

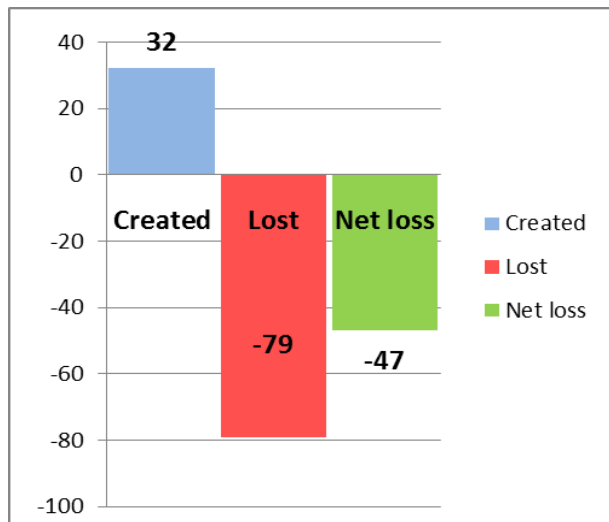
Results from March's Grand Erie Employer Survey

The Workforce Planning Board thanks the 93 employers who participated in our monthly survey regarding their workforce. The survey regarding April's employment will be distributed on May 3 and close on May 6. Here are highlights from the survey for March.

Thirty-nine per cent of the employers who participated were from the manufacturing sector, 11% from health care/social assistance and another 10% from the other services sector (excluding public administration).

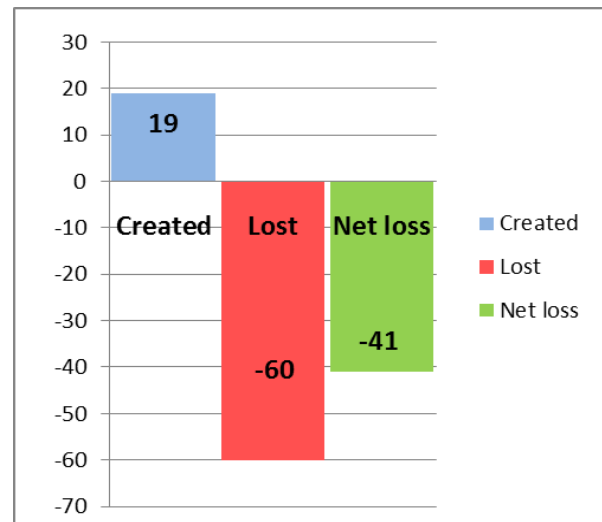
Of the 93 employers who participated, 82% indicated their employment remained the same, while the remaining 18% either increased or decreased staff. Only 6 employers added staff, while 15 decreased their numbers.

Overall Jobs Gained/Lost



The total number of positions added, both full and part-time, was 32, while the number of positions lost was -79, for a net loss of -47 jobs. **Note:** 50 of the jobs lost were due to a previously announced plant closure.

Manufacturing Jobs Gained/Lost



The number of manufacturing positions added, both full and part-time, was 19, while -60 jobs were lost, for a net loss of -41 jobs. **Note:** 50 of the jobs lost were due to a previously announced plant closure.

The following charts show a sample of the types of occupations added or lost:

