

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 a little in Dublin but up in the Rest of Leinster, Munster and Connacht/Ulster in February 2021.

This month's research also examined the broader operating environment that businesses across the different regions face. While the results point to a high level of satisfaction among firms with basic infrastructure such as water, waste and energy; housing emerges as the priority area for investment in Dublin, with telecommunications infrastructure topping the list elsewhere.



## KEY POINTS

- Mixed picture in February
- Level 5 restrictions extended and post-Brexit trade disruption
- But vaccine-related optimism



## DUBLIN PULSE

FEBRUARY 2021

68.4

-0.9 on previous index reading  
(3 Month Moving Average)

## REST OF LEINSTER PULSE

FEBRUARY 2021

67.9

+0.7 on previous index reading  
(3 Month Moving Average)

## MUNSTER PULSE

FEBRUARY 2021

64.9

+2.3 on previous index reading  
(3 Month Moving Average)

## CONNACHT / ULSTER PULSE

FEBRUARY 2021

65.4

+0.6 on previous index reading  
(3 Month Moving Average)

“Eight in ten firms expect Brexit to negatively impact the local economy in their region.”

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# REGIONAL INTERACTIVE TOOL



# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES DUBLIN FIRMS

Housing 33%

Telecommunications 29%

Transport 25%

Basic Infrastructure 13%

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES REST OF LEINSTER FIRMS

Telecommunications 40%

Housing 31%

Transport 15%

Basic Infrastructure 14%

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES MUNSTER FIRMS

Telecommunications 35%

Housing 29%

Transport 22%

Basic Infrastructure 13%

# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES CONNACHT/ULSTER FIRMS

Telecommunications 42%

Transport 26%

Housing 21%

Basic Infrastructure 11%