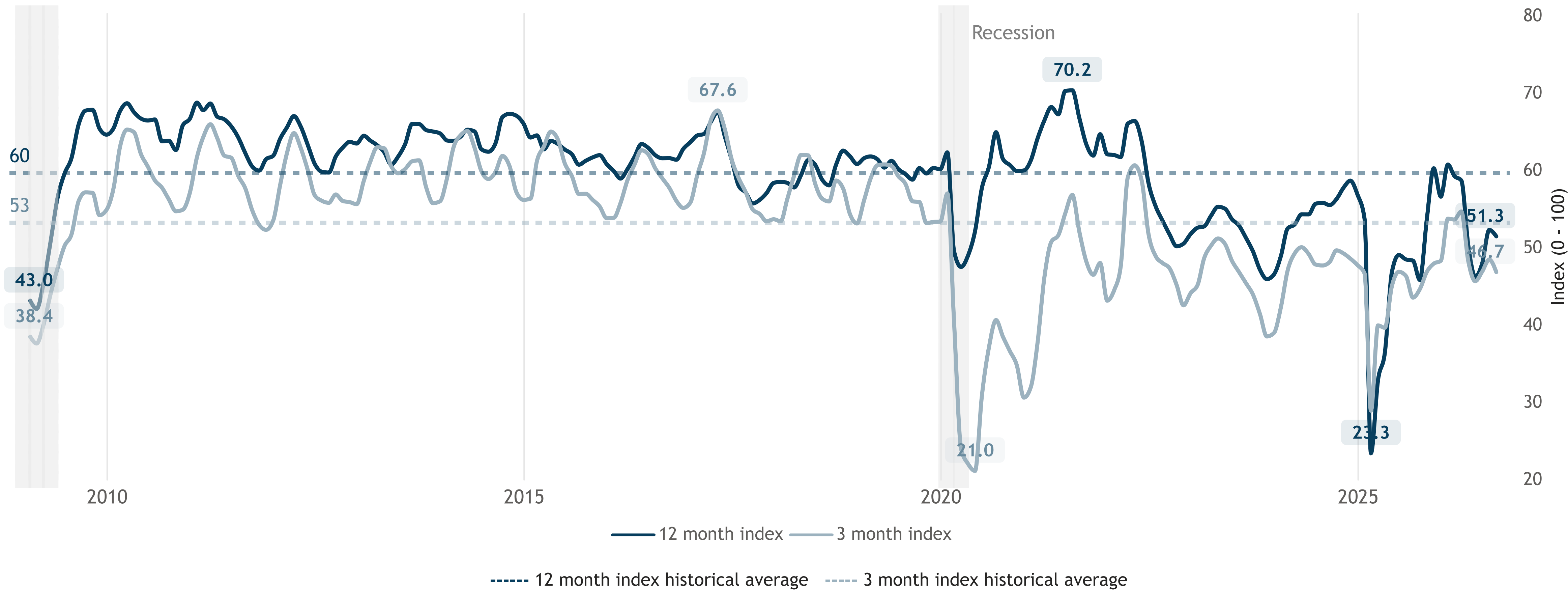


Business Barometer®: 12-month and 3-month small business confidence index, Ontario



Survey questions:

How do you expect your firm to be performing in **12 months** compared to now?
Allowing for normal seasonal influences, what are your business performance expectations for the next **3 or 4 months**?

