



# 2026 Leadership Poll Series

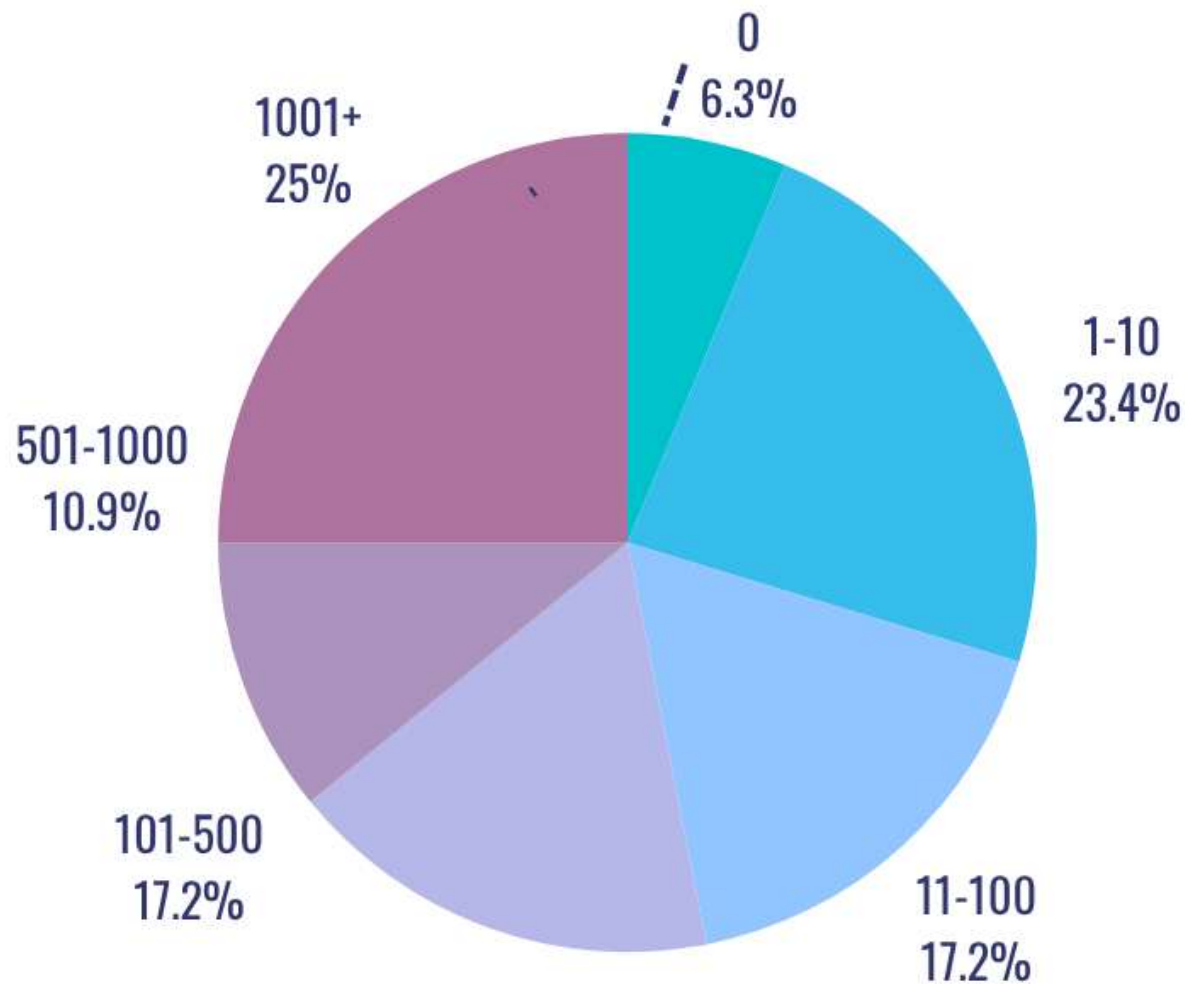
## Q2 Results

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