

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+24% (-7)	+24% (-4)	+11% (-14)	+29% (-5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+53% (+4)	+52% (+13)	+38% (+8)	+51% (-1)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	+2% (+5)	-5% (-3)		+13% (-4)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-7% (0)		+7% (-2)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+40% (-4)	+37% (+1)	+30% (0)	+58% (+7)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+25% (-3)	+19% (-3)	+13% (+2)	+37% (-1)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (+3)	+3% (0)	+4% (-3)	+7% (-2)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (+4)	+17% (+3)	+9% (+5)	+29% (+3)

*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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