

# 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>	+25% (-1)	+31% (0)	+7% (+3)	+29% (-2)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+49% (+7)	+30% (-4)	+33% (+7)	+41% (+2)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	-9% (-2)	-3% (+1)		+7% (+4)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	0% (+2)		+12% (+2)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+35% (-4)	+35% (+2)	+27% (-4)	+56% (-3)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+14% (-3)	+14% (-1)	+9% (0)	+29% (-3)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+15% (0)	+11% (+2)	+10% (+3)	+18% (+5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+15% (0)	+9% (-4)	4% (+4)	+22% (+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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