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NACF Market Intelligence Q4 2022

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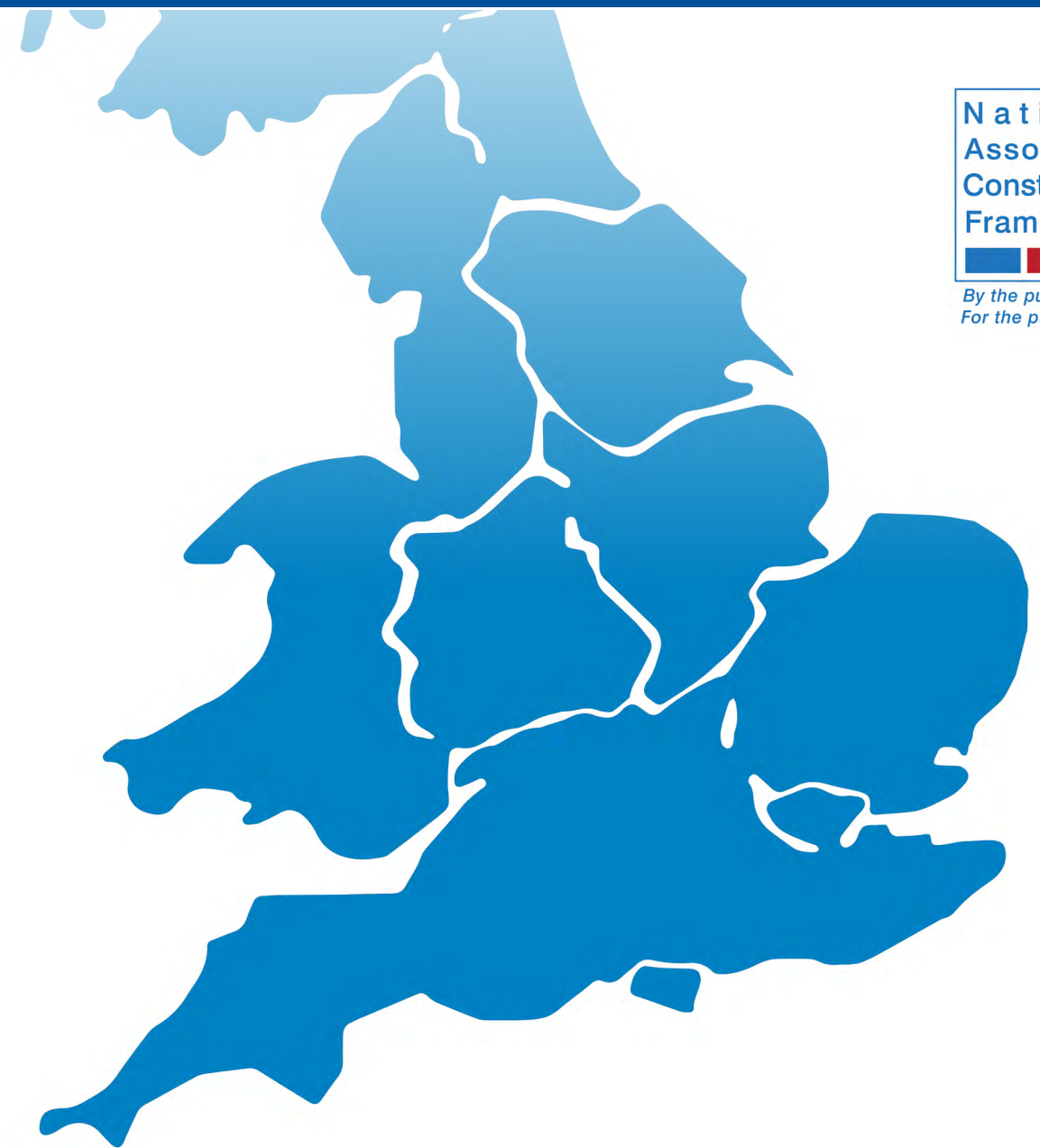
Every quarter, NACF's Main Contractors gather market intelligence from within the construction industry.

