

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+28% (-4)	+23% (-2)	+2% (-13)	+24% (-11)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+54% (+8)	+48% (+10)	+36% (+6)	+49% (-6)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-3% (+3)	-4% (0)		+5% (-8)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-1% (+2)		+9% (+3)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+40% (0)	+31% (-1)	+38% (-2)	+50% (+2)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+24% (+1)	+20% (+2)	+13% (-3)	+33% (-7)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+10% (0)	+5% (+1)	+5% (+1)	+2% (-8)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (+4)	+16% (+5)	+6% (-1)	+23% (-3)

*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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