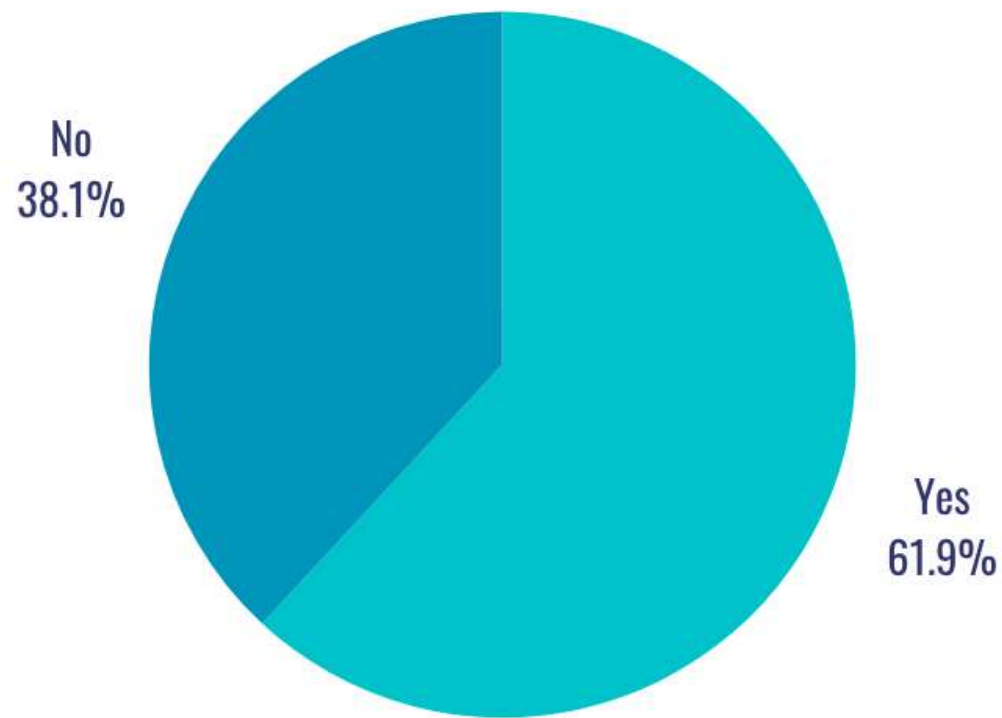


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FINANCIAL GROUP

