

The Consumer Pulse stood at 83.5 in April 2019, up 0.9 on March's reading but 14.3 lower than a year ago. Households' assessment of their own finances and the economy was little changed this month and remained subdued on the whole. With Brexit clouding the horizon, buying sentiment is also coming under pressure – the April survey finds that just over two in five are holding out on spending money because they aren't sure what way economic policy is going to go (this compares with one in three this time last year).

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