



AMCHAM QUARTERLY FDI INSIGHTS SURVEY

Results from the Leadership of AmCham
Members Companies

February 2026



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The American Chamber of Commerce Ireland
The Voice of US-Ireland Business

The American Chamber of Commerce Ireland (AmCham) is the collective voice of US companies in Ireland and the leading international business organisation supporting the Transatlantic business relationship. Our members are the Irish operations of all the major US companies in every sector present here, Irish companies with operations in the United States and organisations with close linkages to US-Ireland trade and investment.



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How has the number of employees in the Irish operations of your organisation changed over the last 12 months?

85%

increased or
maintained

63%

increased

22%

maintained
current
numbers

How do you expect the number of employees in the Irish operations of your organisation to change in the next 12 months?

88%

increasing or
maintaining

49%

increasing

39%

maintain
current
numbers



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What is the number one challenge for Ireland to overcome for your organisation to expand here?



Skills Shortages

10%

Housing Supply

24%

Cost Competitiveness

27%

Delays and Complexity of Planning Process

7%

Personal Tax Competitiveness

7%



Talent Attraction

10%

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If your organisation were making its initial European investment decision today, how likely is it that Ireland would still be selected as the preferred location?

95%
likely

61%
extremely or
very likely



How does your corporate headquarters view Ireland as an investment or growth location, based on the experience of your Irish operations this year?



9 in 10
respondents
said they had a
positive view



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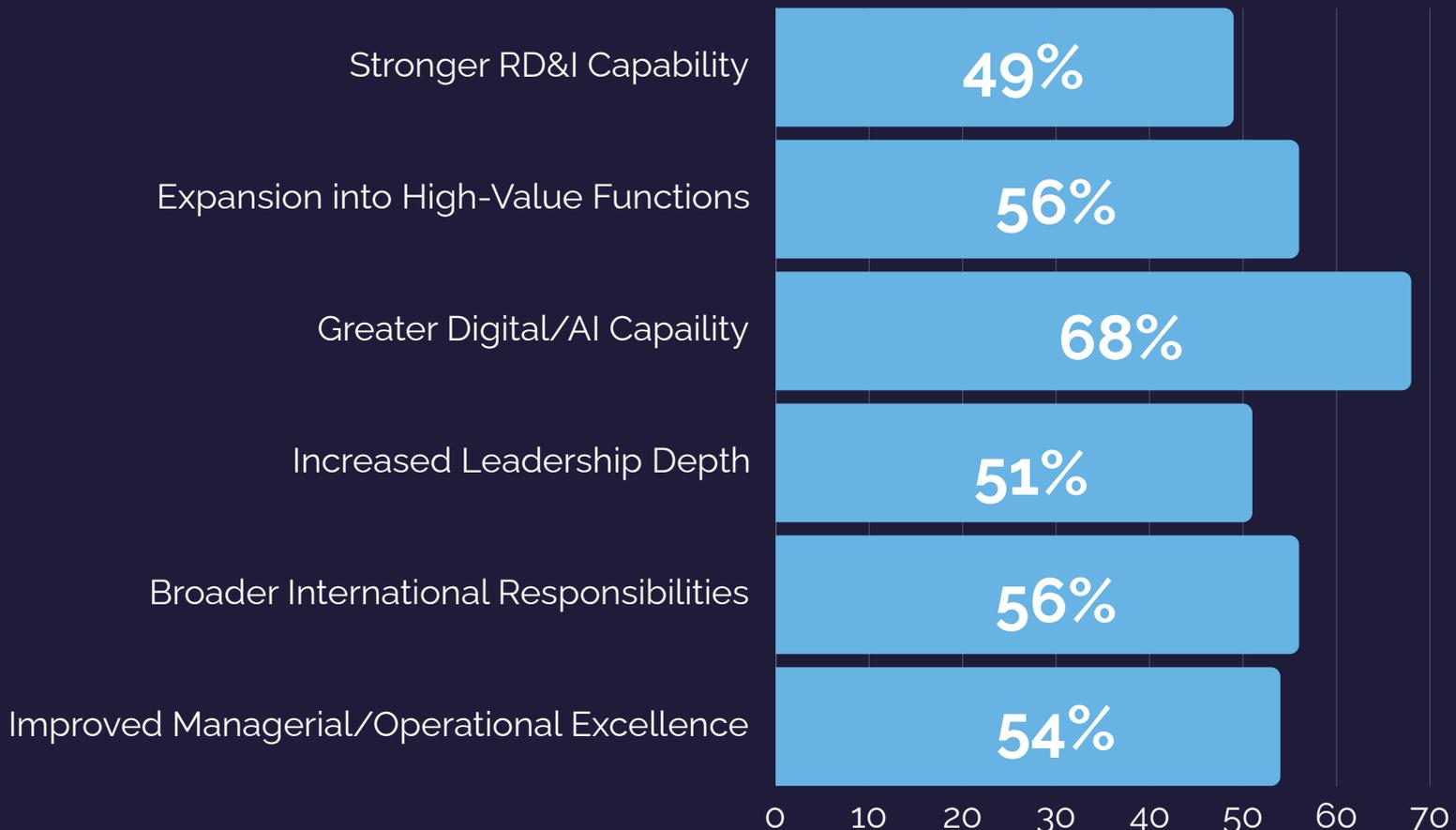
How important is certainty with regard to the availability of highly skilled talent to maintaining FDI employment in Ireland?



