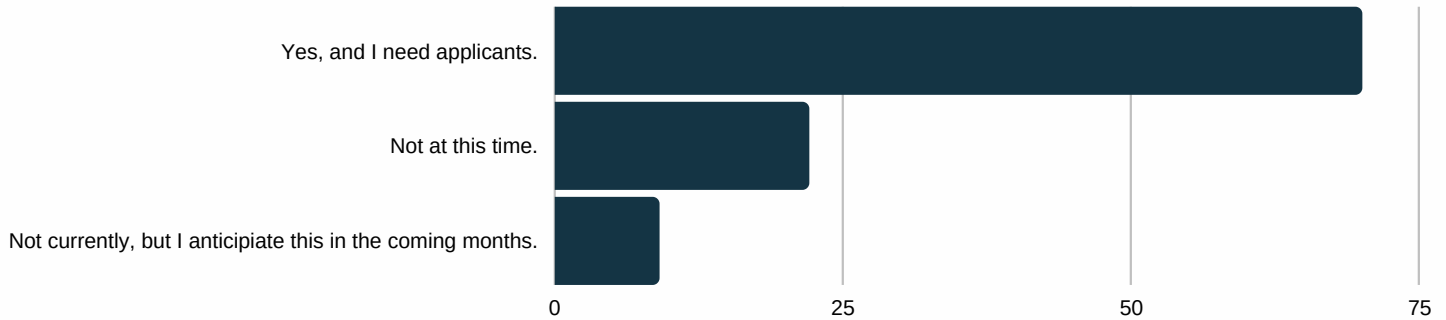


ABILENE CHAMBER: PULSE ON EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES

The Abilene Chamber and Abilene Industrial Foundation continue to hear a recurring theme from conversations with the business community about lack of available workforce. While not unique to Abilene, your Chamber is working to find creative resources for you and your business. This survey was conducted April 5-8, 2021 with 101 responses

ARE YOU CURRENTLY FACING CHALLENGES FINDING EMPLOYEES FOR YOUR BUSINESS?



IF YES, WHAT DO YOU PERCEIVE AS YOUR NUMBER ONE CHALLENGING IN FINDING EMPLOYEES?

ANSWERS INCLUDED:

- Extension and enhancement of unemployment benefits.
- Lack of qualified individuals willing to work for \$15/hour.
- We are finding we are losing experienced candidates to out of town companies that are letting them work remotely from Abilene.
- Lack of applicants.
- Continuation of stimulus checks.
- Skilled or qualified applicants.
- Low available employees in pool.
- I have applicants, we just need them to show up for interview. 1 in 10 will actually show up for interview.

IF AN IN-PERSON JOB FAIR WAS HELD, WOULD YOUR BUSINESS PARTICIPATE?

