

# Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
<b>Business Activity*</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+14% (-7)	+28% (+8)	+3% (-4)	+21% (+7)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+47% (-6)	+49% (-2)	+45% (0)	+48% (-2)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	-8% (-4)	-5% (0)		+9% (+3)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-4% (+1)		+12% (+4)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+38% (-2)	+33% (-1)	+32% (+2)	+61% (+8)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+22% (+1)	+23% (+4)	+9% (0)	+35% (+2)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+9% (-1)	+5% (+3)	+5% (+2)	+9% (+7)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (-1)	+19% (0)	+10% (-1)	+27% (+2)

\*Business Activity refers to production in the case of industry, demand/turnover for services, sales for retail and building activity for construction.

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**Note:** Balances are calculated as the difference between positive and negative responses (using weighted averages for questions with multiple options).

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