78%
extremely
important

100%
important

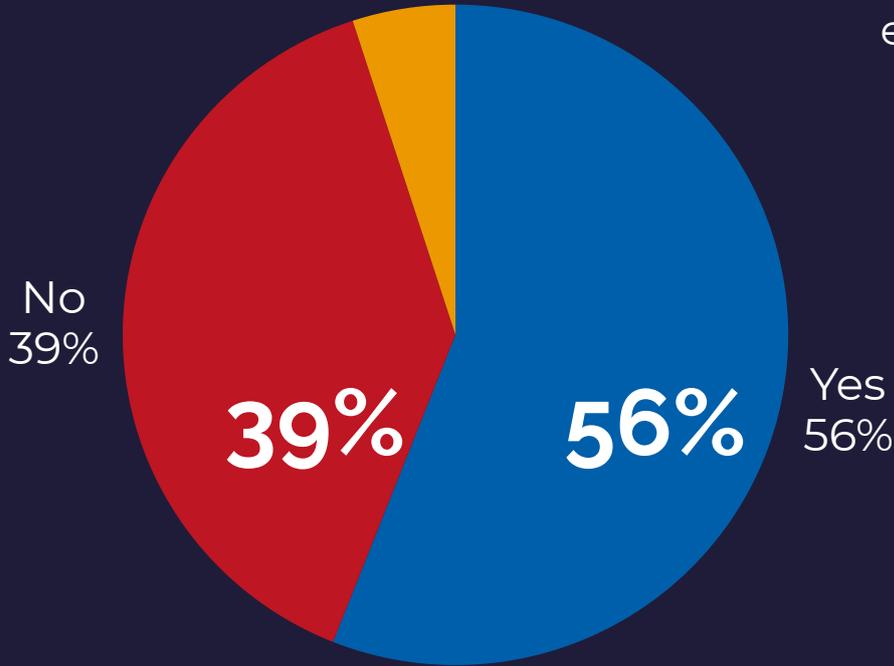
How has the capability profile of your Irish workforce evolved over the last 5 years? (Select all that apply)



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Do not know
5%



Is your organisation currently experiencing a skills gap in Ireland?



In what area, if any, is your organisation currently experiencing the greatest skills gap?

32%
machine
learning and AI

29%
engineering



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Compared to five years ago, how would you describe the strategic importance of your Irish operations within your organisation's global footprint?



59%
more or
significantly more
strategically
important

85%
equally or more
strategically
important

Over the past five years, has the strategic mandate of your Irish operations evolved in any of the following ways? (Select all that apply)

Increased Decision-Making Autonomy

20%

Broader Regional/Global management Responsibilities

54%

Increased Leadership in RD&I

41%

Expansion into Higher-Value Activities

56%

Greater Integration into Global Strategy

46%

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What do you consider to be the greatest risk to continued foreign direct investment (FDI) in Ireland over the next 5 years?

