

Business Pulse

March 2021

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-23% (+12)	-22% (+7)	-33% (-2)	-51% (-8)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+34% (+13)	+30% (+12)	+24% (+17)	+39% (+11)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-29% (+6)	-40% (+1)		-25% (-1)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-1% (+2)		+1% (+1)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+35% (+7)	+16% (+8)	+32% (+9)	+60% (+3)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+34% (+6)	+10% (-2)	+40% (0)	+41% (+4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-6% (+4)	-15% (+3)	-7% (+5)	-11% (-5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+15% (+9)	+14% (+7)	+4% (+3)	+16% (+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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