

The Business Pulse came in at 93.3 in April 2019, up 2.1 on last month but down 0.9 on a year ago. While the Services Pulse was broadly unchanged on the month, the Retail, Construction and Industry Pulses all gained ground. With Brexit pushed out, the threat of a no deal outcome has been staved off for now, contributing to the bounce in sentiment this month. Looking further ahead, three in five businesses indicated that they have ambitions to expand over the next 1 to 3 years. This is down a touch on the January figure (63%) and well off the pre UK-EU referendum readings (70% plus) which suggests that the tide hasn't yet turned when it comes to firms' assessment of Brexit uncertainty.



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