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 Q3 2022: Overview

Tender Workload

Average increase in tender workload across all regions	2%
Increase for Windows	7%
Increase for Groundworks	5%
Increase for Curtain Walling	3%
Increase for Concrete Frame	3%

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

Building Cost

Average increase in building cost across all regions	9%
Increase for Windows	12%
Increase for Dry Lining	12%
Increase for Groundworks	11%
Increase for Brickwork	10%

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

Material Availability

Average increase in material lead time across all regions	2 weeks
Increase of weeks for Groundworks and Curtain Walling	3 weeks
Increase of weeks for M&E and Concrete Frames	2 weeks

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

Employment





Average increase in employment across all regions	2%
Increase for Concrete Frames	4%
Increase for Windows	4%
Increase for Dry Lining	3%
Increase for Curtain Walling	3%

[See full data set for Employment](#)

Comparison to Q3 2022





South



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
No change in tender workload (2% less than national average)	The average increase in building cost was 7% (2% less than national average)	Lead time increased by 1 week (1 less than national average)	A 2% increase in employment (equal to national average)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6% increase for windows 5% increase for Concrete Frame 4% increase for Curtain Walling 9% decrease for Steelwork 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15% increase for Windows 14% increase for Dry Lining 13% increase for Curtain Walling 7% increase for Brickwork 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 week lead time increase for Curtain Walling 4 week lead time increase for Windows 1 week lead time increase for Dry Lining, Groundworks and M&E 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% increase for Concrete Frame 4% increase for Windows 3% Curtain Walling 2% decrease for M&E





Midlands



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
A 3% increase in tender workload (1% greater than national average)	A 12% increase in building cost (3% greater than national average)	Lead time increased by 2 weeks (equal to national average)	A 4% increase in employment (2% greater than national average)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8% increase for Carpentry & Joinery 7% increase for Groundworks 6% increase for Curtain Walling 5% increase for M&E 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22% increase for Brickwork 17% increase for Dry Lining 16% increase for Steelwork 13% increase for Carpentry & Joinery 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 week lead time increase for Tower Crane 5 week lead time increase for M&E 3 week lead time increase for Brickwork and Carpentry & Joinery 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19% increase for Dry Lining 7% increase for Carpentry & Joinery 5% increase for Brickwork 4% increase for Curtain Walling





Wales



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
No change in tender workload (2% less than national average)	The average increase in building cost was 15% (6% greater than national average)	Lead time increased by 3 weeks (1 week greater than national average)	A 1% increase in employment (1% less than national average)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4% increase for Curtain Walling 3% increase for Carpentry & Joinery and Groundworks 3% decrease for Brickwork and M&E 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23% increase for Steelwork 18% increase for Groundworks and M&E 15% increase in Brickwork 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 week lead time increase for Curtain Walling 8 week lead time increase for M&E 5 week lead time increase for Curtain Walling and Carpentry & Joinery 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8% increase for Curtain Walling





North



Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
A 3% increase in tender workload (1% greater than national average)	A 11% increase in building cost (1% greater than national average)	Lead time increased by 3 weeks (1 week greater than national average)	A 1% increase in employment (1% less than national average)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% increase for Groundworks 9% increase for Windows, M&E and Brickwork 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18% increase for Windows 17% increase for Brickwork 15% increase for Dry Lining 14% increase for Steelwork 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 week lead time increase for Steelwork and Groundworks 2 week lead time increase for Concrete Frame and M&E 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7% increase for Windows 3% increase for Brickwork 2% increase for Groundworks and Steelwork

Comparison to Q2 2022

London

Tender Workload	Building Cost	Material Availability	Employment
A 4% increase in tender workload (2% greater than national average)	A 6% increase in Building cost (3% less than national average)	A 1 week increase in material lead time (1 weeks less than national average)	A 1% increase in employment (1% less than national average)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% increase for Windows, Tower Crane, M&E and Curtain Walling 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9% increase for Windows and Curtain Walling 8% increase for Dry Lining and Steelwork 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 week lead time increase for Windows, Steelwork, M&E and Groundworks 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1% increase for Windows, Carpentry & Joinery, Concrete Frame and Steelwork



