

A large audience is seated in a dark room, looking towards a stage. The stage is illuminated by warm, orange lights. A large screen on the stage displays the text "2018 LOCK OUT LAW SURVEY". Above the stage, a complex metal truss structure holds various stage lights and equipment. The overall atmosphere is professional and focused.

2018 LOCK OUT LAW SURVEY

The Darlington Business
Partnership

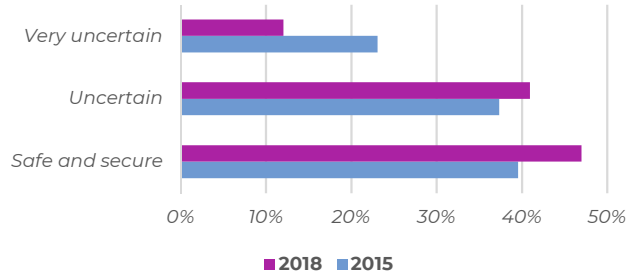


Employee Observations

Job Security

According to the survey job security improved, with 47% of respondents indicating they felt safe and secure in their current employment in 2018, compared with just 40% from the previous survey (in 2015). However, more than half of respondents (53%) still felt uncertain (41%) or very uncertain (12%) about the stability of their current employment in 2018.

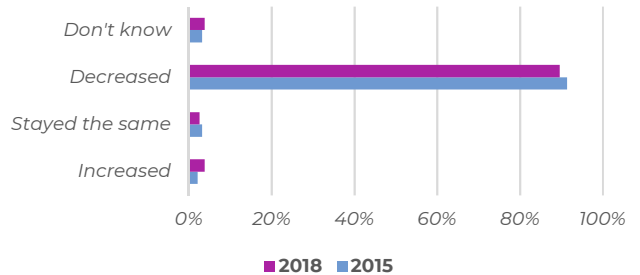
How do you feel about the stability of your current job?



Job Opportunity

Perceptions regarding the job market remain largely unchanged with 90% of respondents indicating job opportunities had decreased in 2018, compared with 91% in 2015. Only 4% of respondents felt as though job opportunities had increased while 3% felt they had stayed the same.

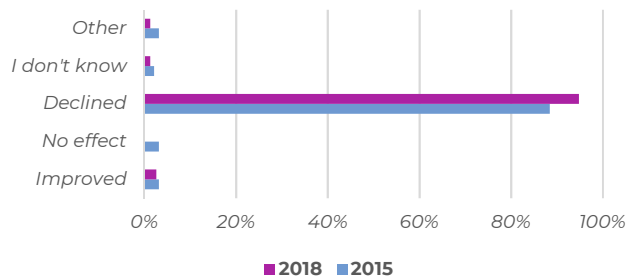
Have job opportunities in the Darlinghurst area increased or decreased?



Culture

Respondents from the survey indicated that Sydney's cultural life has further declined since the introduction of the lock out laws, with 95% of respondents in 2018 reporting a decline compared with 88% in the previous survey. Only a small number (3%) of respondents felt that Sydney's cultural life had improved.

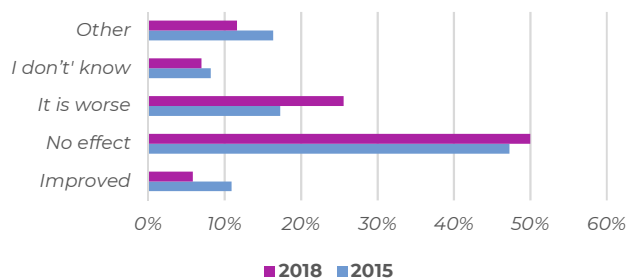
Has Sydney's cultural life been affected by the introduction of the lockout laws?



Public Safety

Public safety has declined according to the survey, with 26% of respondents in 2018 indicating public safety is worse since the introduction of the lockout laws compared with 17% in the previous survey. Additionally, only 6% of respondents indicated public safety had improved, while the majority (50%) of respondents indicated there was no effect.

