

# 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>	+27% (0)	+32% (-3)	+12% (+4)	+30% (0)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+42% (-2)	+24% (-4)	+36% (+1)	+37% (-2)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	-4% (-3)	-5% (-1)		+12% (-2)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-5% (-3)		+11% (-1)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+43% (+6)	+34% (+1)	+27% (+2)	+57% (+2)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+18% (-3)	+11% (-2)	+8% (+2)	+31% (-2)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (-2)	+5% (-2)	+4% (+1)	+12% (-2)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+17% (+1)	+8% (-1)	+7% (+4)	+15% (-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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