



## **New Recruitment Stats: Q2 Job Placement numbers up 43.6% on same period last year.**

Leading Irish Recruitment group, Sigmar, report a significant growth in recruitment for Q2 2010. According to new figures published by the group, Q2, 2010 represented a 43.6% increase in job placements, on the same period last year. This is a 10.7% percent quarter- on- quarter growth compared to Q1 2010. This is the third consecutive quarterly growth in job placements.

Says **Robert Mac Giolla Phadraig**, Director of Sigmar, "This 43.6 percent uplift in job placements in Q2 2010 clearly demonstrates a continued confidence in business activity and in turn the wider economy. This is the third consecutive quarterly growth in job numbers, (the first we have seen since 2007), underpinning the stabilisation of the market. "

"There is a continued trend towards flexible recruitment requirements with 74.3% of job placements being non permanent. Demand has continued on an upward trajectory, suggesting businesses are resourcing relevant skills to exploit market opportunity as the recovery gets underway."

"Recruitment outlook for the remainder of 2010 is positive, with continued growth in demand for non permanent vacancies - employer flexibility will continue to be a key element of the recruitment landscape for the foreseeable. Although "rightsizing" of businesses is on going, we see a significant dip in redundancy announcements in 2011".

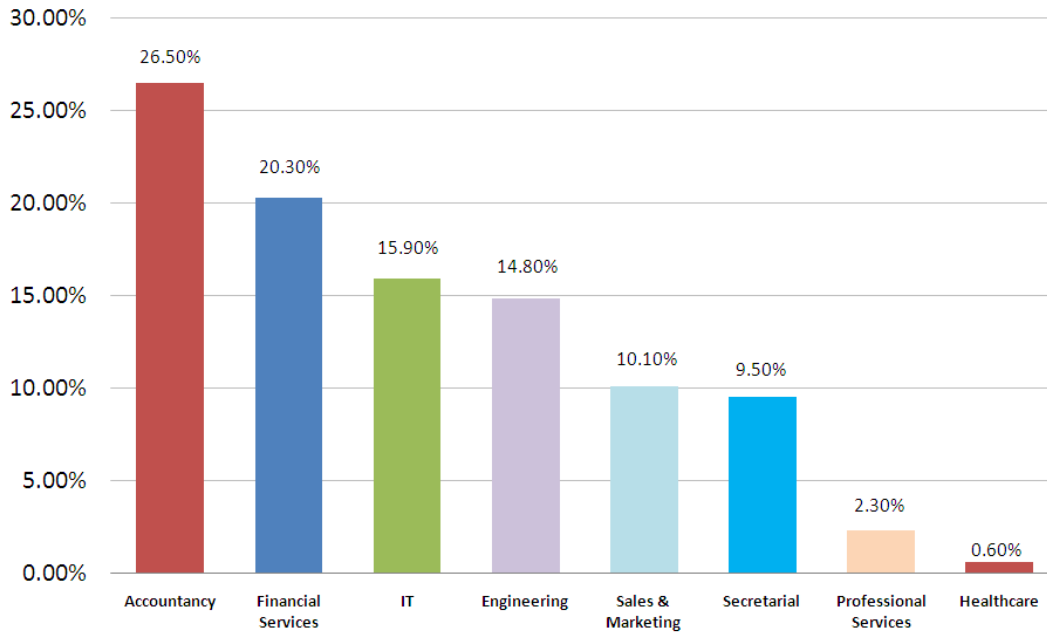
**Adrian McGennis**, Managing Director Sigmar adds,

"This is the largest year-on-year increase in placements that I have witnessed in twenty years in recruitment. Granted it is from a very low base, but the trend is certainly positive. In many ways it is still a challenging market but the multi-nationals, in particular, have maintained recruitment demand at all levels."

"Our professional contract numbers have increased 53% since last summer, so this option is still attractive to corporate clients. Within Sigmar itself, we have increased headcount in Q2 for the first time in two years. We are now talking about bonuses rather than cuts!

