

# 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>	+27% (-5)	+37% (+2)	+22% (-2)	+35% (+3)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+46% (+10)	+39% (0)	+28% (+4)	+31% (-6)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	-5% (-9)	-20% (+7)		+14% (-1)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-6% (-3)		0% (-1)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+76% (+10)	+50% (+4)	+56% (-4)	+87% (-1)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+53% (-2)	+18% (-7)	+49% (+2)	+69% (-6)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+9% (-7)	+9% (-2)	+9% (-1)	+14% (+7)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+18% (-6)	+12% (0)	+10% (+4)	+14% (-9)

\*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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