

Business Pulse

May 2021

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+5% (+16)	+11% (+15)	-7% (+9)	+3% (+36)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+54% (+4)	+59% (+18)	+59% (+22)	+56% (-2)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-14% (+11)	-32% (+5)		-2% (+11)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-6% (+3)		+2% (+5)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+63% (+19)	+35% (+9)	+43% (+10)	+74% (+22)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+45% (+10)	+19% (+3)	+43% (+8)	+68% (+17)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+1% (-1)	+1% (+4)	+3% (+2)	+3% (+9)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+22% (+3)	+28% (+4)	+17% (+4)	+25% (+2)

*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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