

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+16% (+2)	+18% (+6)	+14% (+15)	+21% (-3)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+33% (+15)	+31% (+13)	+16% (-3)	+32% (+14)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-2% (+6)	-5% (0)		+6% (-6)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	0% (-2)		+7% (-4)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+37% (+3)	+37% (-1)	+36% (+8)	+54% (+7)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+24% (+5)	+22% (+2)	+27% (+10)	+36% (+8)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+3% (0)	+3% (0)	+3% (-2)	+4% (-1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+16% (+7)	+12% (+4)	0% (-2)	+19% (+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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