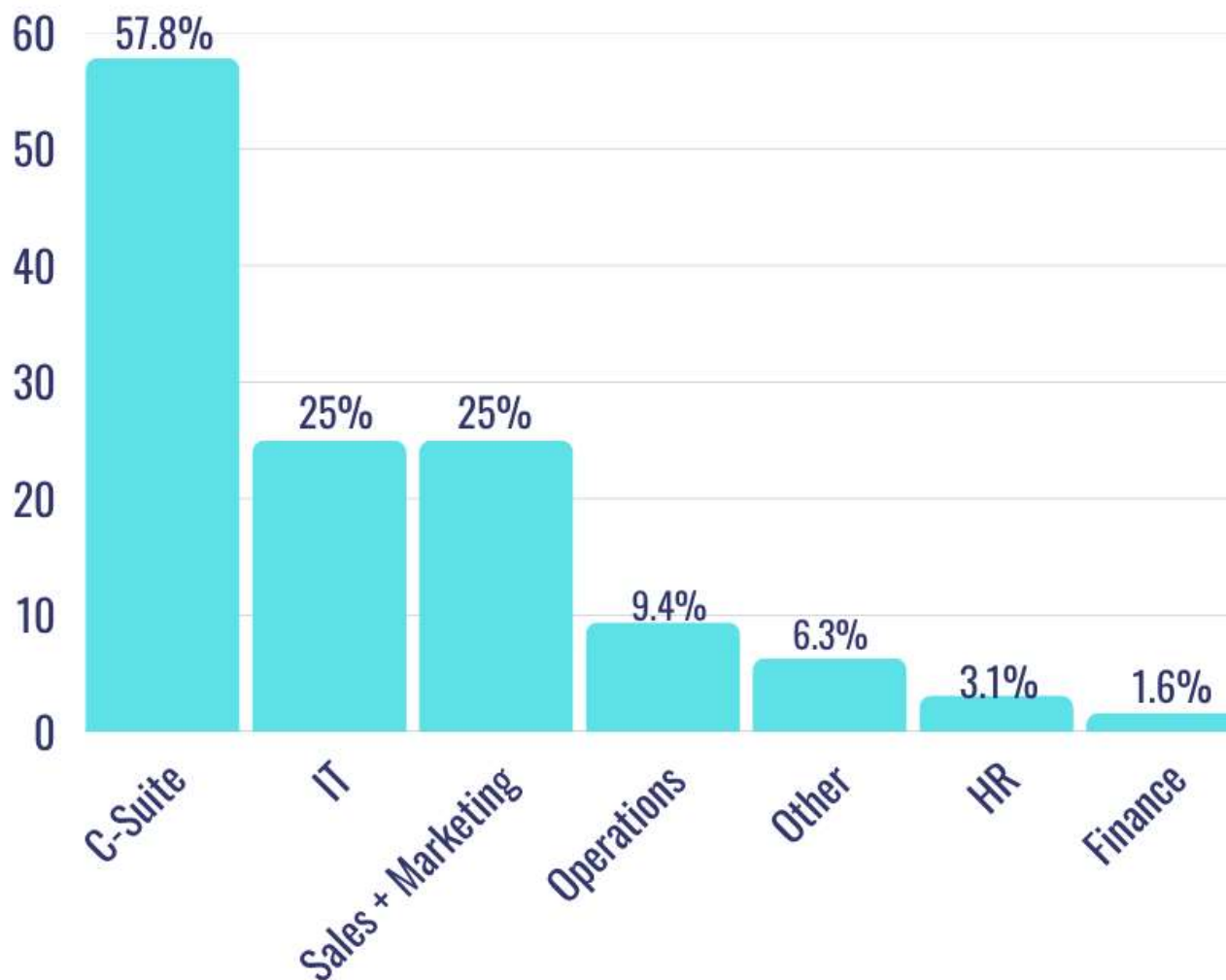
# Which range best depicts the number of NC-based employees in your organization?



