

The Bank of Ireland Economic Pulse came in at 85.4 in April 2021. The index, which combines the results of the Consumer and Business Pulses, was 11.8 higher than in March and up 51.1 on last April's all-time low.

With the virus situation stabilising, inoculations going up, some easing of Level 5 restrictions – inter alia the return of in-school education and residential construction – and more expected over the coming months, sentiment among households and especially firms rose again this month. As a result, the Economic Pulse is now fast approaching its pre-pandemic level.

KEY POINTS

- Economic Pulse tracks higher in April
- Large jump in business confidence
- Consumer sentiment ticks up

ECONOMIC PULSE

APRIL 2021

85.4

+11.8 on previous index reading

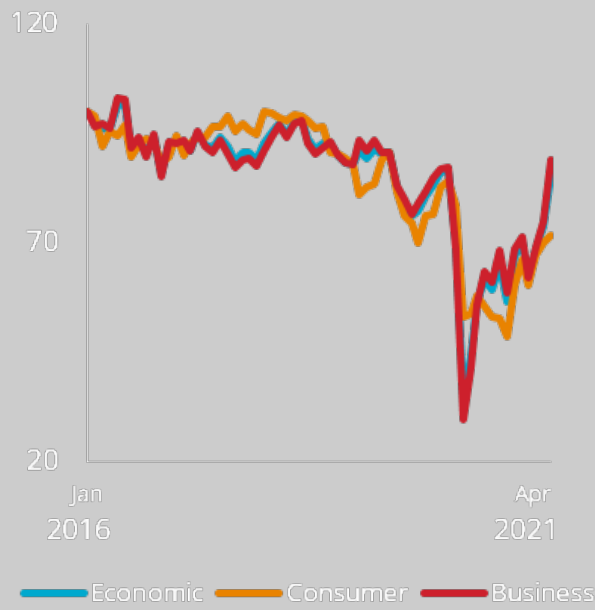
“The Economic Pulse rose again this month, making it a hat-trick of gains.”

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