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National Forecast Q3 2023: Overview

Tender Workload

Average increase in tender workload across all regions	2%
Increase for Windows	8%
Increase for Tower Crane Walling	6%
Increase for Curtain Walling	3%
Increase for Groundworks	2%

Building Cost

Average increase in building cost across all regions	7%
Increase for Carpentry & Joinery	11%
Increase for Groundworks	9%
Increase for Dry Lining	9%
Increase for Windows	9%

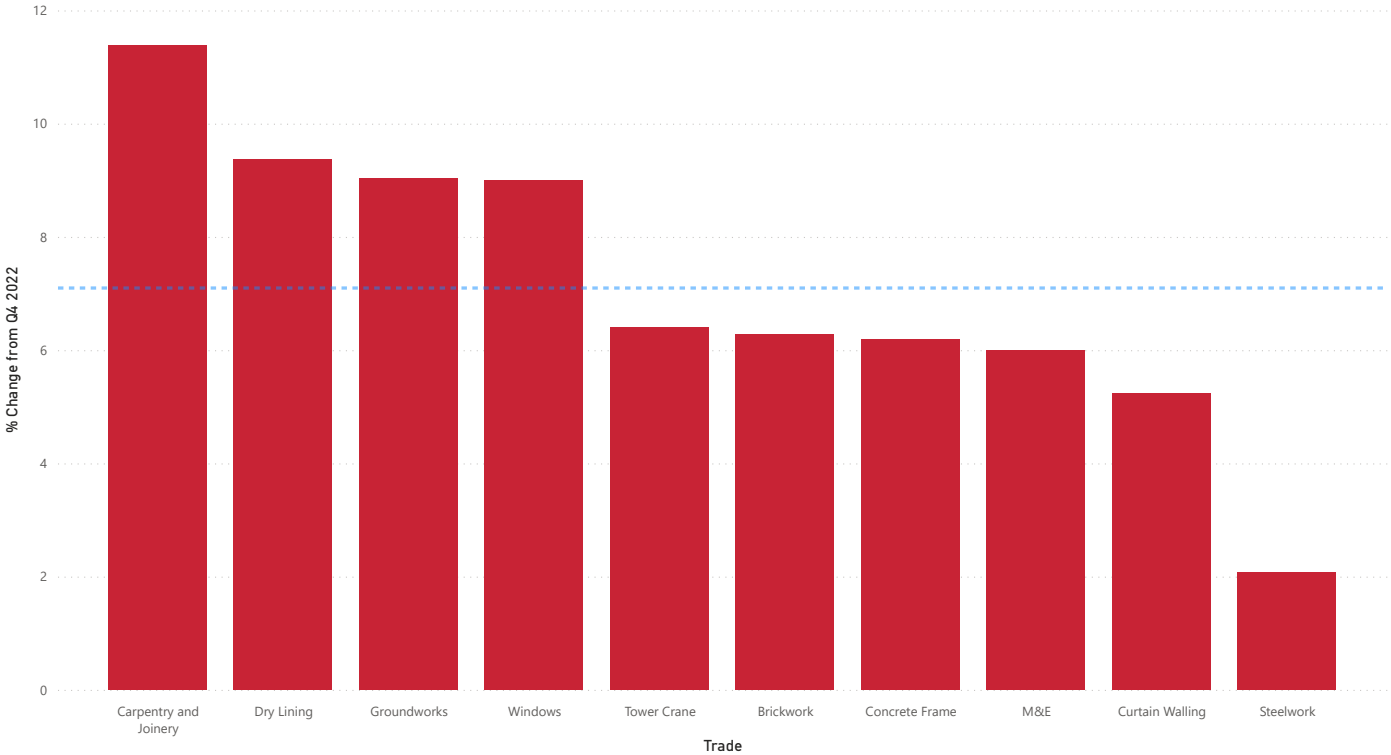
Material Availability

Average increase in material and labour availability across all regions	1 weeks
Increase of weeks for Carpentry & Joinery, Brickwork, M&E and Ground Works	1 weeks

