

The Consumer Pulse stood at 81.5 in July 2019, down 9.1 on last month. Brexit concerns were to the fore this month and with households taking a decidedly gloomier view of the economy and their own finances, the index headed back towards its February low point. More positively, one in two thinks it is easy to find or change jobs at the moment, up from just over a quarter in early 2016. This points to much improved labour market conditions and bodes well for further increases in consumer spending, even as uncertainty sees some households keep a rein on the purse strings.



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