

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+24% (+3)	+34% (+5)	+1% (+7)	+20% (+1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+47% (-6)	+50% (-3)	+38% (-2)	+49% (-4)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-9% (+1)	-4% (0)		-6% (-16)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	0% (+2)		+13% (+6)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+41% (-4)	+37% (+2)	+34% (-4)	+48% (-10)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+17% (-4)	+17% (-4)	+11% (+3)	+25% (-5)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+13% (+4)	+8% (+3)	+3% (0)	+7% (-4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+16% (+3)	+16% (-3)	+6% (-1)	+24% (-2)

*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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