# Is your company headquartered in NC?

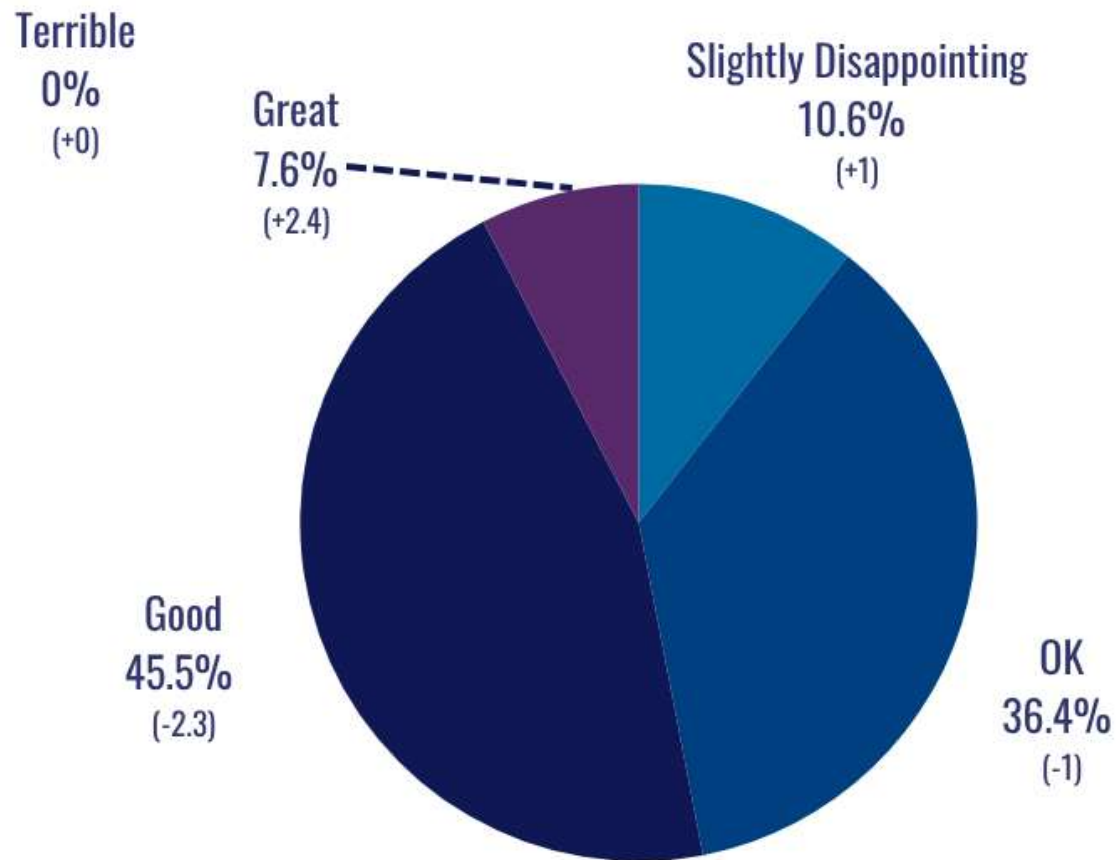


# What is your role within your organization?

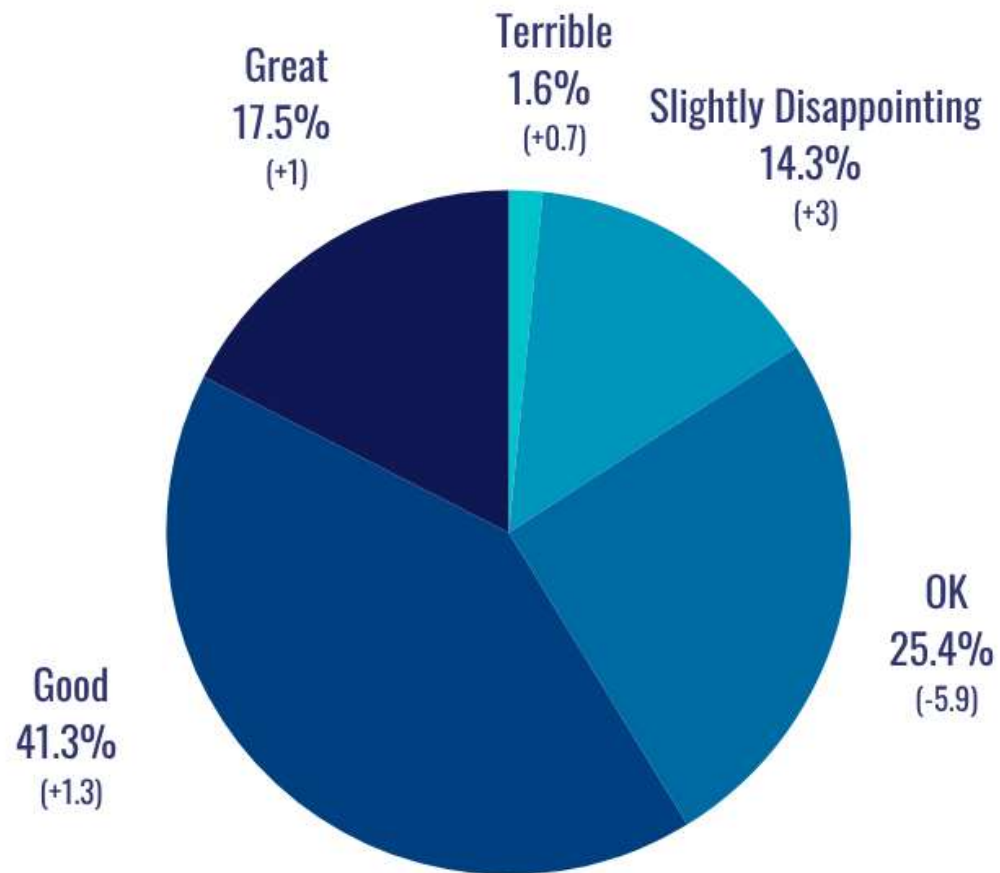


