

The Bank of Ireland Economic Pulse came in at 90.8 in February 2019. The index, which combines the results of the Consumer and Business Pulses, was up 2.9 on last month but 4.4 lower than a year ago.

With the UK slated to leave the EU on March 29th and a no deal exit currently the default position, households sounded a strong note of caution about the economy this month. On the business front, the sectoral picture was mixed, though the vast bulk of firms indicated that they expect Brexit to negatively impact the local economy in their region over the coming year.

## KEY POINTS

- Economic Pulse ticks up in February
- Consumer sentiment takes a hit
- Business mood mixed

## ECONOMIC PULSE

FEBRUARY 2019

90.8

+2.9 on previous index reading

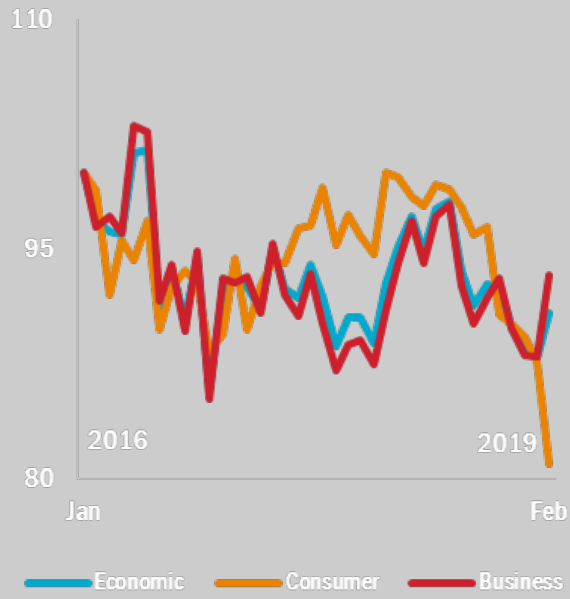
“After a poor run of readings, the Economic Pulse ticked up a notch in February but all eyes remain on Brexit developments.”

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## PULSE TRENDS



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