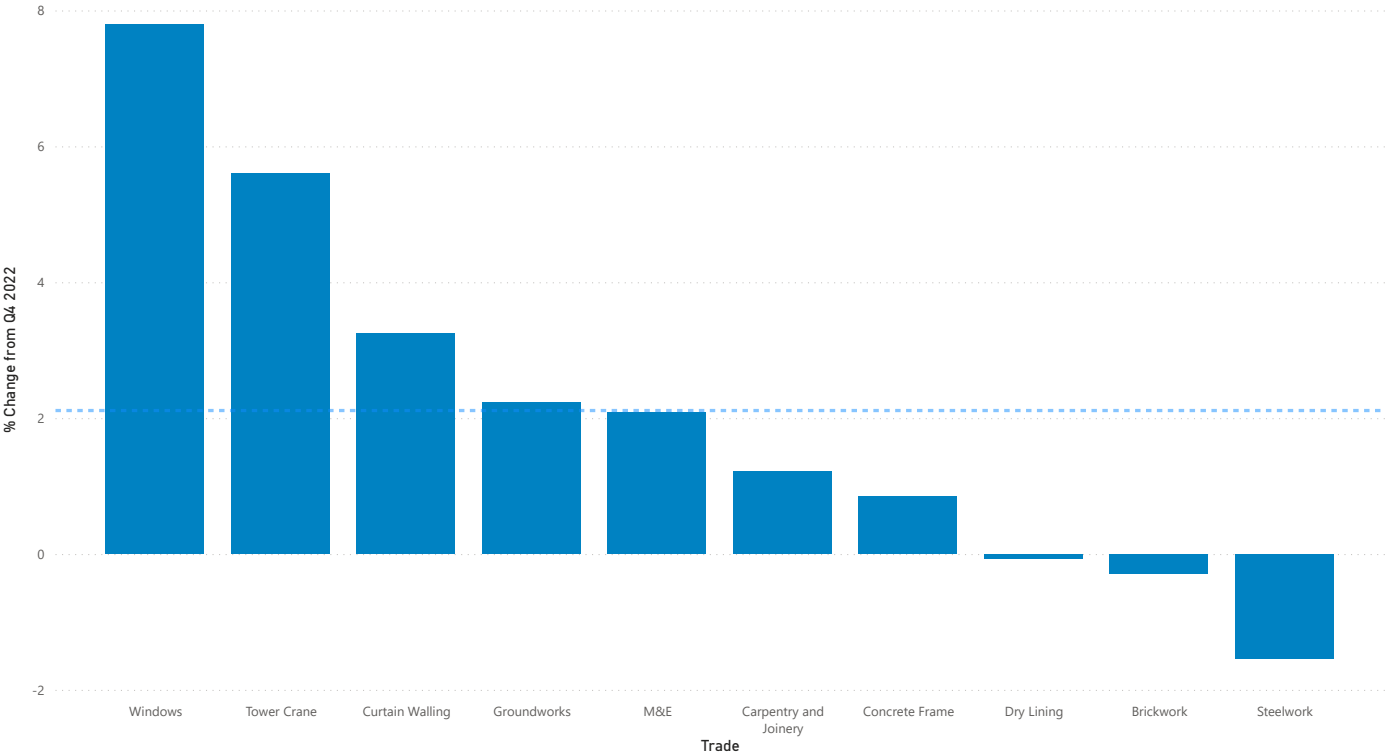
Employment

Average increase in employment across all regions	3%
Increase for Windows	8%
Increase for Dry Lining	5%
Increase for Concrete Frame	4%
Increase for Brickwork	3%

