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# NACF Market Intelligence Q3 2022



Every quarter, NACF's Main Contractors gather market intelligence from within the construction industry.

Data is collected for 10 high level construction trades across 7 cities within the UK. This data is grouped into 5 regions: South, London, Wales, Midlands, and the North.

This information is used to identify national and regional market trends and forecast for the following year by commenting on

changes in tender workload, employment, building costs and material & labour availability.

The NACF shares this information amongst partners in order to highlight key areas of risk that may impact future project delivery. This data is also made publicly available to the benefit of the wider industry and can be used to help specialist suppliers better manage their workflows and labour forces to serve NACF's contractors in the best way possible.



## Comparison to Q2 2022: Overview

### Tender Workload

Average increase in tender workload across all regions	<b>3%</b>
Increase for Carpentry and Joinery	<b>8%</b>
Increase for M&E	<b>8%</b>
Increase for Dry Lining	<b>6%</b>
Increase for Brickwork	<b>4%</b>

[See full data set for Tender Workload](#)

### Building Cost

Average increase in building cost across all regions	<b>10%</b>
Increase for Windows	<b>15%</b>
Increase for Dry Lining	<b>15%</b>
Increase for Steelwork	<b>11%</b>
Increase for Brickwork	<b>10%</b>

[See full data set for Building Cost](#)

### Material Availability

Average increase in material lead time across all regions	<b>2 weeks</b>
Increase of weeks for steelwork	<b>4 weeks</b>
Increase of weeks for Groundworks and Brickwork	<b>3 weeks</b>
Increase of weeks for Curtain Walling	<b>2 weeks</b>

[See full data set for Material Availability](#)

### Employment





Average increase in employment across all regions	<b>2%</b>
Increase for Windows	<b>3%</b>
Increase for Brickwork	<b>4%</b>
Increase for Dry Lining	<b>7%</b>
Increase for Carpentry and Joinery	<b>2%</b>

[See full data set for Employment](#)

# Comparison to Q2 2022





## South



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
<p>A 2% increase in tender workload (1% less than national average).</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12% increase for M&amp;E</li> <li>6% increase for Carpentry &amp; Joinery</li> <li>5% increase for Tower Crane</li> <li>4% decrease for Concrete Frame</li> </ul>	<p>The average increase in building cost was 10% (equal to national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16% increase for M&amp;E</li> <li>15% increase for Curtain Walling</li> <li>15% increase for Windows</li> <li>12% increase for Dry Lining</li> </ul>	<p>Lead time increased by 1 week (1 less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 week lead time increase for Tower Crane</li> <li>1 week lead time increase for Carpentry &amp; Joinery, Curtain Walling and Windows</li> </ul>	<p>A 1% increase in employment (1% less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% increase for Curtain Walling and Windows</li> <li>2% increase for Concrete Frame</li> <li>1% increase for Groundworks</li> </ul>





## Wales



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
<p>A 1% decrease in tender workload (4% less than national average).</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% increase for Brickwork</li> <li>3% increase for M&amp;E</li> <li>3% increase for Concrete Frame</li> <li>12% decrease for Dry Lining</li> </ul>	<p>The average increase in building cost was 10% (equal to national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32% increase for Dry Lining</li> <li>8% increase for Groudworks, Steelwork and Brickwork</li> </ul>	<p>Lead time increased by 1 week (1 week less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase of 5 weeks lead time for M&amp;E</li> <li>Increase of 3 weeks lead time for Concrete Frame</li> <li>Increase of 2 weeks for Curtain Walling</li> </ul>	<p>No change in employment (2% less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1% increase for Dry Lining</li> </ul>





## Midlands



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
<p>No change in tender workload (3% less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8% increase for M&amp;E</li> <li>5% increase for Carpentry and Joinery</li> <li>3% increase for Concrete Frame</li> <li>11% decrease for Steelwork</li> </ul>	<p>A 6% increase in building cost (4% less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18% increase for Carpentry and Joinery</li> <li>12% increase for Dry Lining</li> <li>9% increase for Curtain Walling and M&amp;E</li> </ul>	<p>Lead time increased by 1 week (1 week less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase of 4 weeks for M&amp;E</li> <li>Increase of 2 weeks for Curtain Walling and Brickwork</li> <li>Decrease of 2 weeks for Carpentry and Joinery</li> </ul>	<p>A 4% increase in employment (2% less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% increase for Brickwork and Carpentry and Joinery</li> <li>5% increase for M&amp;E</li> <li>2% increase for Dry Lining</li> </ul>

