recruit 62% said it was the same as before

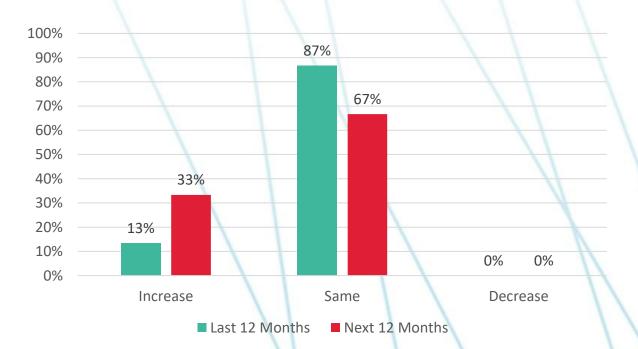
# Material Costs Funding Finding Right Skills Slowing UK Economy Global Econimic Conditions Interest Rates Energy Prices

50% said the slowing down of the UK economy has had the most negative impact on their business

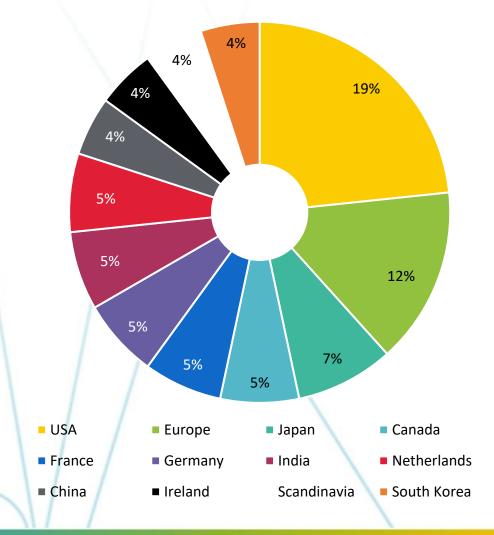
#### **EXPORT**



33% Average %-age of turnover exported



#### Top Current & Desired Export Markets





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Interested in an STC Export initiative

What would you most like an STC export initiative to deliver:	Score
Insights into emerging market opportunities	96
Valuable networking opportunities with fellow exporters	93
Strategies to overcome export barriers	88
Access to expert advice and success stories	80
Regular updates on new regulations and trade agreements	79

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