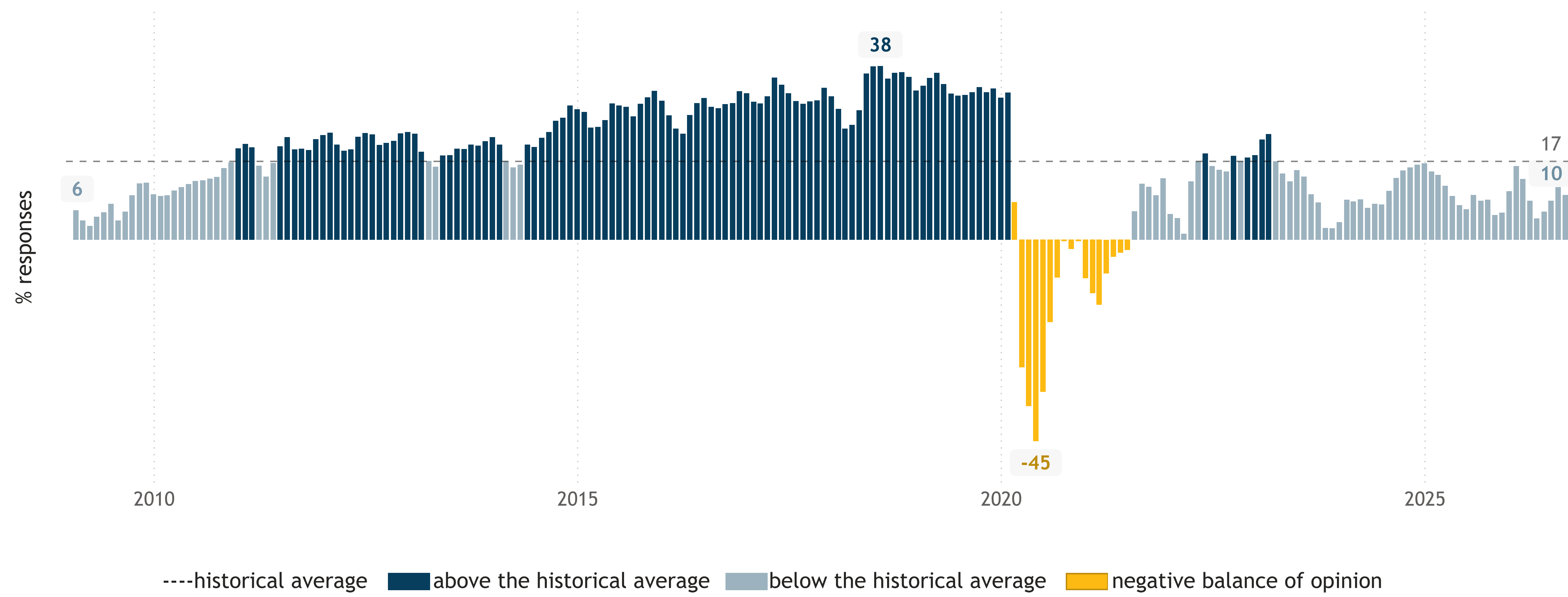
Note: Index > 50 = more businesses expecting stronger performance than weaker performance

Sources : CFIB's Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - September 2026.

C.D. Howe Institute Business Cycle Council (Recession dates)