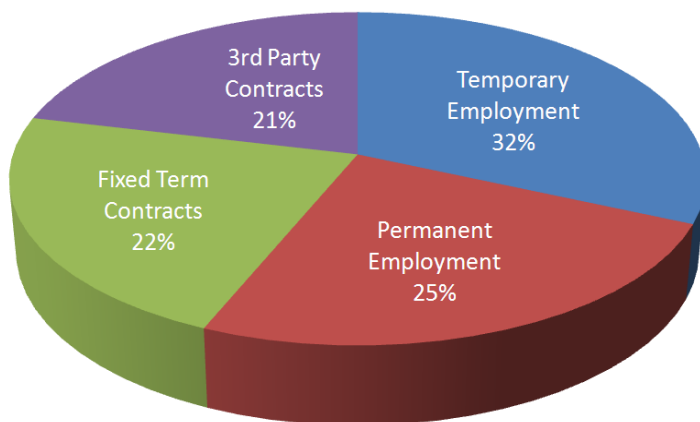
## Breakdown of Job Placements by Sector (%)

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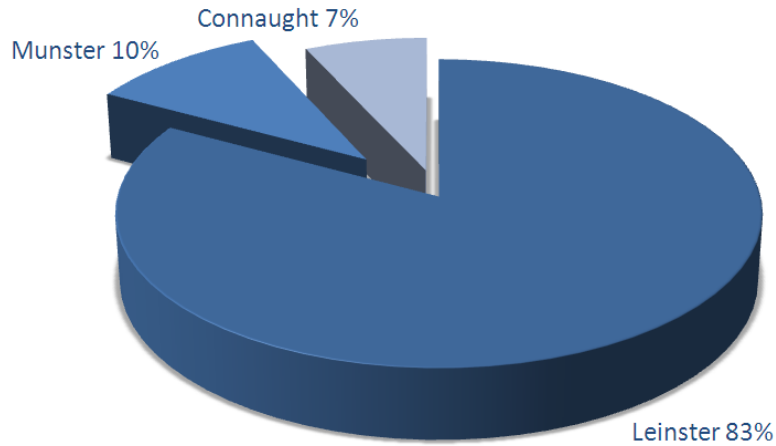
31.6% of placements were temporary roles

24.7% of placements were permanent roles

22.4% of placements were fixed term contracts

## Geographical Spread

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82.9% of candidates were placed in the Leinster region

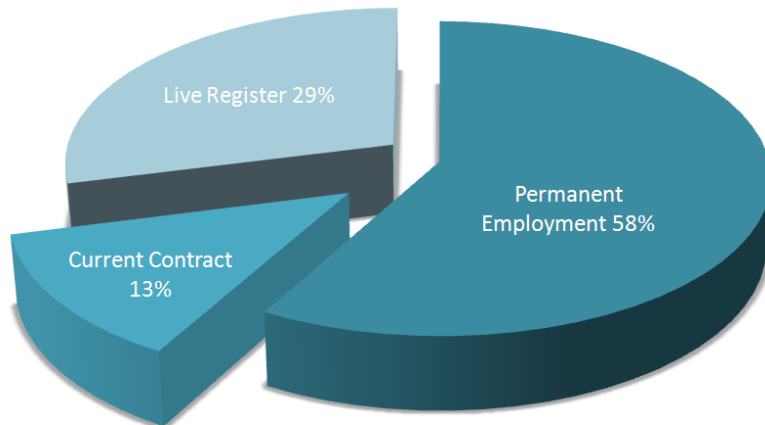
10.2% of candidates were placed in the Munster region

6.9% of candidates were placed in the Connaught region

## Candidates Placed from

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Candidates placed in permanent jobs came from:



58% of candidates placed in permanent jobs came from permanent employment.

13% of candidates placed in permanent jobs came from their current contract

29% of candidates placed in permanent jobs came from live register