## North



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
<p>A 6% increase in tender workload (3% greater than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17% increase for Dry Lining</li> <li>13% increase for Carpentry and Joinery</li> <li>7% increase for Brickwork and M&amp;E</li> </ul>	<p>A 11% increase in building cost (1% greater than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18% increase for Windows</li> <li>17% increase for Brickwork</li> <li>15% increase for Dry Lining</li> <li>14% increase for Steelwork</li> </ul>	<p>Lead time increased by 5 weeks (3 weeks greater than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 week lead time increase for Steelwork</li> <li>8 week lead time increase for Groundwork</li> <li>6 week lead time increase for Brickwork</li> <li>4 week lead time increase for Concrete Frame</li> </ul>	<p>A 4% increase in employment (2% less than national average)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18% increase for Dry Lining</li> <li>6% increase for Brickwork</li> <li>3% increase for Steelwork</li> <li>3% increase for Steelwork</li> </ul>

# Comparison to Q2 2022

## London



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
<p>A 6% increase in tender workload (3% greater than national average)</p>	<p>A 9% increase in Building cost (1% less than national average)</p>	<p>A 1 week increase in material lead time (1 weeks less than national average)</p>	<p>A 1% increase in employment (1% less than national average)</p>
<p>10% increase for Curtain Walling</p> <p>6% increase for Groundworks, M&amp;E and Carpentry and Joinery</p>	<p>14% increase for Steelwork</p> <p>12% increase for Carpentry and Joinery</p> <p>11% increase for Curtain Walling</p> <p>10% increase for Concrete Frame</p>	<p>2 week lead time increase for Steelwork</p> <p>2 week lead time increase for Carpentry and Joinery</p>	<p>1% increase for M&amp;E, Steelwork, Curtain Walling and Brickwork</p>



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# National Forecast Q3 2023: Overview

## Tender Workload

Average increase in tender workload across all regions	<b>2%</b>
Increase for Windows	<b>5%</b>
Increase for Dry Lining	<b>4%</b>
Increase for Tower Crane	<b>4%</b>
Increase for Brickwork	<b>4%</b>

## Building Cost

Average increase in building cost across all regions	<b>9%</b>
Increase for Windows	<b>13%</b>
Increase for Dry Lining	<b>10%</b>
Increase for Curtain Walling	<b>12%</b>
Increase for Brickwork	<b>10%</b>