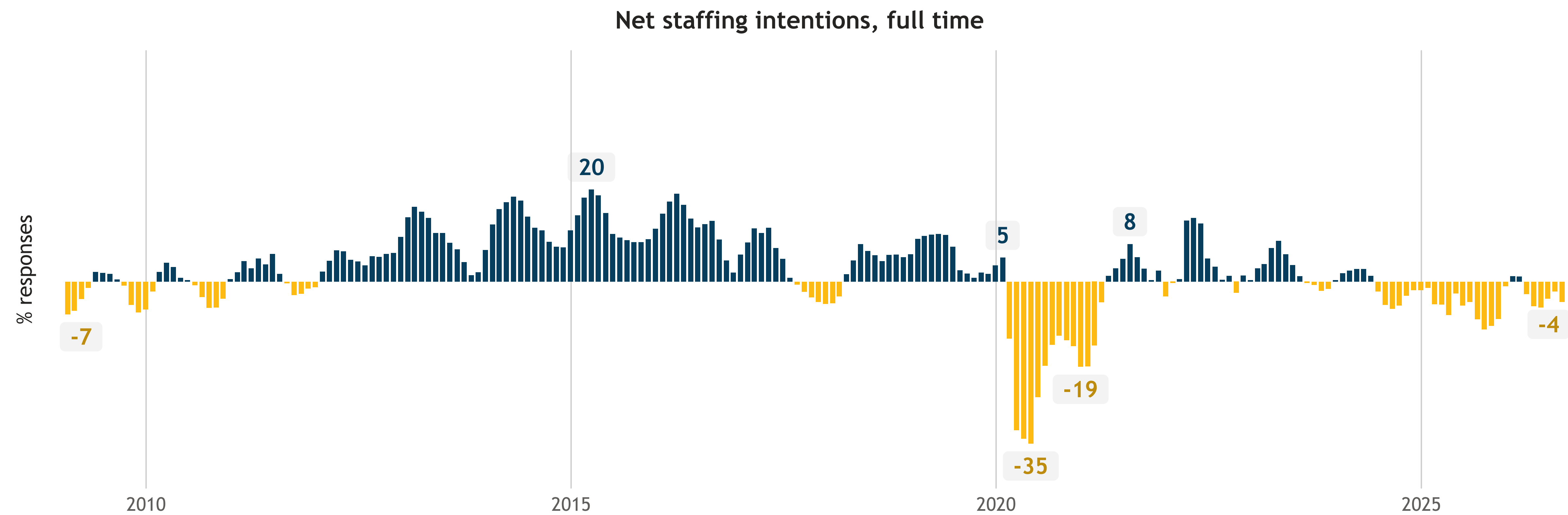
Business Barometer®: General state of business health, Ontario

Balance of opinion



Survey question: Currently, what is the general business situation of your company?
Note: Balance of opinion = [Share of respondents answering **Good**]- [Share of respondents answering **Bad**]
Source: CFIB's Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - September 2026.

