

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+27% (+2)	+35% (+4)	+8% (+1)	+30% (+1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+44% (-5)	+28% (-2)	+35% (+2)	+39% (-2)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-1% (+8)	-4% (-1)		+14% (+7)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-2% (-2)		+12% (0)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+37% (+2)	+33% (-2)	+25% (-2)	+55% (-1)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+21% (+7)	+13% (-1)	+6% (-3)	+33% (+4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+14% (-1)	+7% (-4)	+3% (-7)	+14% (-4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+16% (+1)	+9% (0)	+3% (-1)	+16% (-6)

*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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