Rising Labour Costs

11%

Housing

16%

Availability of Skilled Talent

24%

Geopolitical Instability

13%

Changes to Global Tax Policy/Trade Agreements

16%

Trade Tariffs

13%



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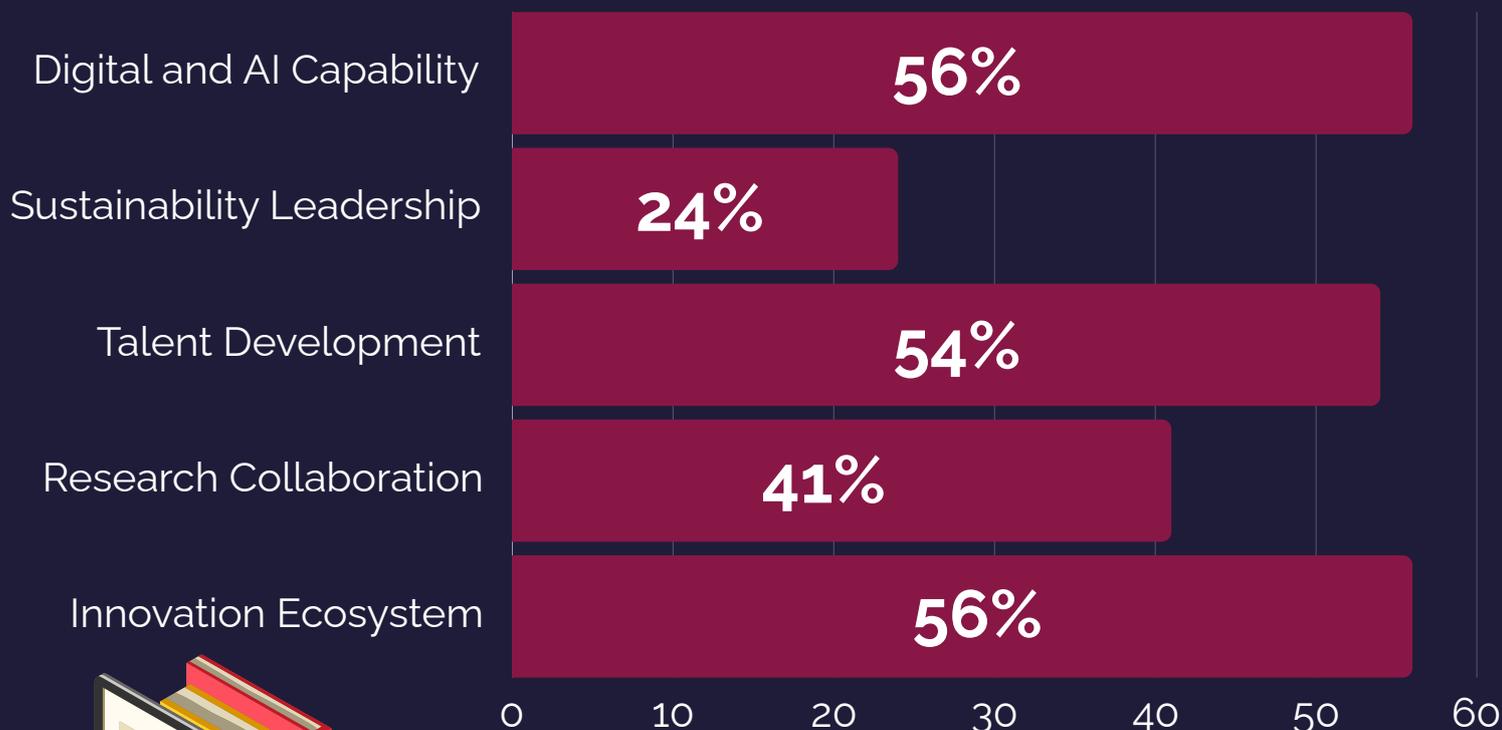
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What in your view is Ireland's main competitive advantages that has caused your company to invest and expand here?