Business Barometer®: Full-time staffing plans, short term, Ontario

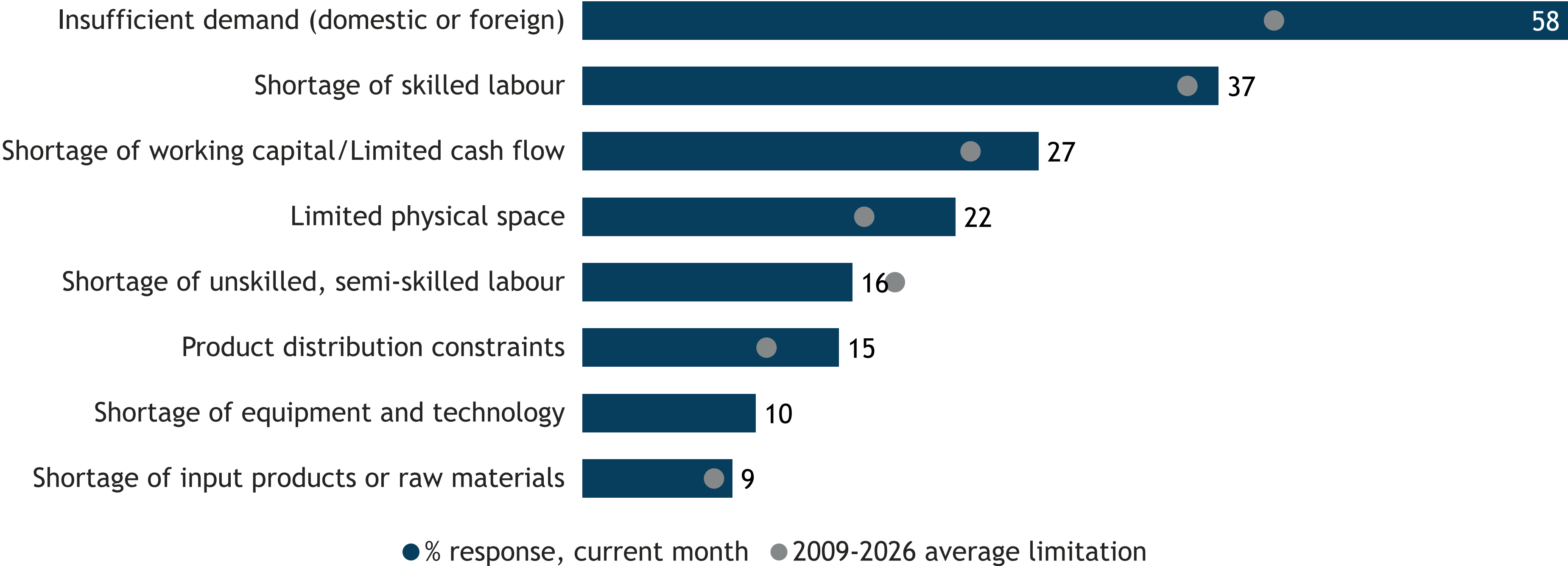


Survey question: How are your expected employment levels to change in the next 3 or 4 months? (Up, Same, Down)

Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - September 2026.

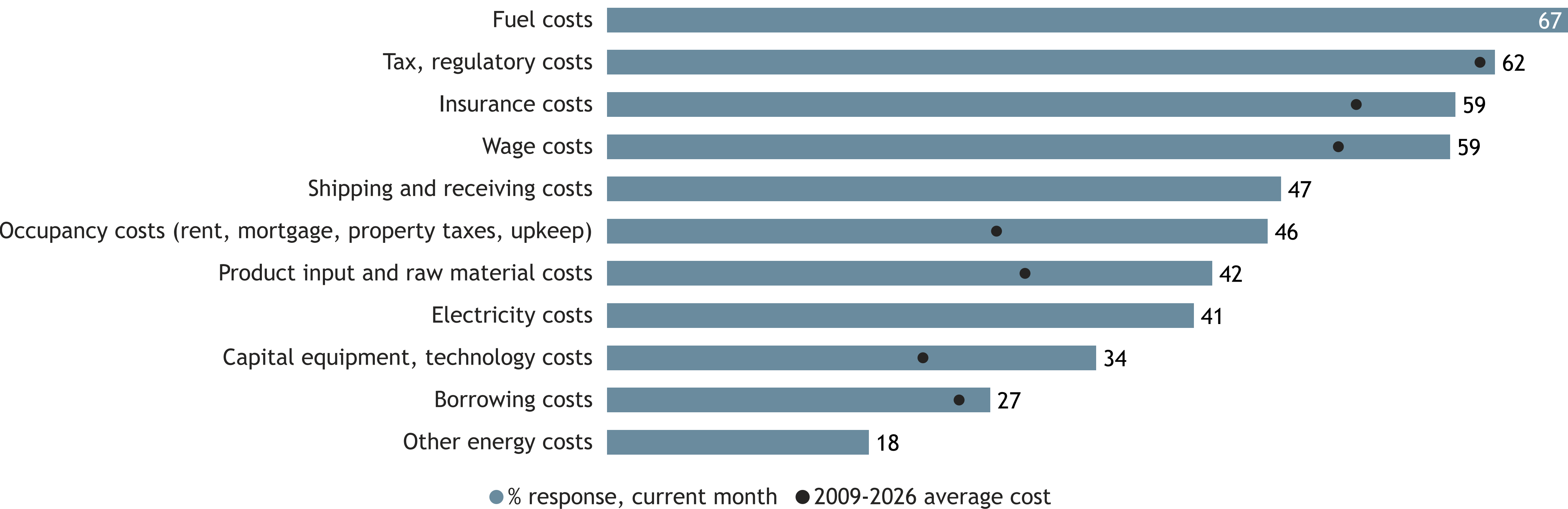
Note: Net staffing intentions = [Share of respondents answering UP]- [Share of respondents answering Down]

Business Barometer®: Factors limiting sales or production growth- current levels and trend, Ontario



Survey question: What factors are limiting your ability to increase sales or production?
Source: CFIB's Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - September 2026.

Business Barometer®: Major input cost constraints- current levels and trend, Ontario



Survey question: What types of input costs are currently causing difficulties for your business?

Source: CFIB's Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - September 2026.