Has public safety been affected by the introduction of the lockout laws?



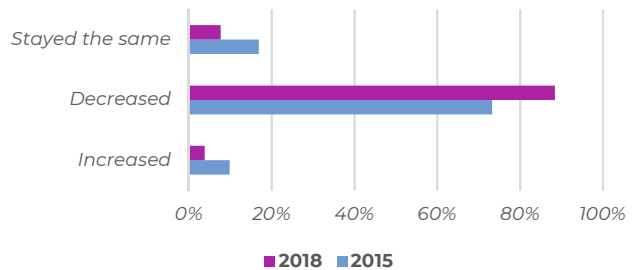


Employer Observations

Turnover

Businesses in the Darlinghurst area have reported reduced turnover since the implementation of the lockout laws, with 88% indicating their turnover decreased compared with 73% in the previous survey. Only 4% of businesses reported their turnover increasing while 8% reported their turnover had stayed the same.

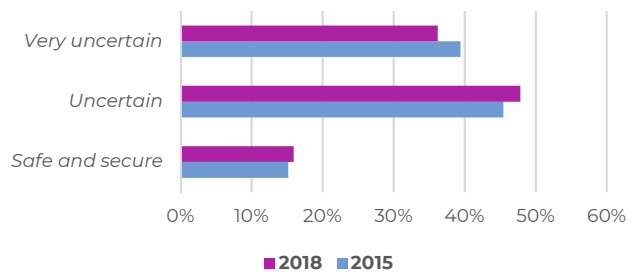
Has your turnover changed since the implementation of the lockout laws?



Business Stability

According to the survey, businesses remain doubtful regarding the stability of their business post implementation of the lockout laws. Only 16% of respondents indicated that they felt their businesses were safe and secure, while almost half (48%) felt uncertain and more than a third (36%) felt very uncertain.

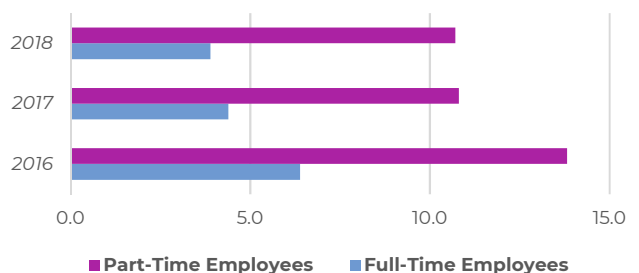
How do you feel about the stability of your business?



Employment Generated

Respondents from the survey indicated that the number of people employed at their businesses had decreased for both full-time and part-time staff. The number of full time staff fell by 39.0% from 6.4 in 2016 down to 3.9 in 2018 while the number of part-time staff fell by 22.5% from 13.8 to 10.7 during the same period.

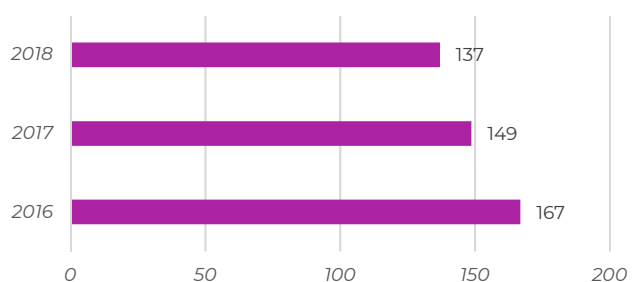
Please indicate how many people were employed at your business in:



Employee Hours Generated

According to the survey, the number of employee hours generated by businesses fell, with the average number of hours worked by employees in a normal week falling by 17.8% from 167 hours in 2016 down to 137 hours in 2018.

Average # of employee hours generated in a normal week



About the Darlinghurst Business Partnership

We are an incorporated, not-for-profit group of Darlinghurst business people who advocate strongly for our area. We believe strongly in community and that locally-run small businesses are vital to the fabric and culture of urban environments.

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