Building Cost - Q4 2023 Forecast



Tender Workload - Q4 2023 Forecast



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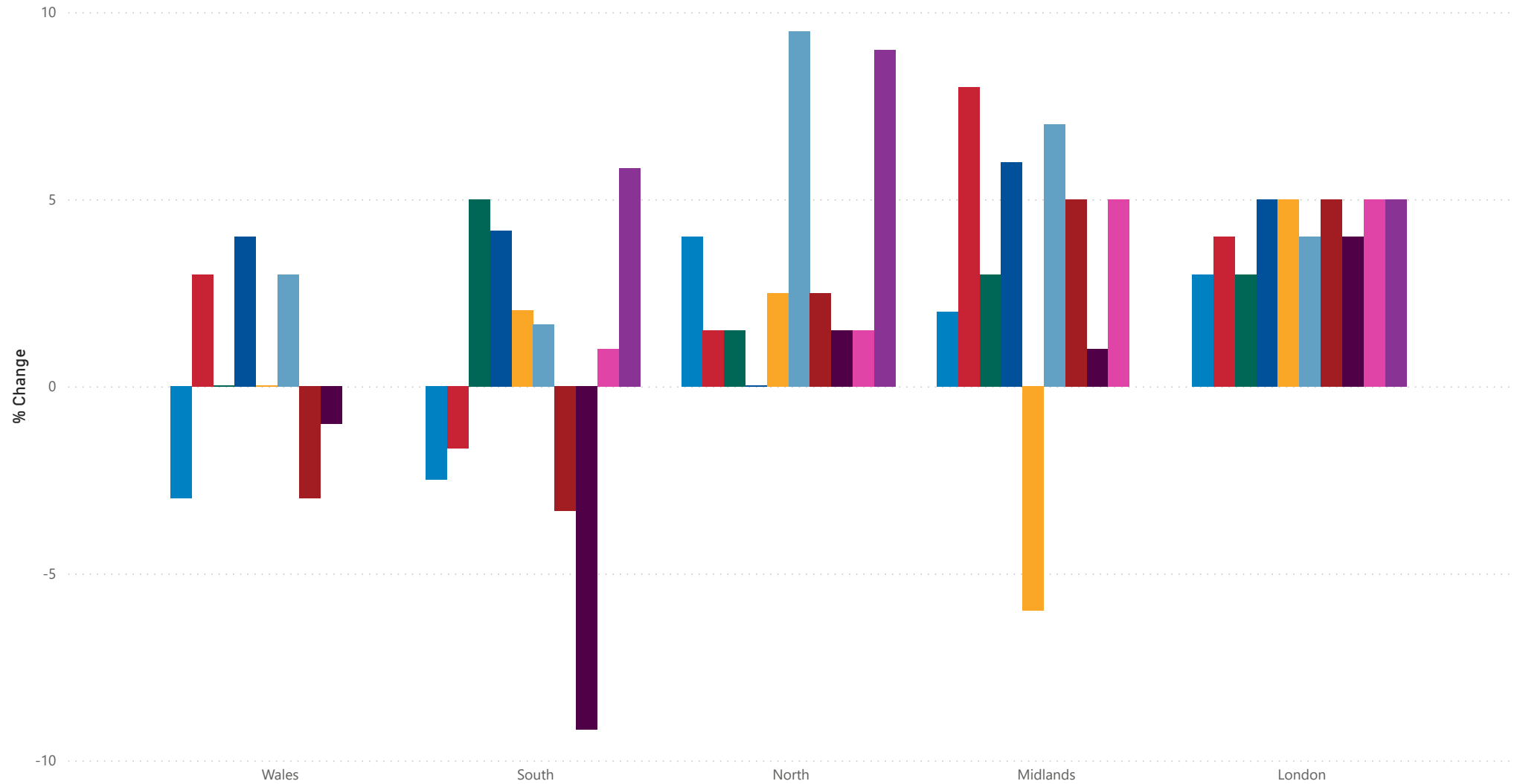


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Change in Tender Workload During Q4 2022

