

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+35% (+3)	+26% (+2)	+10% (+13)	+36% (-1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+37% (+1)	+30% (+6)	+25% (-7)	+39% (+4)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-2% (+5)	-1% (+5)		+12% (+1)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-4% (+1)		+11% (-2)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+35% (+7)	+34% (+6)	+34% (+5)	+51% (+6)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+22% (+7)	+17% (+5)	+9% (-1)	+34% (+1)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+16% (+4)	+6% (+1)	+5% (+1)	+14% (-4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+17% (+4)	+9% (+2)	+1% (+2)	+24% (+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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