***\*\*Respondents were given the option to mark all that apply***

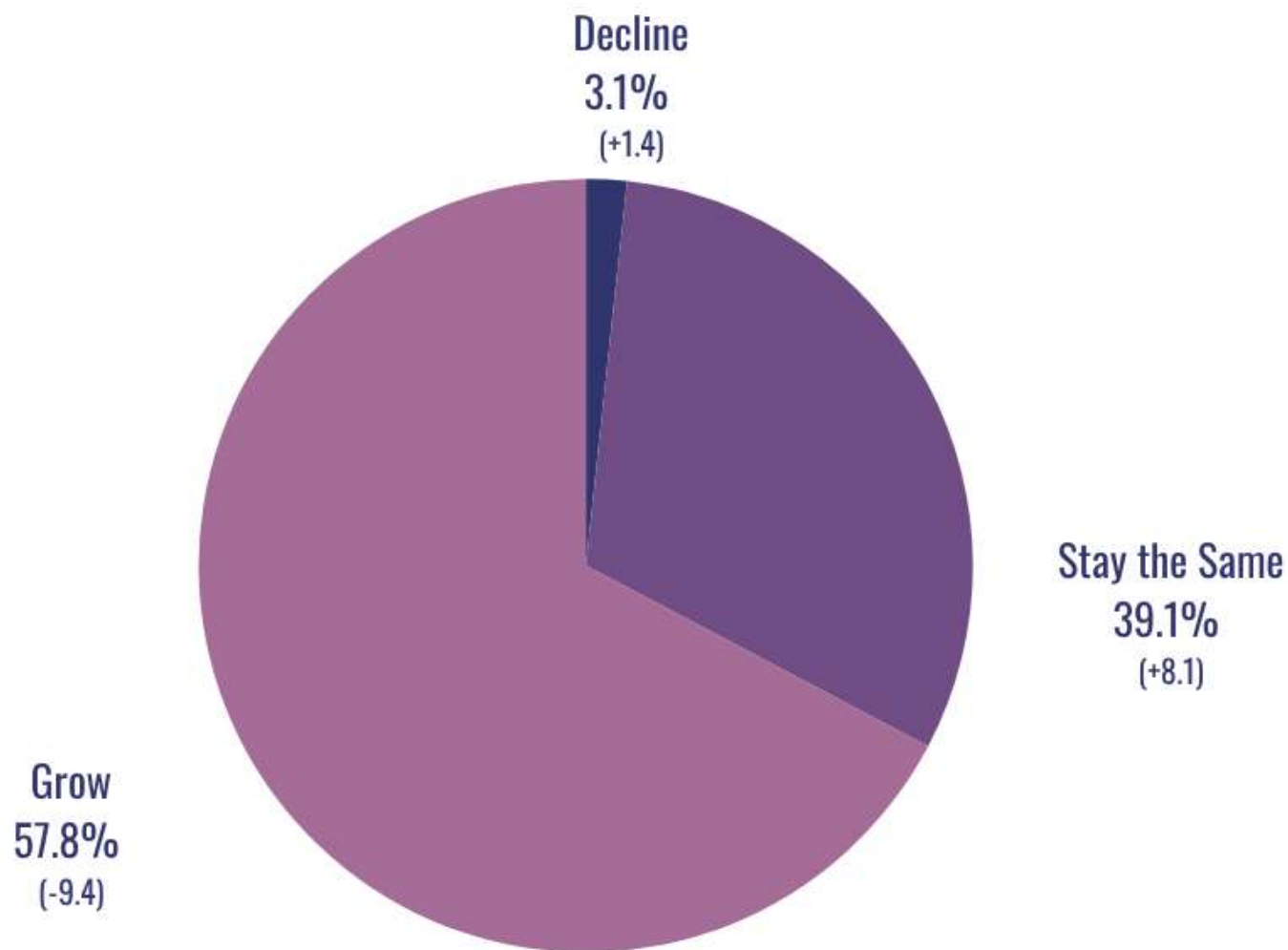
## How do you perceive the past quarter has been for North Carolina's technology sector broadly?



