

# 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>	+30% (+13)	+29% (-1)	+12% (-6)	+33% (-4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+46% (+7)	+29% (-5)	+30% (+1)	+42% (-5)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	+3% (+3)	+1% (+2)		+21% (+1)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-5% (+2)		+9% (+4)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+40% (-1)	+41% (-3)	+31% (-3)	+62% (+5)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+24% (-1)	+15% (-11)	+12% (0)	+31% (-10)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (+1)	+8% (+1)	+9% (-2)	+11% (-6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+15% (0)	+8% (-3)	+5% (-2)	+17% (-11)

\*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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