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Large staff increases expected in IT sector

Within the branch of business services, information technology companies are most optimistic about increasing staff in the first quarter of 1999. Other sectors in the branch are also positive, but do not expect to take on as many new staff as the IT sector. Lease companies, including car lease firms, are most optimistic about increase in turnover, according to the results of Statistics Netherlands' business cycle survey for business services.

Lease sector expects largest growth in turnover

Of all the business services companies included in the survey, 39% expect to take on extra staff in the first quarter of 1999, only 8% expect to need fewer staff. The IT sector is the most optimistic in this respect. Nearly two thirds of companies expect to employ more people, while only 2% expect to have to reduce staff numbers.

Lease companies expect to realise the largest growth in turnover in the first quarter of 1999: 40% of companies in this sector are optimistic.

In the other business services, which include accountants and consulting engineers bureaux, one quarter of companies expect to increase their staff.

IT sector largest rise in turnover in fourth quarter

Two-thirds of IT companies realised a higher turnover in the fourth quarter than in the third quarter, the highest proportion within the branch of business services. Nearly half of lease companies and one third of companies in other business services exceeded their turnover of the third quarter.

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