50%
said highly
educated and
skilled talent pool

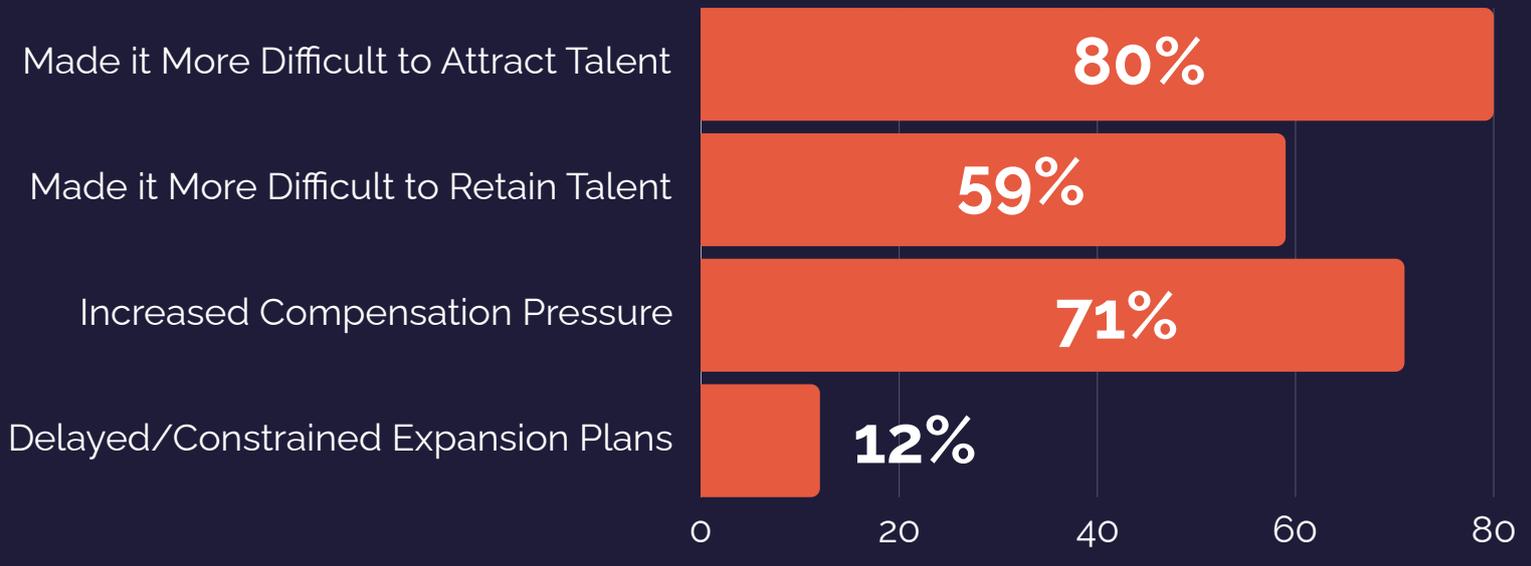
In which areas has Ireland's competitiveness strengthened in the past five years? (Select all that apply)



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Has housing availability in Ireland negatively impacted your organisation in any of the following ways? (Select all that apply)



Has AI adoption within your Irish operations resulted in any of the following? (Select all that apply)



