

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+31% (-1)	+20% (-2)	+13% (+6)	+34% (-1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+39% (+13)	+35% (+8)	+17% (-4)	+41% (+8)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	+6% (-3)	0% (+2)		+26% (+1)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-2% (+4)		+5% (-5)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+43% (-7)	+38% (-1)	+29% (-3)	+56% (-6)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+25% (-7)	+28% (0)	+21% (+10)	+48% (+4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+10% (-1)	+3% (-2)	+2% (-4)	+7% (-3)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+14% (+4)	+13% (+4)	+5% (-1)	+20% (-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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