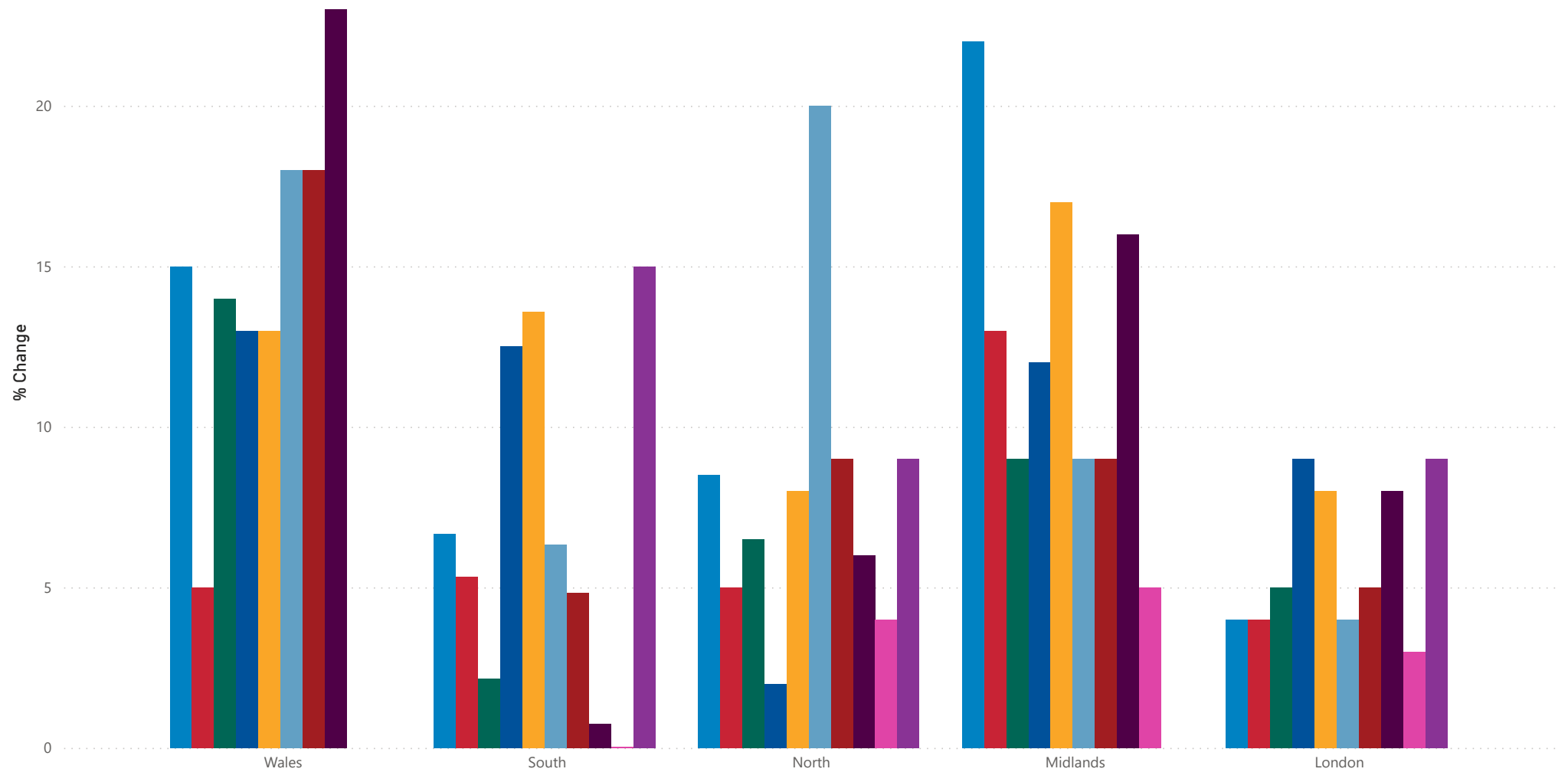
Trade Brickwork Carpentry and Joinery Concrete Frame Curtain Walling Dry Lining Groundworks M&E Steelwork Tower Crane Windows