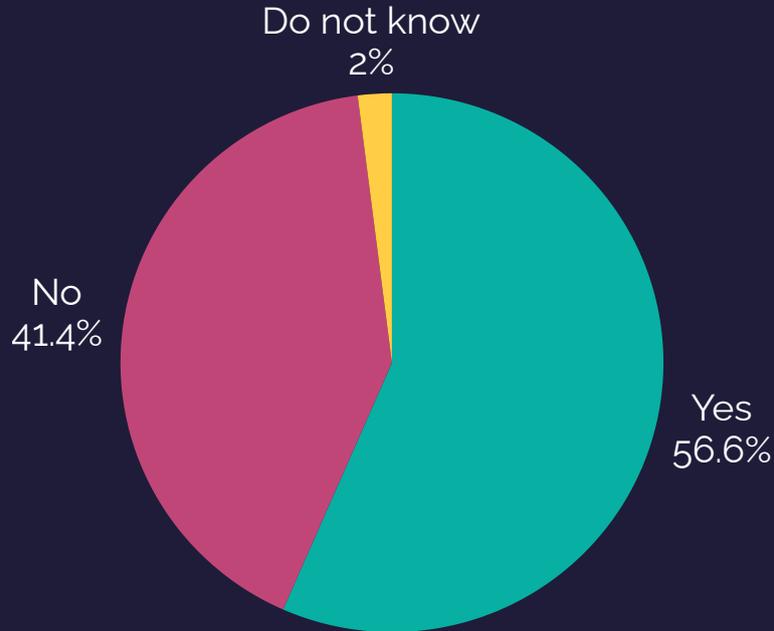
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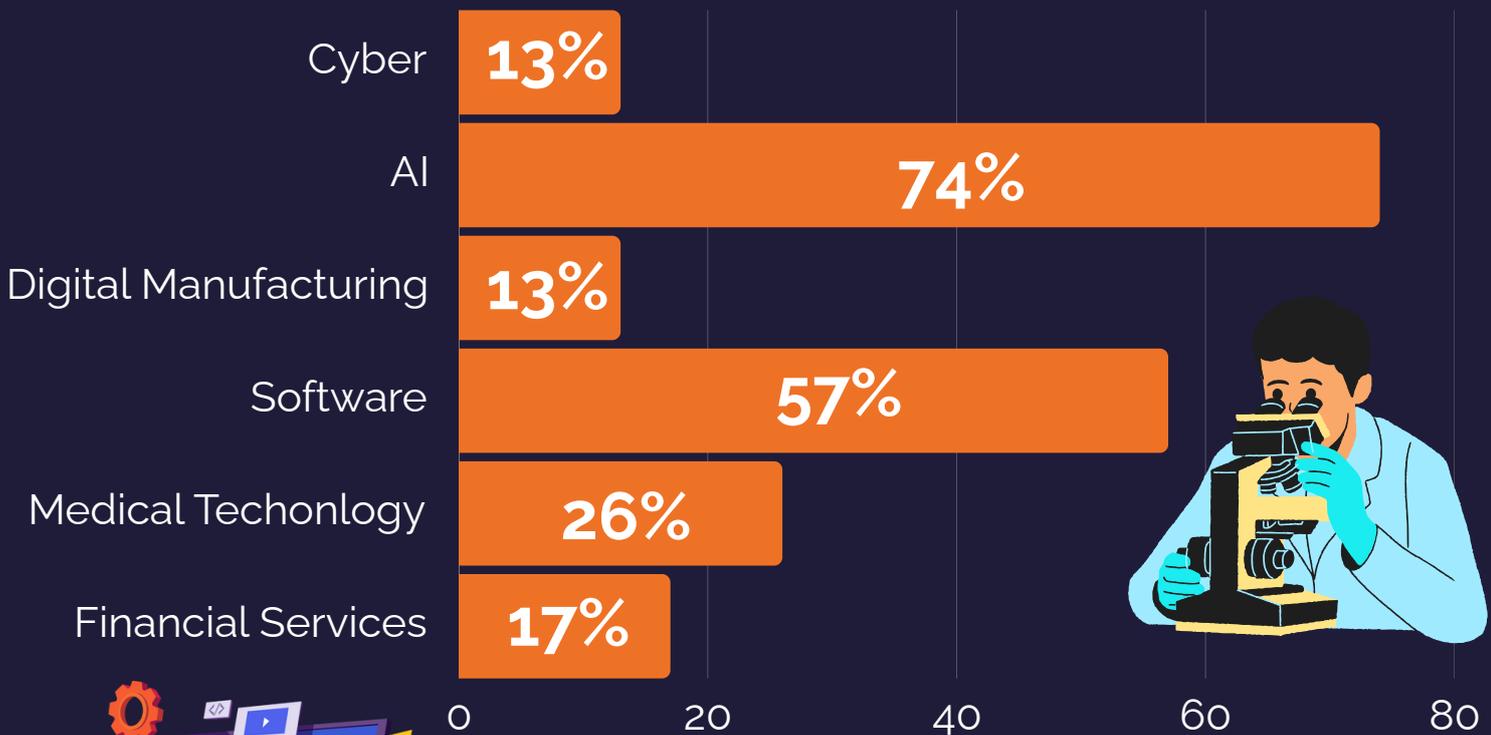
How has the way in which your organisation collaborates with Irish universities, research institutes, indigenous companies or start-ups changed in the last 5 years



Is your organisation undertaking one or more research project in Ireland ?



If yes, in what area is this research taking place? *(Select all that apply)*



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Advocacy with Purpose

AmCham membership gives companies a powerful voice as part of what is recognised as one of the most influential business groups in the country. We are recognised as a trusted, credible and authoritative voice at the most senior level with Government and decision makers in Ireland, Brussels and Washington DC.

Connecting with Purpose

Through our virtual/attended events, webinars, and roundtable discussions our networks support deep collaboration and peer-to-peer learning in a trusted environment. We use best in class technology to ensure that our members can get a first-class networking experience.

Leadership Development with Purpose

Our leadership development programmes support individual growth within our member companies. All of the programmes are led by industry experts from our member companies and input from members determines topics, agendas and guest speakers.