

Business Pulse

March 2020

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+3% (-13)	+1% (-15)	-12% (-14)	+4% (-6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+24% (-20)	-12% (-50)	+5% (-22)	+36% (-6)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-10% (-9)	-15% (-11)		-3% (-12)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	+4% (+5)		+9% (+5)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+34% (+1)	+30% (-9)	+33% (-4)	+55% (+4)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+12% (-12)	+9% (-11)	+15% (-7)	+24% (-8)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+3% (+1)	+2% (+1)	+1% (+2)	+1% (-3)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+5% (-2)	+1% (-15)	-2% (-9)	+13% (-8)

*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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