

55% GROWTH IN JOBS PLACEMENTS SUGGESTS RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN MARKET

Leading Irish Recruitment group Sigmar reports a significant growth in recruitment for Q3 2010. According to new figures published by the group, Q3 2010 represented a 55% increase in job placements on the same period last year, a 14.2% quarter- on- quarter growth compared to Q2 2010. This is the fourth consecutive quarterly growth in jobs placements.

Says Robert Mac Giolla Phádraig, Director of Sigmar: "This 55% percent uplift in job placements in Q3 2010 clearly demonstrates rightsizing in many companies who over- cut in 2009. This is the fourth consecutive quarterly growth in job numbers, underpinning the stabilisation of the market."

"However, what is particularly significant about the latest statistics is the growth in permanent placements. While there is a continued trend among SMEs towards flexible recruitment requirements, Q3 2010 saw a 36% increase in permanent job placements, predominantly in multinational, large corporate and PLC markets. On the whole, demand has continued in an upward trajectory, suggesting businesses are resourcing relevant skills to exploit market opportunity in a highly challenging environment."

Q3 saw increased demand for Multilingual Sales & Customer Service experience, IT expertise, Java.net Software Developers, Application Support and Project Managers. Financial Services maintained demand in Credit Risk, Compliance and Audit while many corporate sought accountants and finance managers with commercial exposure. Procurement professional with specific category expertise are also in demand across FMCG, Financial Services, Telecoms and Consumer Electronics.

Breakdown of Job Placements by sector:

- 18.84% Accountancy
- 18.34% Financial Services
- 21.5% IT
- 11.8% Technical/ Engineering
- 11.45% Sales & Marketing
- 12.27% Secretarial
- 4.7% Professional Services (Insurance, HR, Legal)
- 1.1% Healthcare

Employment Services

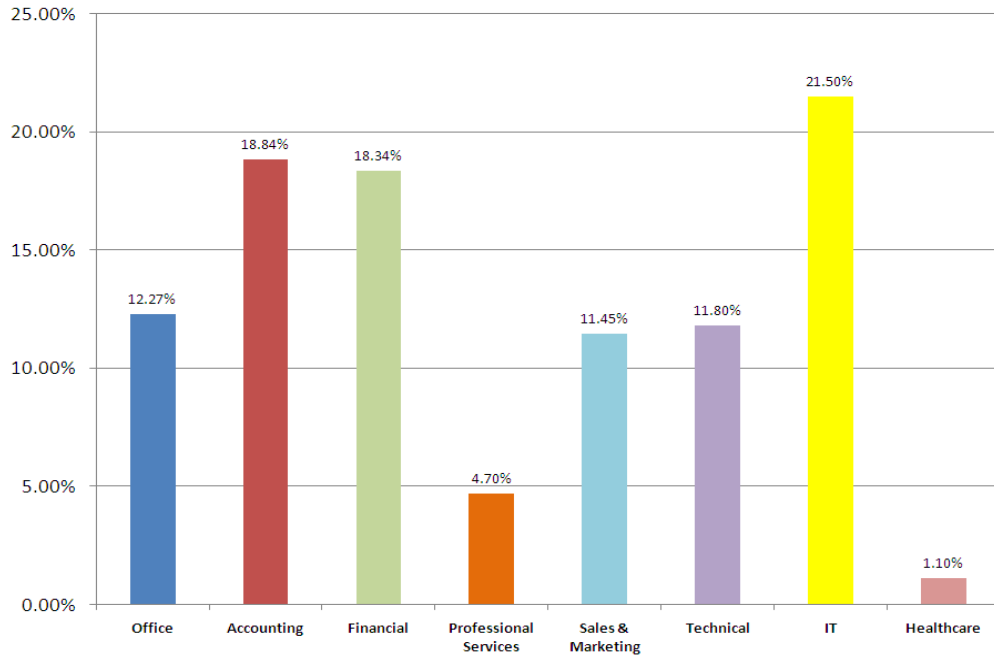
- 41% Temporary employment
- 34% Permanent employment
- 13% Fixed term contracts
- 12% 3rd party contracts

Geography

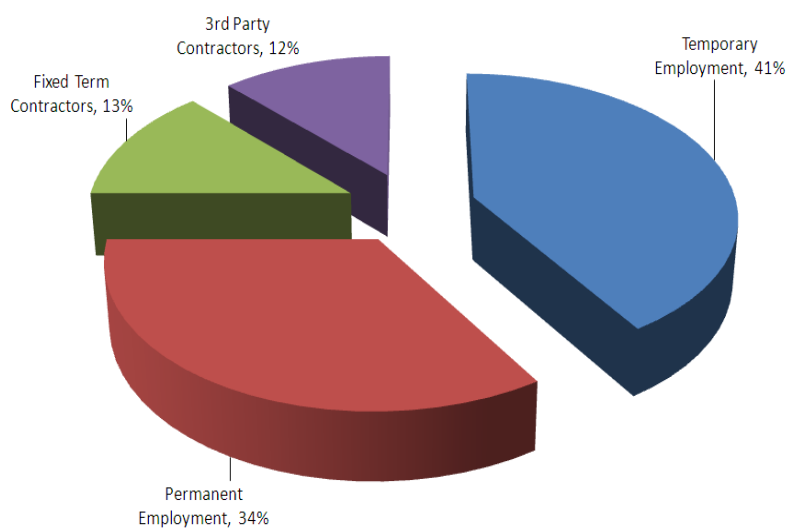
- 78% Leinster
- 12% Munster
- 10% Connaught

VISUAL REPRESENTATION

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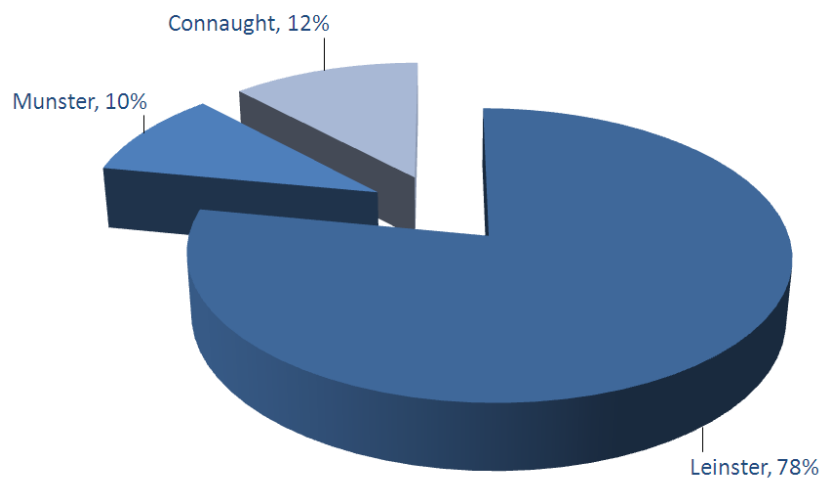


41% of placements were temporary roles

34% of placements were permanent roles

13% of placements were fixed term contracts

12% of placements were 3rd party contracts



78% of candidates were placed in the Leinster region

10 % of candidates were placed in the Munster region

12% of candidates were placed in the Connaught region