

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+27% (+1)	+23% (-4)	+13% (+5)	+36% (0)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+37% (-8)	+24% (+1)	+38% (+9)	+32% (0)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	+6% (-4)	-5% (-8)		+22% (-5)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-2% (+7)		+11% (+3)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+48% (+3)	+41% (-5)	+29% (-3)	+57% (-4)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+25% (-3)	+25% (+5)	+12% (+1)	+38% (+1)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+10% (-2)	+5% (+2)	+2% (-2)	+12% (-4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+15% (-4)	+10% (+2)	+9% (+4)	+17% (-4)

*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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