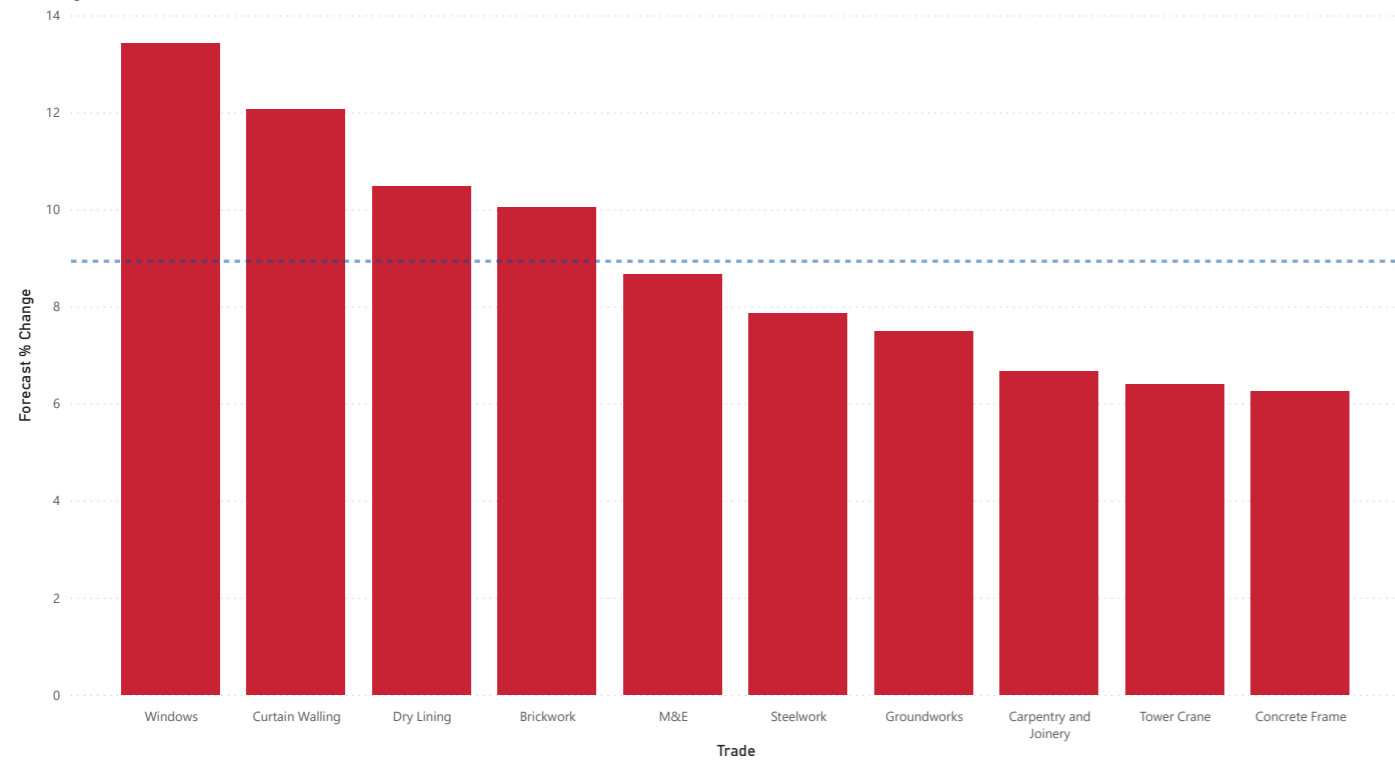
## Material Availability

Average increase in material lead time across all regions	<b>2 weeks</b>
Increase of weeks for Concrete Frame	<b>4 weeks</b>
Increase of weeks for M&E, Carpentry and Joinery and Windows	<b>2 weeks</b>

