

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% (-36)	-29% (+2)	-31% (-25)	-43% (-42)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+21% (+31)	+18% (+22)	+7% (+41)	+28% (+37)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-35% (-10)	-41% (+1)		-24% (-17)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-3% (+6)		0% (-6)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+28% (-1)	+8% (-1)	+23% (-4)	+57% (+9)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+28% (+3)	+12% (+3)	+40% (+13)	+37% (+5)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-10% (-13)	-18% (+1)	-12% (-9)	-6% (-6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+6% (+1)	+7% (+5)	+1% (+10)	+7% (+4)

*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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