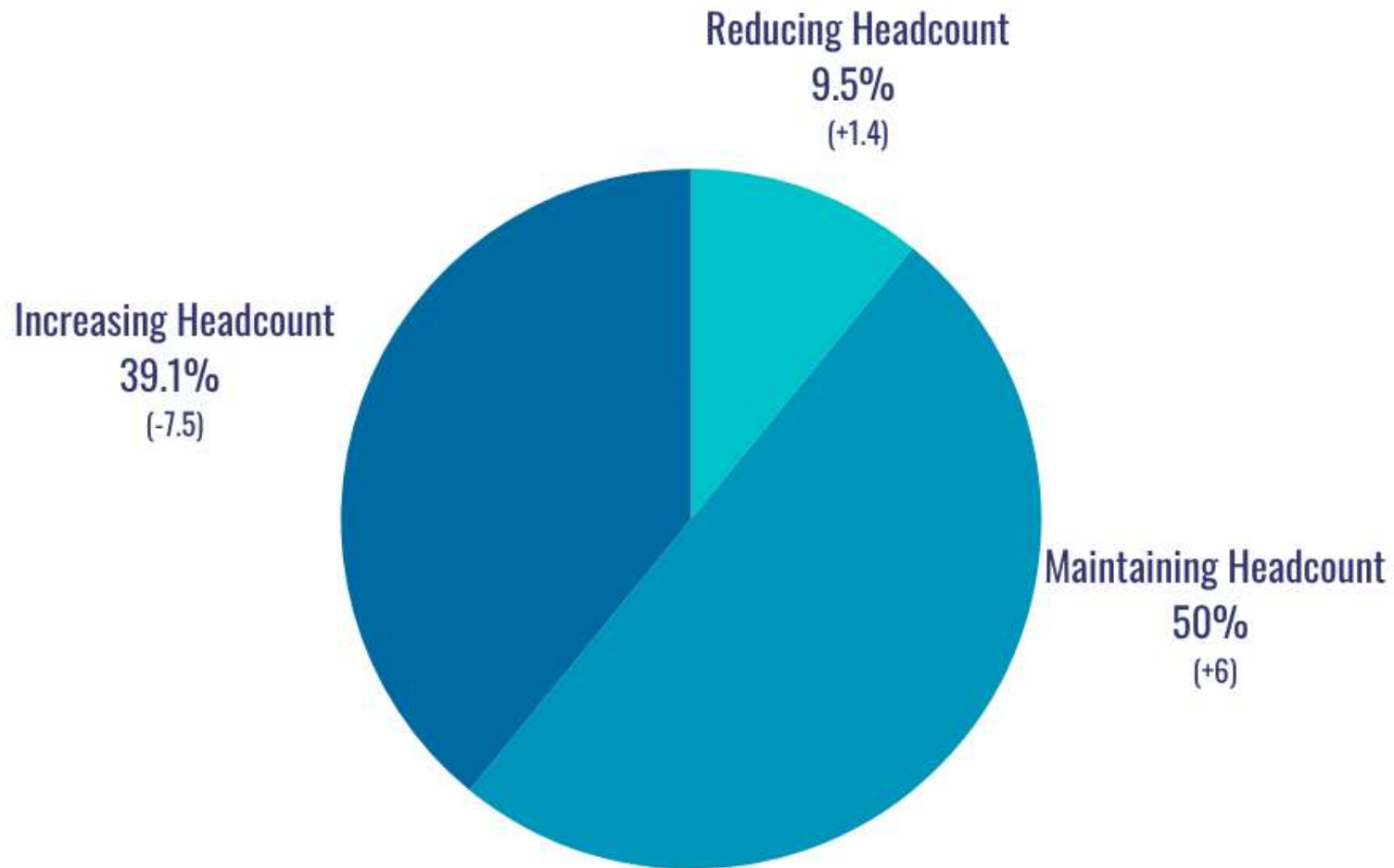
## How has the past quarter been for your organization specifically?



**I expect that over the next quarter our business  
will:**



# Is your organization:



What makes you optimistic about the next 12 months?

**Business  
Growth**

**AI Adoption**

**Sales +  
Pipeline  
Strength**

**Stabilizing  
Interest Rates**

**Interest Rate  
Cuts + Stability**

**Data Center  
Demand**

**Regional +  
Statewide  
Strength**

What concerns you, if anything, about the next 12 months?

Talent Shortages

Economic  
Uncertainty

Business  
Hesitation

Supply Chain  
Shortages

Geopolitical  
Instability

Global  
Conflict

Inflation  
Resource  
Strain



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