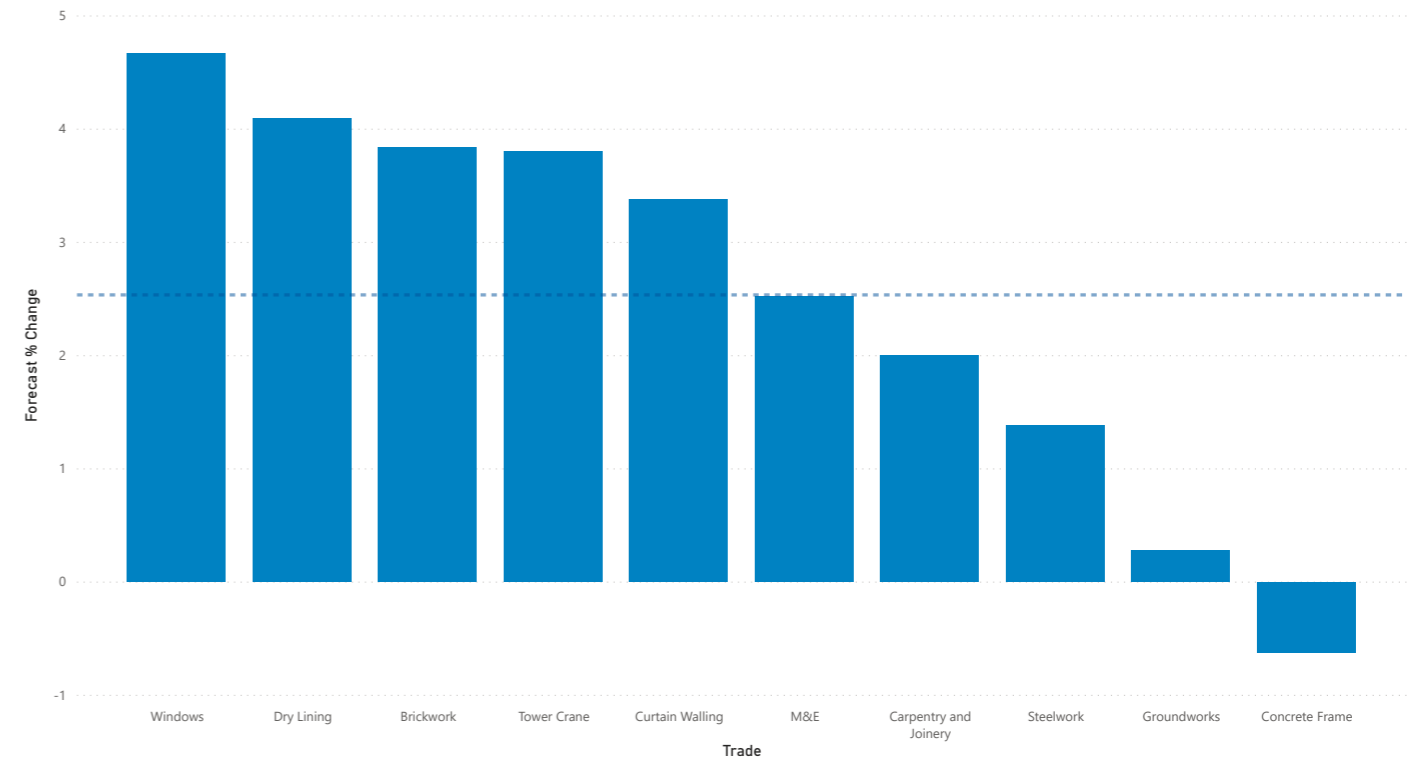
## Employment

Average increase in employment across all regions	<b>4%</b>
Increase for Dry Lining	<b>10%</b>
Increase for Curtain Walling	<b>6%</b>
Increase for Concrete Frame and Steelwork	<b>5%</b>

