

Business Pulse

May 2018

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+25% (+11)	+35% (+7)	+6% (+3)	+24% (+3)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+46% (-1)	+47% (-2)	+41% (-4)	+47% (-1)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-1% (+7)	-3% (+2)		+10% (+1)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	+2% (+6)		+10% (-2)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+47% (+9)	+38% (+5)	+31% (-1)	+63% (+2)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (-3)	+21% (-2)	+11% (+2)	+37% (+2)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+11% (+2)	+6% (+1)	+5% (0)	+8% (-1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+26% (+7)	+18% (-1)	+8% (-2)	+24% (-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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