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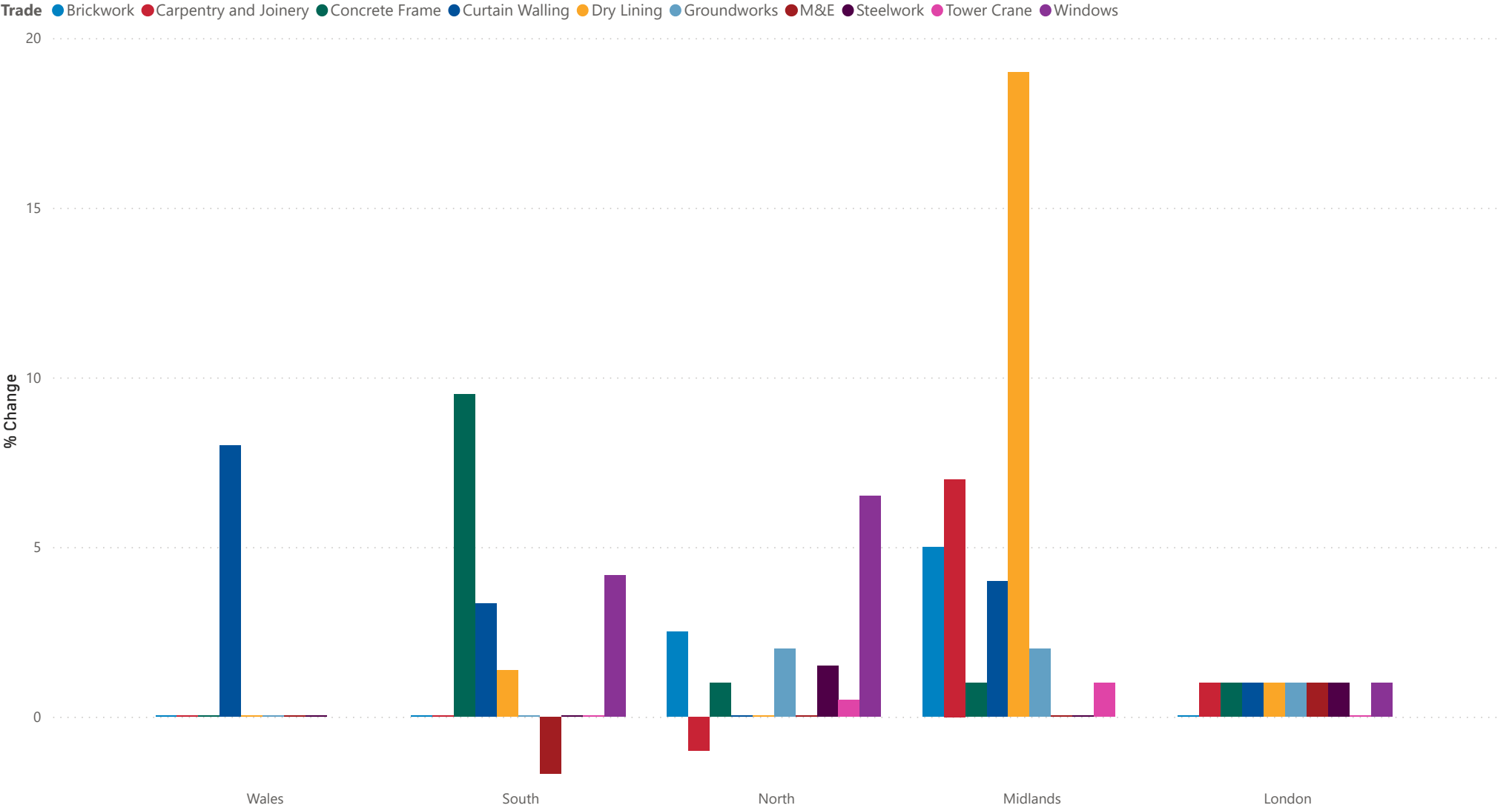
Change in Building Cost During Q4 2022