Building Cost - Q3 2023 Forecast

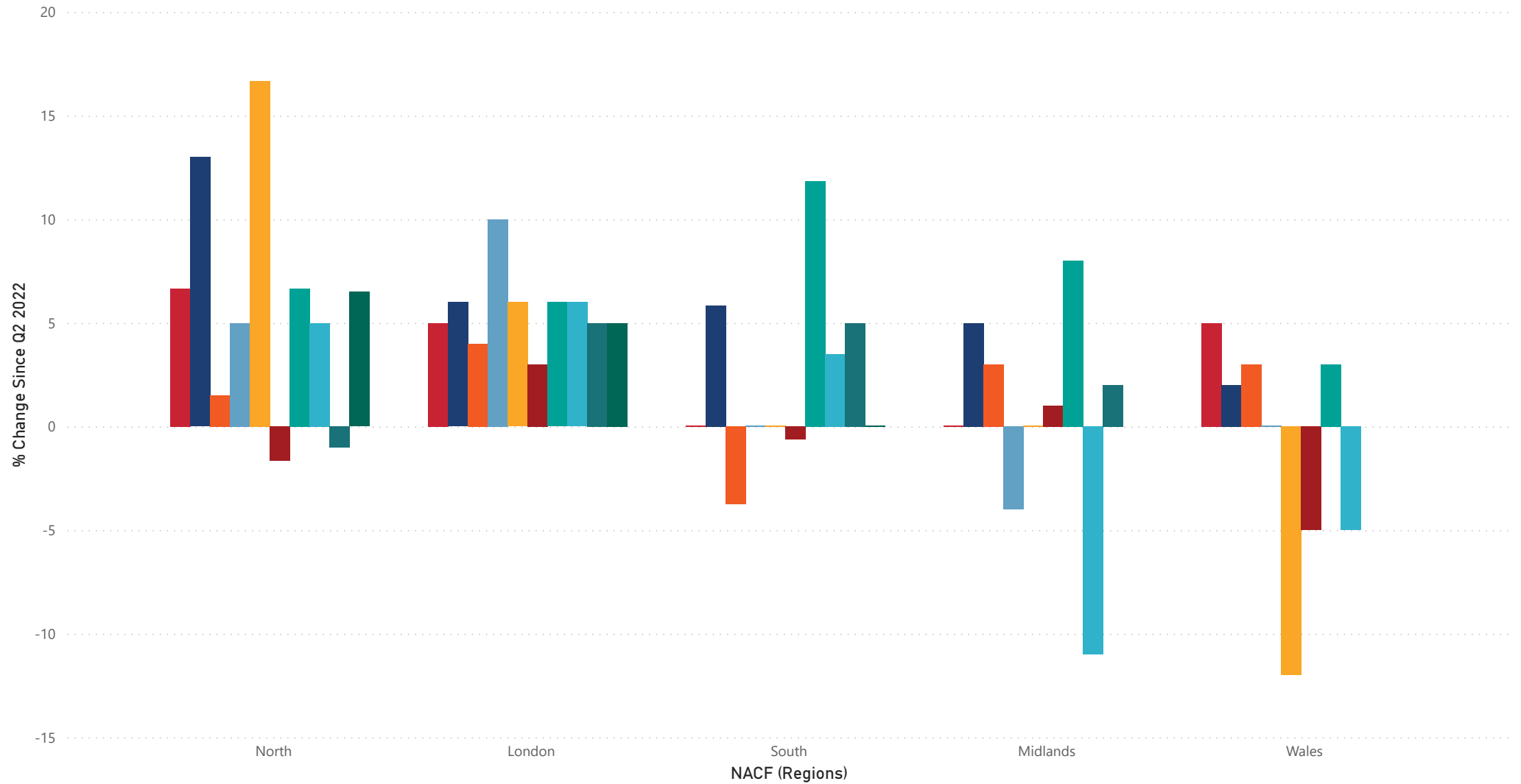


Tender Workload - Q3 2023 Forecast



## Tender Workload

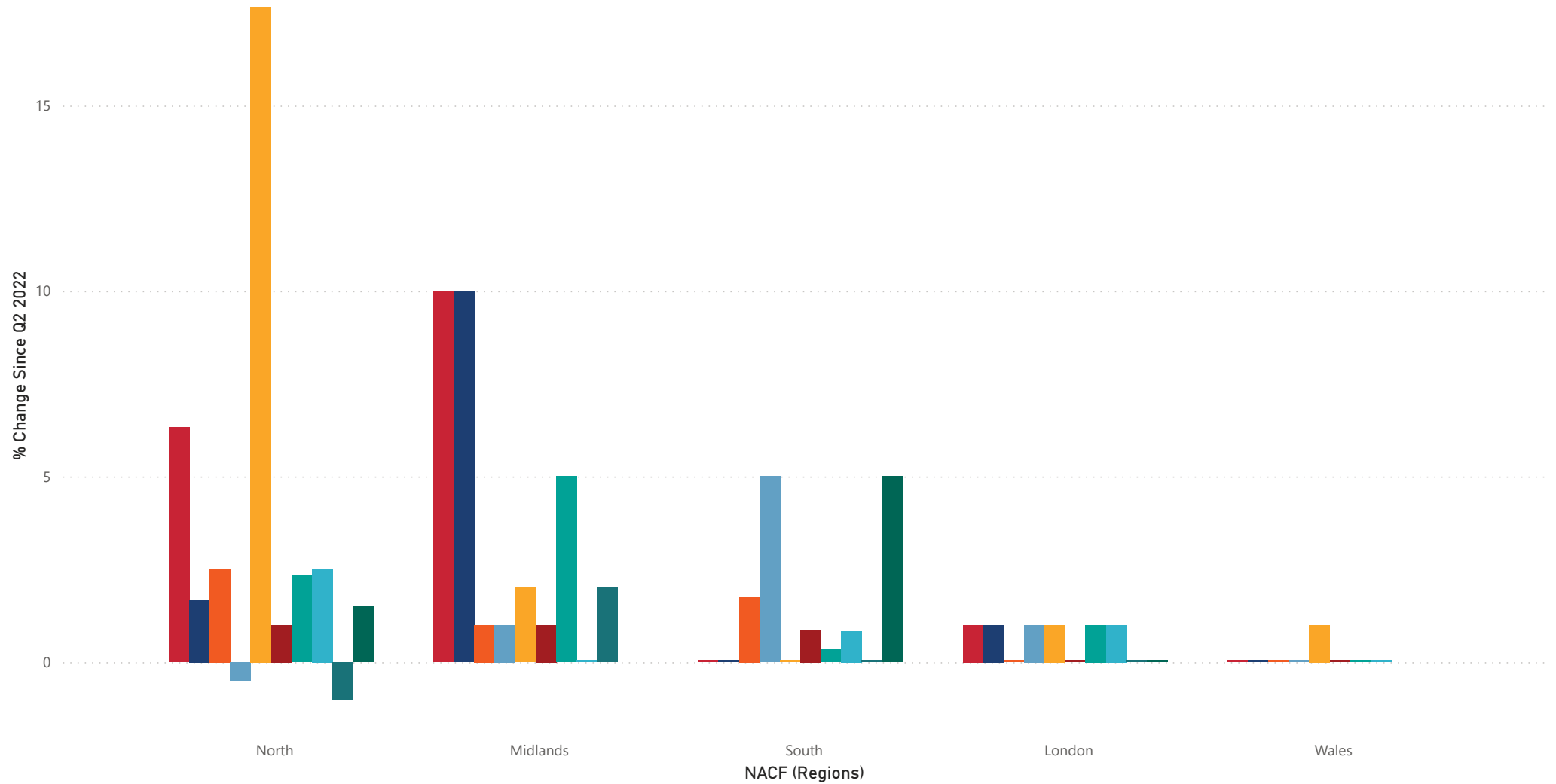
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## Number of Employees

