

The Business Pulse came in at 76.6 in September 2019, down 3.3 on August and the third consecutive monthly fall for the index. While the Retail Pulse recovered some of the ground it lost last month, the Industry and Construction Pulses saw large drops and the Services Pulse also slipped. Brexit remains a big concern for firms, with almost nine in ten expecting it to negatively impact the local economy in their region in the coming year. As for other aspects of the operating environment, the September survey finds a high level of satisfaction among firms with basic infrastructure like water, waste and energy but a broad level of dissatisfaction with housing. Telecommunications outside of the capital also scores relatively poorly, as does transport infrastructure in Munster and Connacht/Ulster.



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