

The Bank of Ireland Economic Pulse came in at 79.9 in December 2021. The index, which combines the results of the Consumer and Business Pulses, was down 3.4 on last month but up 9.7 on a year ago.

With high case numbers and the new variant of COVID-19 leading to a fresh raft of public health restrictions – mainly impacting hospitality and entertainment – and the possibility of more to come, households and firms were on edge this month. Both consumer and business sentiment headed south in December, while the headline Economic Pulse posted its lowest reading in nine months.

KEY POINTS

- Economic Pulse falls in December
- Hits a nine month low
- Consumer and business confidence down

ECONOMIC PULSE

DECEMBER 2021

79.9

-3.4 on previous index reading

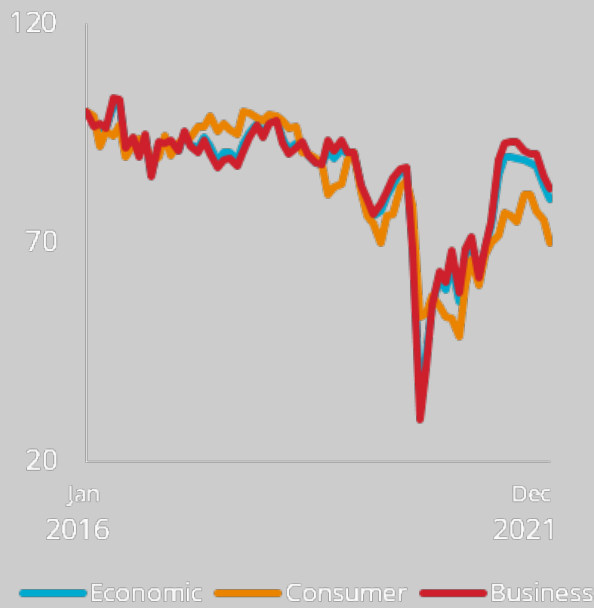
“The Economic Pulse ended the year on a soft note as Omicron woes added to Delta blues.”

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