

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+9% (-6)	+7% (-5)	-10% (-6)	+18% (+4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+17% (-5)	+8% (+3)	+15% (+7)	+19% (+1)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-9% (-5)	-6% (+2)		+6% (+5)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	+3% (-2)		+14% (+5)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+27% (-2)	+35% (+1)	+30% (-5)	+49% (+4)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+14% (0)	+15% (+4)	+19% (+3)	+28% (+4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+3% (-3)	+2% (+1)	0% (-3)	+7% (+5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+4% (+1)	+6% (+4)	+2% (-2)	+5% (-1)

*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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