The Bank of Ireland Regional Pulses bring together the views of households and firms around the country. The 3 month moving averages show that sentiment was down across the board in October 2020.

Heightened COVID-19 and Brexit uncertainty weighed on confidence this month, with firms in all regions paring back their expectations for business activity over the coming period and households downbeat about the economy amid a tightening of public health-related restrictions and growing fears of a 'no deal' outcome to the UK-EU trade negotiations.



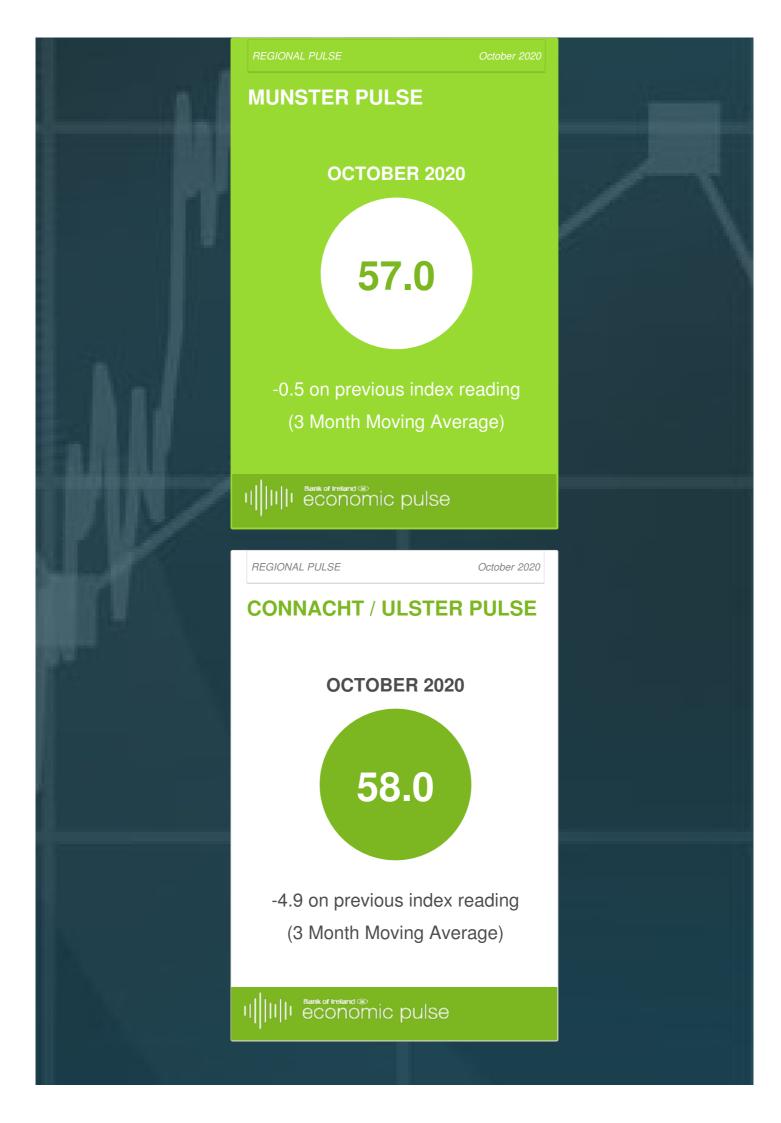
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KEY POINTS

- Regional Pulses down in October
- Gloomier outlook for jobs
- House price expectations fare better





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