

# Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
<b>Business Activity*</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-76% (-30)	-70% (-5)	-66% (-9)	-86% (-40)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+1% (+59)	-5% (+20)	-17% (+44)	-14% (+41)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	-73% (-10)	-68% (+2)		-54% (-7)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-2% (-8)		+11% (-11)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+2% (-7)	-20% (-7)	-11% (-6)	+13% (-21)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	-4% (+10)	-8% (+5)	-6% (+5)	-8% (+5)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-36% (-16)	-48% (-7)	-35% (-2)	-32% (-12)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	-7% (+25)	0% (+4)	-18% (+16)	-13% (+24)

\*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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