

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+21% (-7)	+30% (-3)	+9% (+1)	+31% (+6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+48% (+9)	+34% (0)	+32% (-1)	+42% (+3)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-13% (-5)	-8% (-2)		+3% (+11)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-4% (-1)		+7% (-1)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+26% (-4)	+30% (+1)	+22% (-3)	+42% (+2)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+12% (+1)	+7% (-5)	+5% (-1)	+22% (-4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+18% (+1)	+11% (-4)	+10% (+5)	+11% (+4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+16% (0)	+7% (-5)	+8% (+4)	+21% (+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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