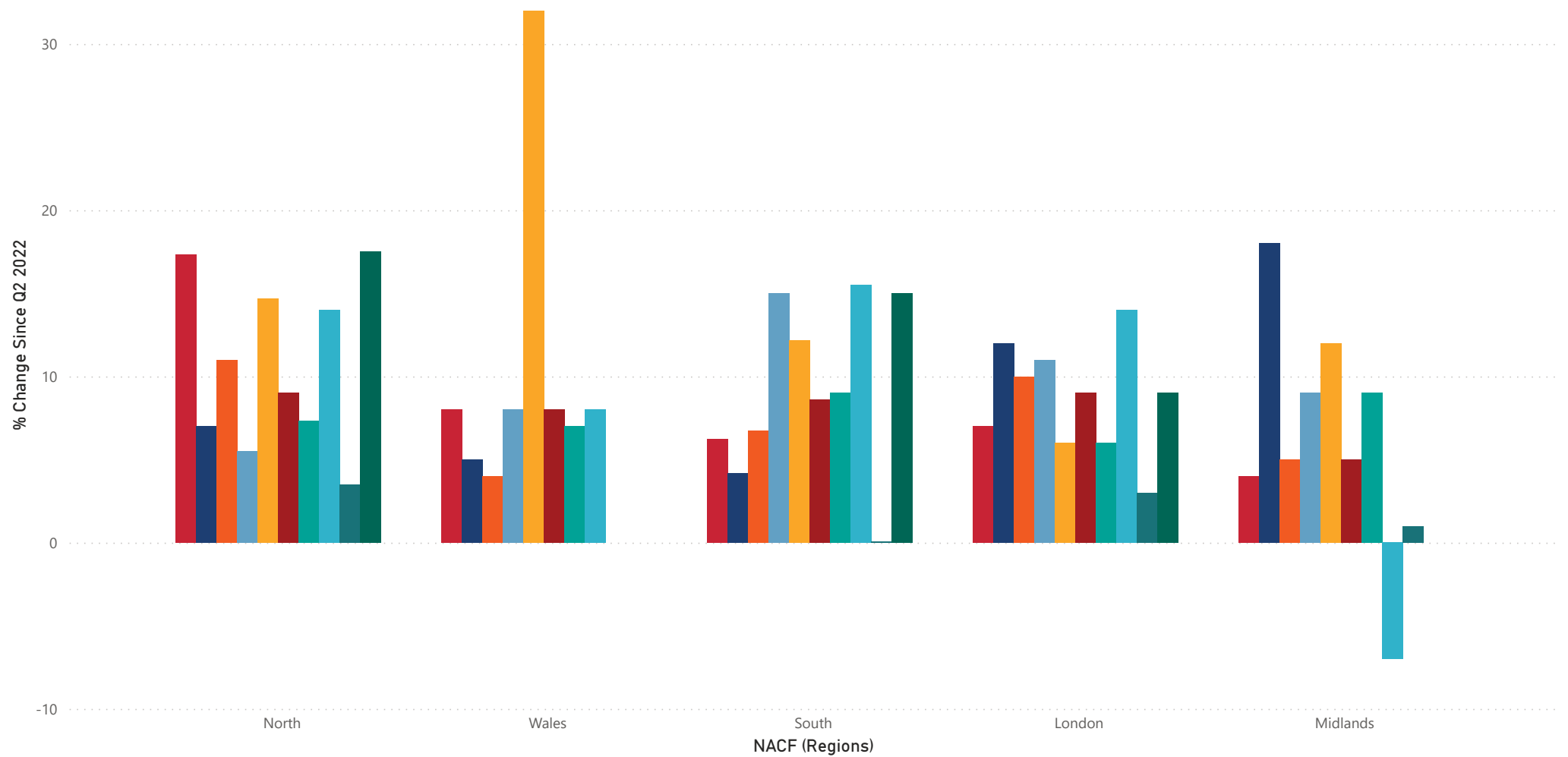
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## Building Cost

