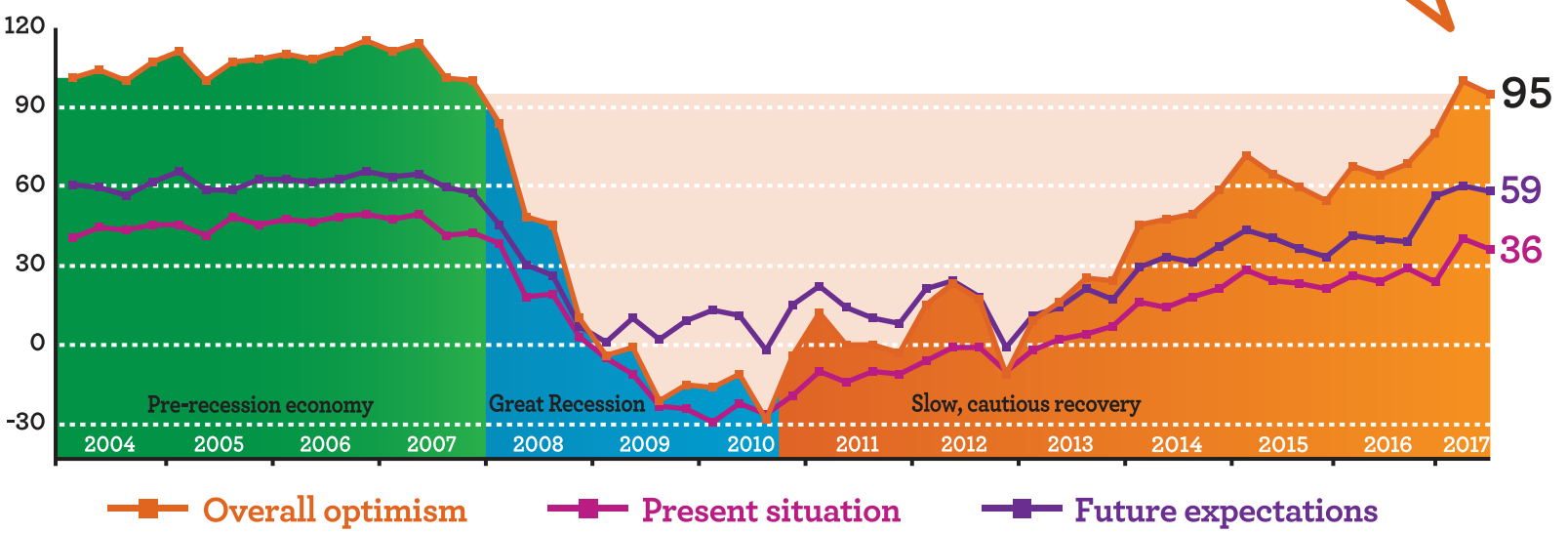


Small Business Owners Remain Optimistic in Second Quarter.

The Q2 Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index

Index reading

Overall Index score is 95 in Q2.



Hiring

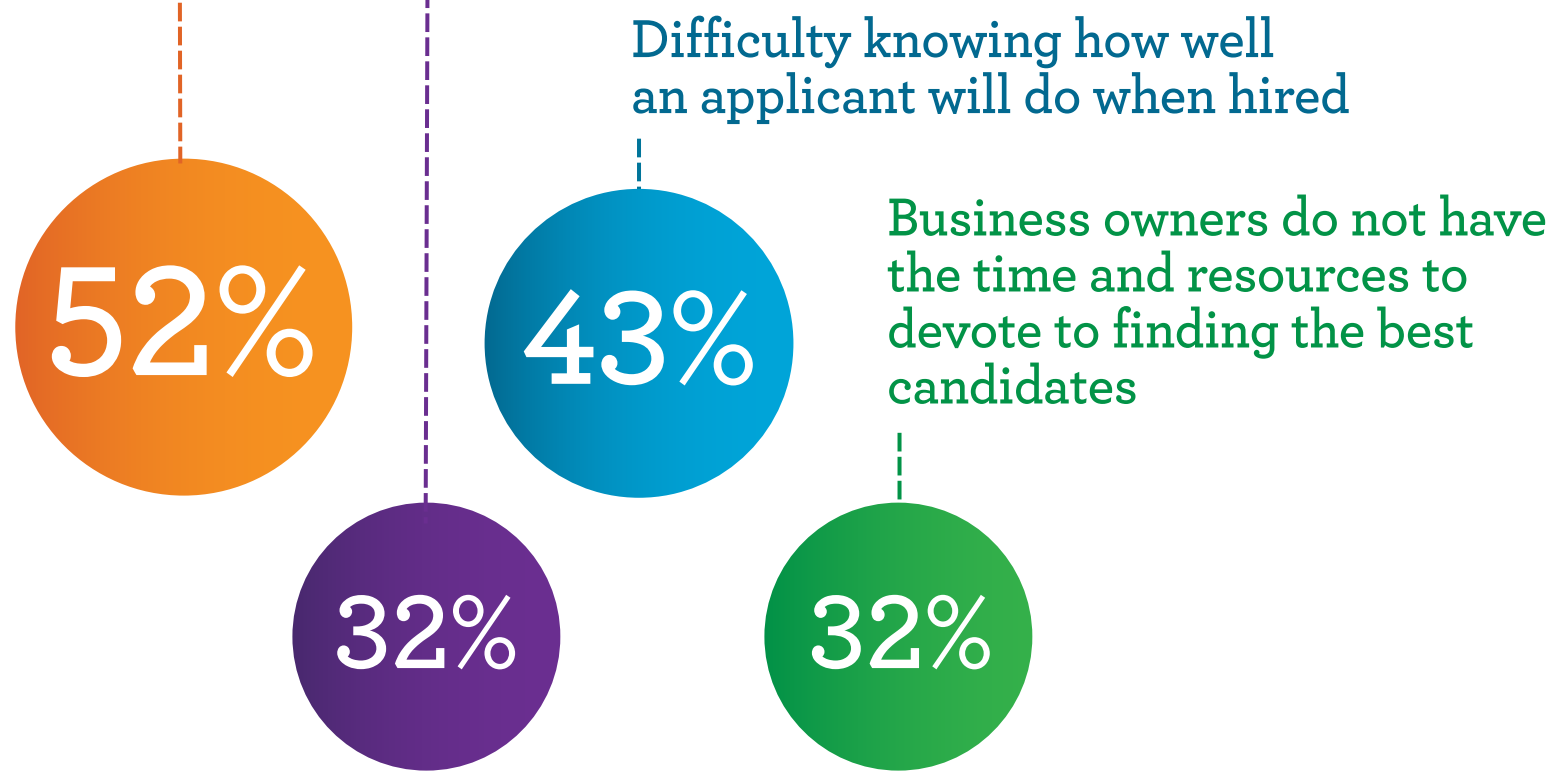
Small business owners were asked about their hiring plans and challenges in April. The survey found that about a third of small business owners plan to hire new staff in the next 12 months.



Despite their plans to add jobs, small business owners reported several challenges when it comes to hiring new staff, including:

Finding qualified staff

Candidates applying for jobs at their business are either over or underqualified for the position



On-demand businesses

Small business owners were asked about the trend of on-demand businesses, which involve using the internet and smart phone apps to assign work to people who are not regular employees, but available to do tasks as needed. The survey found that:

