

# Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
<b>Business Activity*</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+28% (-2)	+30% (+1)	+13% (+1)	+41% (+8)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+48% (+2)	+27% (-2)	+36% (+6)	+48% (+6)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	+12% (+9)	+3% (+2)		+29% (+8)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-7% (-2)		+7% (-2)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+41% (+1)	+38% (-3)	+28% (-3)	+61% (-1)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+18% (-6)	+16% (+1)	+11% (-1)	+43% (+12)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+13% (+1)	+5% (-3)	+6% (-3)	+12% (+1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (+4)	+9% (+1)	+6% (+1)	+21% (+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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