Trade ● Brickwork ● Carpentry and Joinery ● Concrete Frame ● Curtain Walling ● Dry Lining ● Groundworks ● M&E ● Steelwork ● Tower Crane ● Windows

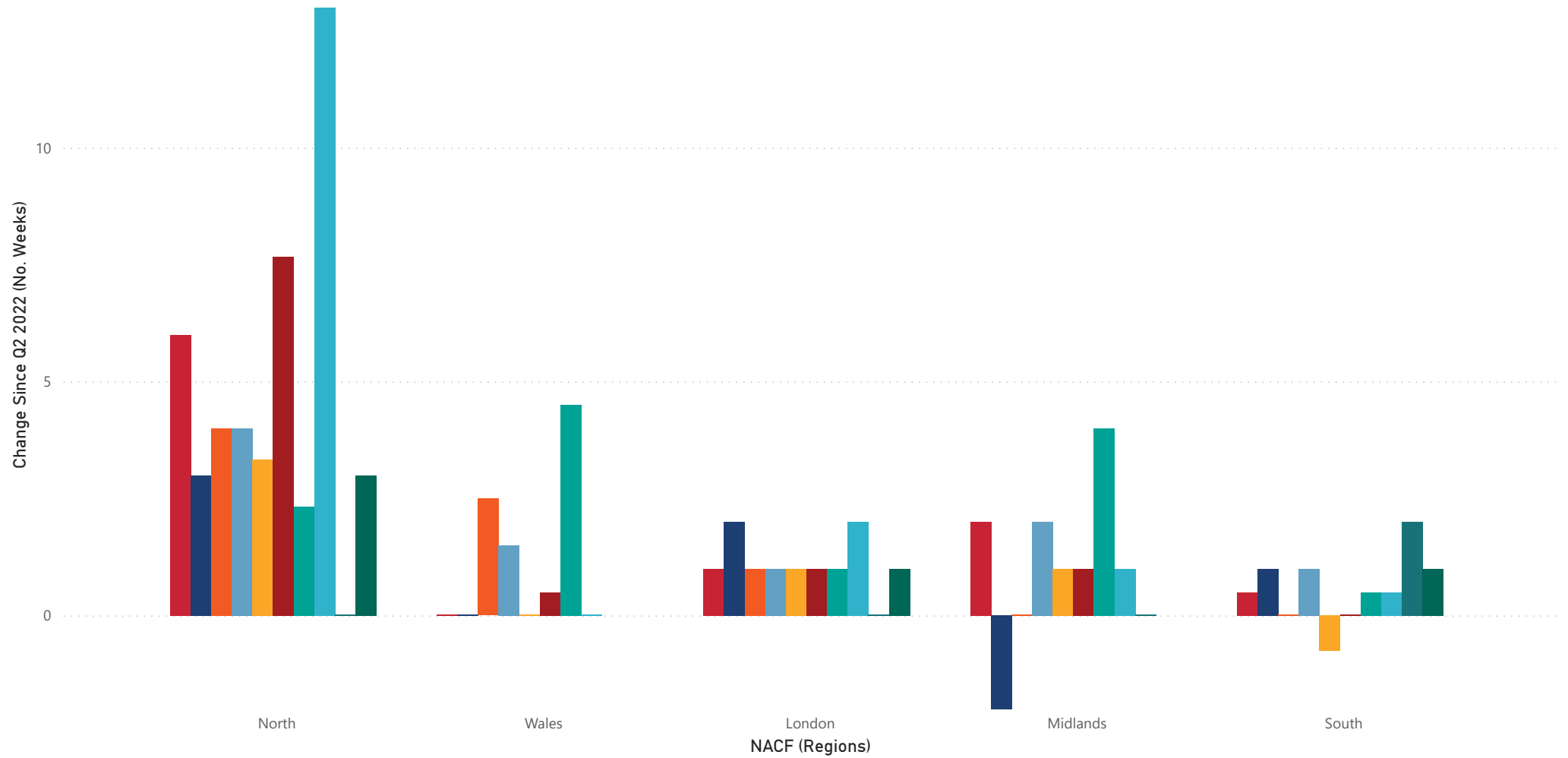


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## Material Lead Time

Trade ● Brickwork ● Carpentry and Joinery ● Concrete Frame ● Curtain Walling ● Dry Lining ● Groundworks ● M&E ● Steelwork ● Tower Crane ● Windows



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