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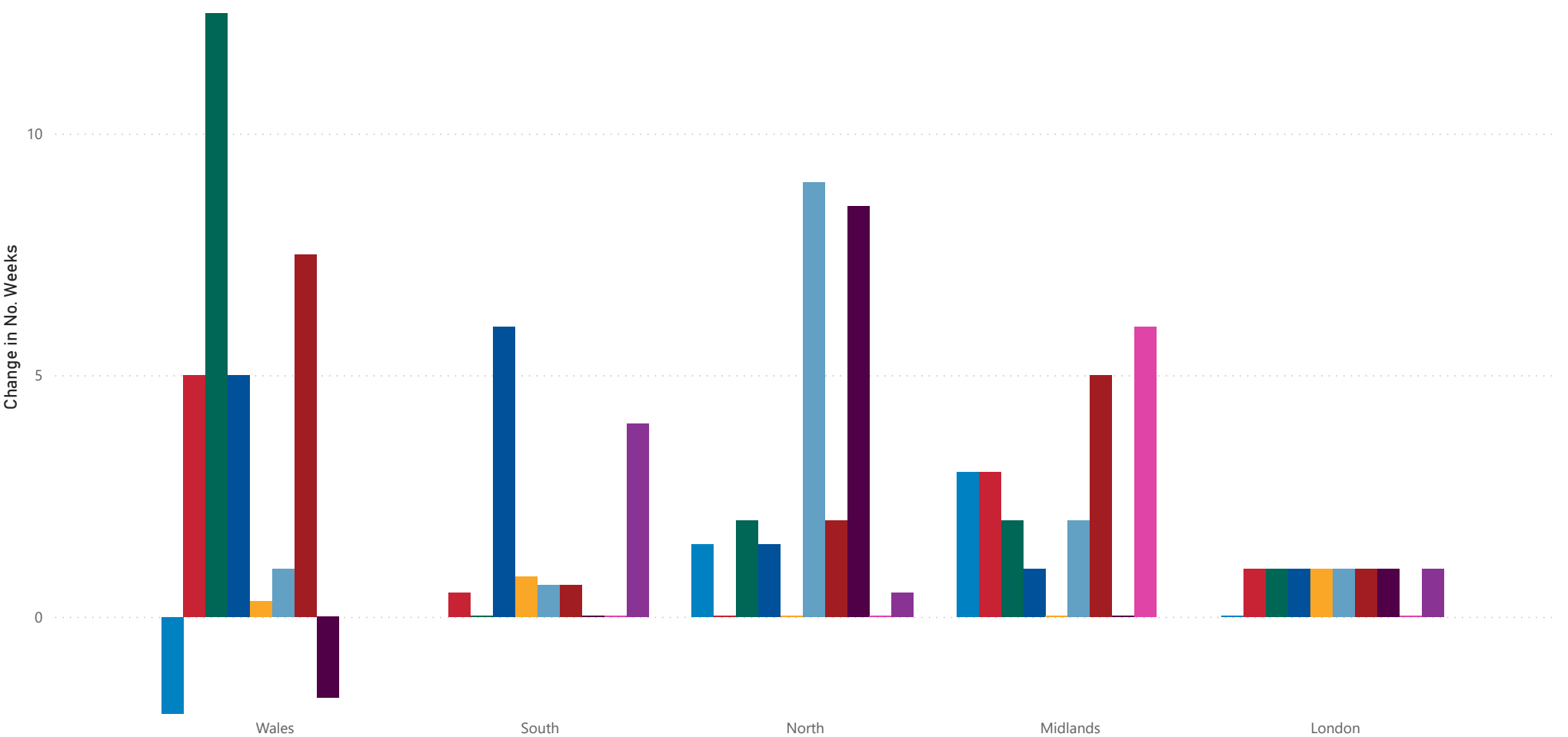
Change in Number of Employees During Q4 2022



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Change in Material Lead Time During Q4 2022

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